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Merry Christmas Jumper Day! (A2)

There are lots of traditions for the Christmas period in Britain. A recent one is Christmas Jumper Day, when people wear a Christmas-themed jumper and make a donation to a children's charity.

Christmas is of course a special time for children. That's why the Save the Children charity wants people to donate to help them. It helps children in poverty in the UK and around the world. In fact, it wants to "make the world better with a **sweater**" in December.

Pullovers to Pounds

The principle is simple: wear a silly Xmas jumper and donate £2 to Save the Children. Even better, organise a class, office or school to wear **Xmas** jumpers and donate. People make it festive by having a Xmas tea time, or singing Christmas **carols**.

These days, shops have lots of Xmas-themed jumpers with snowmen, Santas, reindeer and Christmas puddings. You don't have to buy a jumper specially for the day, many people customise a jumper with tinsel and other Christmas decorations.

Royal Approval

The Royal Family supports the campaign. They gave permission to Madame Tussaud's in London to dress their waxwork models in Christmas jumpers for the month of December. Visitors were encouraged to take selfies with the Royals, and make a donation. The Queen's jumper was of course decorated with a royal corgi.

Serious Good

The charity uses the money raised to support projects that benefit children. For example, a £2 donation can pay for the antibiotics to treat five children with pneumonia, one of the biggest killers of children. Since 2012, Save the Children has **raised** more than £20 million through Christmas Jumper Day. About 5 million people participate in the UK. Other countries started participating in 2017: Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, the U.S.A. and the Philippines.

Help:

- **charity** (n) organisation that collects money for poor, handicapped or ill people
- **sweater** (n) synonym for "jumper", "pullover"
- **Xmas** (n) abbreviation for Christmas (You can say "X-mas" or "Christmas".)
- **carol** (n) Christmas song
- **raise money** (exp) collect money



The Royal Family models at Madame Tussaud's in London wear Christmas jumpers for the month of December.

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