



Merry Christmas and a Paper-free New Year – 2022

Oh my word, aren't we all pleased to see Christmas come this year? Here in Ofquality Street we certainly are. After last year's festivities when helpers and elves had to sort out the presents yet again, we're glad things will go much more smoothly this time round.

You'll not need reminding that last Christmas Santa was still in elf-isolation and the usual festivities had to be cancelled a second time. Schoolteachers had to be asked whether children had been naughty or nice but at least we'd got rid of Al Grimm who caused such unhappiness with his friend Gavin (CBE, now EEU) the time before.

However, now it's all back to normal and Santa once again is deciding who gets what. We've realised that Christmas comes but once a year and it's much better for someone like EdXmas to be sorting it out. We know that some of those of you expecting nurses' outfits and plumbers' toolkits might be getting your presents a bit late but they are much more complicated gifts so sorry if they don't arrive until the New Year – we know you will cope somehow. We have put our foot down for next year though and set the new deadline for presents as Christmas Day (which is the same as the old deadline, but this time we mean it, *serious face*).

One of the joys of Christmas is that everyone gets their presents on the same day and it's a level playing field (albeit covered in snow). Mind you, recent events have led a collection of druids to get together to form an association called Rethinking Christmas, where presents are given all year round and a list is kept of who gave what to who, and with all the instructions and prices and original wrapping kept in a folder. Sounds a bit cumbersome? No-one will remember all that stuff after Boxing Day, especially once the Warninks has been passed round. We know Lord Baker, who personally introduced Christmas Day in OAD, thinks it should be abolished but there are quite a few people who think Lord Baker should be abolished, so maybe hush up a bit, eh Kenneth? Perhaps go and find something to make with your hands.

What's more, there are some who think that one in four Christmas presents given on the day are the wrong ones! What could be further from the truth? We at Ofquality

Have you seen Sally?



Sally Collier still hasn't been seen since August of 2020. She is described as shy and retiring and was last seen in Coventry in the company of a man called Roger. She may have travelled to London and could have changed her appearance. All information received confidentially.

Street know that at least three-quarters of presents given are wrong – I mean, have you seen some of the jumpers going round? But that's why we have appeals system which can be made at the returns desks of most major retailers.

There are also some techy types who want all presents to be online – that's fine when it's Shoot 'em Up XII for the Playstation, but socks and slippers are going to be tougher to digitise. I suppose we could pump Chanel No 5 through the ethernet and that might improve the bouquet of some of the exam halls around the country. But in truth it's not going to happen– and after all, what could possibly be the appeal of Robot Maths?

STRIKING ELVES

We're aware that last Christmas, a lot of seasonal characters weren't paid on time for any of the work they'd done and some of the more permanent ones went on strike in January! We hope such unpleasantness is behind us now and they will be willing to come back as they do every year. It's not the same without Dr Frosty the Snowman or the Lord of AQA's rulers...



DfE Appeal: Have you seen Michelle or Nadhim or James?

We haven't! They whooshed through the DfE offices like greased lightning with barely enough time to learn how to use the coffee machine. Some of Gavin's pets are still on the loose and are feeding on the carcass of one of Nadhim's horses, which he rode in on his first day and then forgot to keep warm. James came for an apprenticeship during the holidays and didn't get to do much, which was probably for the best. No-one knows who Michelle was, she wasn't even here long enough to use the toilets. Frankly, we don't give Gillian long either; maybe Bridget will put in more of a shift when she gets here.

PISA HOMES LEAGUE



The Pisa Homes League matches recommenced this November with some important matches in Quaternion space.

Although the bar was set very high, many English students still managed to overshoot it; congratulations are due to Harry for his magnificent effort.

Christmas classics updated

There are 10 parcels in a sack. None of the parcels are delivered by Royal Mail. None are delivered by Santa.

Hannah is not given a randomly chosen parcel from the Royal Mail.

Anna is not given a second randomly chosen parcel from Santa.

The probability that both Hannah and Anna receive no parcels is 1.

Show that $n^2 - n - 0 = 0$

A train not leaving Crewe at 9.30 a.m. travels at 0 mph. It doesn't pass another train not leaving London at 10.30 a.m. also travels at 0 mph. Work out what time the Transport Minister will turn up to talks with the RMT in Northampton.

