



Fusion Christmas Quiz

- Q1. Which monarch made the first ever Christmas day broadcast to the nation?
- Q2. Which country donates the Christmas tree which is placed in Trafalgar Square every year?
- Q3. Who is the patron saint celebrated on the 26th December?
- Q4. What gifts did the Three Wise Men give to Jesus on his birthday?
- Q5. Who banned Christmas after the English Civil War in 1647?
- Q6. What colour are mistletoe berries?
- Q7. Which reindeer name means 'lightening'?
- Q8. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's business partner in 'A Christmas Carol'?
- Q9. In the poem 'The Night Before Christmas', what did children have visions of?
- Q10. Which Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale inspired the movie 'Frozen'?



This time of the year can be magical and an exciting time; preparing for the festivities to arrive, celebrating and sharing this with family and friends. It can also be a time of the year when there are mixed emotions and stresses, especially for some of our young people and I recognise how this can impact on you, your family and friends at a time when we all want to share and celebrate the time of year.

For some, we take stock and reflect on what we have accomplished over the last twelve months, or we start to plan what we aim to achieve for 2020. Hopefully we can all look back over the last year with some fond and happy Memories.

Whatever the time of the year represents to you I have always felt humbled and inspired by the passion, drive, generosity and commitment your role, as foster carers, offer to our young people, day in and day out. Because of you our young people have an opportunity to experience something different, have fun, to learn and develop to gain a sense of self-worth with the safety and understanding from you with the care you provide.

On behalf of All of the Management Team at Fusion Fostering we would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' for your patience, love and commitment you give to others.

Merry Christmas to You and Your family

Billie



A Christmas Poem from the South Central Team.

I hope you have started your shopping and put up the tree..?
It may be stressful but worth it when you see those faces full of glee!
As much as you all love a PEP, Unannounced and a LAC review,
Maybe this Xmas you deserve to kick back and have one or two..!?

Next year you may feel proud, happy and maybe on occasions exhausted..?!

But what we hope is that you are healthy, happy and always feel supported!

So have a Merry Christmas from all of us down on the south coast,
We hope you get to relax and enjoy your pigs in blankets and Turkey roast!!!

A Christmas message from the North West Team

'We would like to wish all the children and foster carers in the NW area a wonderfully happy Christmas, full of laughter, fun and cheerfulness. We hope all the families have a chance to spend quality time together as that is what Christmas is all about. We also hope their New Year is filled with happiness.'



The South West team have come up with an idea for getting your children creative and involved in the preparations for Christmas festivities. This simple craft idea can also be used as personal gifts for friends and family. We hope you have lots of fun with these and have a very Happy Christmas.

Salt dough is an easy recipe where children can join in with making these lovely homemade gifts for decorating the tree and for friends and family.

You will need:

- 1 cup of plain flour
- 1 cup of salt
- 1/2 cup of water
- Christmas cookie cutters
- Glitter
- Food colouring or acrylic paint
- Sequins, sprinkles, confetti etc (all optional)
- PVA glue or mod podge (an all in one glue and sealer)



Method:

1. Flatten the salt dough using a rolling pin, the salt dough needs to be about 1cm thick. I would recommend rolling the salt dough out on baking paper as it will make it easier to transfer the salt dough later.
2. Use the cookie cutters to cut out the Christmas shapes required. If you don't have cookie cutters you could cut the shapes out with a knife (adult supervision required).
3. Put on a baking tray and bake the shapes in the oven at a low temperature (about 100 degrees celsius) for a few hours. When you remove it from the oven check that the salt dough is completely hard on both sides, if it isn't just put it back in the oven for a little longer.
4. You can also air dry the shapes but using this method will take several days to dry.

Once the shapes have cooled down they are ready for decorating, with paint if you haven't used food colourings and with the sequins, sprinkles and confetti etc.

It is important that once your salt dough creations are finished you add a coat of varnish or use a sealer so that your keepsake will last forever. If you don't use a sealer the salt dough may soak in some moisture and become soft. Mod podge is an all in one glue and sealer.



We suggest halving the above quantities and making 3 batches in red, green and yellow. You could also leave out the food colouring and paint these after but it depends on how messy you want things to get.

A Politically Correct Christmas

Tis the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...

How to live in a world that's so politically correct?

His workers no longer prepared to answer to 'elves', 'Vertically Challenged' they now call themselves.

And labour conditions at the North Pole, are alleged by the Union to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer have vanished without propriety, released to the wilds, by the Humane Society.

And equal opportunities has made it quite clear, that Santa had better not use only reindeer.

So Dancer and Donner, and Comet and Cupid, have been replaced with four pigs, which looks rather stupid! The runners now removed from Santa's jolly nice sleigh, because the ruts are deemed dangerous by the EPA. And for photos, Rudolf is no longer willing to pose, in fact he's suing over unauthorised use of his nose.

And he's been to Geraldo, stood in front of the Nation, demanding 'Little Helpers' over-time compensation.

So the reindeer have now left along with Santa's wife, who suddenly rebelled, saying 'enough of this life'. She joined a self-help group, packed and left in a whiz, insisting from now on her title isn't 'Mrs' but 'Ms'.

And as for gifts...why, Santa had never the notion, that making a choice could cause such commotion.

Nothing made with plastic or with leather or fur... which means nothing for him and nothing for her.

That's nothing pink or blue, just gender-neutral toys. So nothing for 'just girls' and nothing for 'just boys'.

Princess fairy tales are now being over written, and Ken and Barbi, are most definitely forbidden.

'His and Her' scent might be considered a solution, but the plastic package will just add to pollution.

So nothing that's binary or gender specific, nothing for play fighting, that's non-pacifistic.

No baseball, no football...someone might get hurt, besides - sports exposes us to bacteria and dirt.

No chocolate or sweets...they are very bad for the teeth, Oh how the world has changed thinks Santa in disbelief.

So poor Santa just stands there, downcast and perplexed, as he can't figure out what on earth to do next.

And to top it all people are now calling the Cops, when they hear sledge noises upon their roof tops.

He tries to be merry and wish his problems away, but one has to admit he's having a rather bad day.

His sack is quite empty, lying flat on the ground, no acceptable pressie anywhere at all to be found.

Something special is needed, a gift that he might, give to all, without annoying the left or the right.

A gift that would satisfy - with no indecision, every sexual orientation, age and religion.

Then an epiphany... the gift of words from the heart sent, that will bring a smile to all those for whom they are meant. And these words are worth more than all that spoke of above,

"Wishing you happy Christmas and sending you my love". xx

Fiona Hutchison and The South East Team



The West Midlands team are feeling festive and would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas.

The East Midlands team have put together a fun Christmas word search for everyone to enjoy. They would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Snowman Word Search

COAL	SNOW	E	O	Y	C	Q	V	B
CARROT	STICKS	T	O	R	R	A	C	T
SCARF	TOP HAT	S	K	C	I	T	S	O
		M	D	D	C	Q	G	P
		C	S	N	O	W	R	H
		K	F	R	A	C	S	A
		F	C	M	L	V	W	T



GUESS THAT CHRISTMAS TUNE?

FUSION BELL'S, THEY ARE RINGING,
THE APPLICANTS, THEY ARE JOINING,
WHAT A LOVELY THING THIS IS, MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN
CHILDREN'S LIVES, AND GIVING THEM A WARM FAMILY.

PANEL MEMBERS, ARE APPROVING,
THE ADM IS AGREEING,
AT THIS TIME OF CHEER, FUSION FOSTERING IS HERE,
TO GIVE OUR CHILDREN A LOVING FAMILY.

WITHOUT OUR ADMIN TEAMS WE COULD NOT FUNCTION,
GARY, DAVE AND BILLIE KNOW WHOSE IN CHARGE,
TIM'S ON THE NET TRYING MAKE THE IT SYSTEMS FUNCTION,
AND HELEN'S ROLLS OUT REFRRAL'S, MAKING PLACEMENT'S
START...

JAN SORTS ALL THE MONEY, DAVE CHECKS THAT IT'S RIGHT,
THE CARE PARTNERS SUPPORT OUR CARERS ALL THE WAY
THROUGH, HELPING THEM TO CHANGE CHILDREN LIVES.

WE ALL HOPEYOUR ENJOYING,

THE FUSION FOSTERING WAY OF LIFE,
IT'S THE CARE THAT CARERS GIVE, MAKING CHILDREN HAPPY
AND SMILE, THAT MAKES FOSTERING FOR FUSION SO WORTH
WHILE.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM THE EAST MIDLANDS TEAM



Answers to the quiz

A1 . George V in 1932 (this is a radio broadcast)
A2. Norway

A3. St Stephen
A4. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
A5. Oliver Cromwell

A6.White
A7. Blitzen
A8. Jacob Marley

A9. Sugar plums
A10. The Snow Queen