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A very Happy Christmas to you all!



This is my last newsletter for 2018! I cannot believe how quickly time has flown since we started this school year in September. School is feeling very Christmassy at the moment with lots of festive things going on. Tonight, we have our Christmas Carol Concert at 6:30pm in St Sampson's Church. You are all warmly invited to come along and share our special service with us. St Sampson's Singers, Handbells (upper and lower school), Recorders, Lower School Singers, Dancers, Readers and Performance Poets will all be performing to the congregation in this traditional service. We also have our school Christmas dinners next week and the children will get to watch a film in the afternoon.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hill who has been working at St. Sampson's for 29 years! I would like to thank her for all her hard work, dedication and the care that she has shown to many children over the years. We will miss her very much but wish her all the best in her retirement. In addition, we are wishing Miss Johnson all the best as she starts her maternity leave. I look forward to sharing her news with you later in the New Year!

We break up at the end of this term at 2pm on Friday, 21st December. We will finish the term by singing a few Christmas carols on the playground from about 1:40pm. This year, we are delighted that The Cricklade Band will be joining us again and I would like to thank them in advance for adding us to their busy schedule at this time of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year. I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas. I hope that you have a very special time together and a peaceful New Year.

With festive greetings and every best wish,

Jennifer Bayne



St Sampson's Stars!

A big well done to all our stars of the week $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{G}}$



Kingfishers – Jacob & Lily-Mai Puffins – Sebastian & Freddie Woodpeckers – Archie & Alice

2L - Valentina & Amelia 2S - William & Lucian

3/4B James & Aiden 3/40 - Isabella & Willow 3/4W - Hugo & Benjamin

5C - Gabby & Arjun 5R - Bertie & William

6B - Theo & Freya 6R - Tommy & Tom

Christmas Lunches



We are looking forward to our Christmas lunches next week. The Lower School will have theirs on Wednesday, 19th December and the Upper School on Thursday, 20th December. Please remember that there will be no hot meal option on the day your child is not having a Christmas Dinner and many of you with children in the Lower School have kindly agreed to provide a packed lunch for your child that day to help the kitchen staff during this busy time. Thank you.

Both Christmas Dinners will be in the Dining Hall, and children who are not having the cooked option will join their class with their packed lunch so will be part of it too.

If your children would like to bring along a festive hat or headgear to wear, then they are welcome to do so.

Don't forget Christmas Jumper day tomorrow for a small donation!

Performing Arts Recognition

Well done to **Eleanor (3/4B)** who has been awarded her Three Year Award Record of Achievement for studying performing arts are Stagecoach over this period of time.

Star Badges

Please can you have a look at home for any lost star badges as we are very short again. There are over 90 out and about in our school community! Thank you ©

FSSA News

Big thanks to all of you who made and bought cakes from the cake sale, which raised £118.90, also thank you to the people who sold the raffle tickets which made a fantastic £601.55! Our next event will be mince pies and mulled wine (for a donation) on the school playground, next Friday, 21^{st} December. We would be grateful of any one who can help with this.

FOSS Club - October, November and December 2018 Winners

	October	November	December
1st prize of £25	K. Hayter	V. Williams	C. Roberts
2nd prize of £10	C. Lancaster	H. Thompson	E. Ryan
3rd prize of £5	J. Winfrey	J. Booth	S. Baughn
Christmas prize of £50	_		S. Morrison

If you are not a member and would like to sign up please call into the Reception to collect a form. For a monthly subscription of £2 you have the chance of winning £25, £10 or £5 in our monthly draw.

Raffle Winners (Child's Initial): 1^{st} prize - LP, 2^{nd} prize - VG, 3^{rd} prize - BA

Please keep a look out for future events on the school calendar and via the newsletter. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any ideas or would like to be involved!

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