



# St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School



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Term 2 - Number 10

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

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Our Reception children were very excited this morning to get on the coach and go on their first school trip. They went to the cinema to see 'The Smeds and The Smoos' and I know that they had a lovely time.

Next Tuesday, we will be saying goodbye, good luck and thank you to Mrs Blanthorn as it will be her last day at St Sampson's. All the children know Mrs Blanthorn as she is a member of our MDSA team, supporting lunchtimes every day across the school. We wish her all the best in her new job.

Jennifer Bayne

\*\*\* Please note that after school clubs finish on 1<sup>st</sup> December for this term \*\*\*

## Children in Need

Thank you for supporting this last Friday. The children looked great in their chosen outfits!

We raised as superb **£326.40** for Children in Need.



## FSSA - Tea Towel Orders

Don't forget to order your tea towel on parentmail if you would like to purchase one (or more). We think that they would make excellent Christmas presents!

## FSSA - Thank you!

Thank you for all your Bags2School donations. We raised **£224!**



## St Sampson's Stars!

A big well done to all our stars of the week - *Lighting up Life and Learning*

Bees - Emileah & Lee

Butterflies - Orla & Kaylum

1AN - Alice & Phoebe

1CB - Freddie & Oscar

2H - Cade & Michael

2J - Charlie & Cerys

3L - Riley & Daisy-Sofia

3R - Alfie & Coco

4C - Alice & Harriet

4T - Phoebe & Giles

5O - Alice & Esme

5S - Archie & Eddie

6B - Anastasia & Aston



## Holy Family



During advent, children and families are invited to take home an ornament of the Holy Family on their journey to Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph would have needed a bed for the night and so in the same way, our Holy Family can travel round our school community.

We have two families: an olive wood version donated by the Church for the Upper school children (Years 3-6) and a knitted version for children in the Lower school (Reception-Y2) I would ask that families with children across the school only take home one family once please.

If children would like to take home the Holy Family for the night, please sign up in school. There will be a sign-up sheet on my office door for children in the Upper School and a sign-up sheet for children / parents in the Lower school will be put out in the bottom playground. These sign-up sheets will go up on 27<sup>th</sup> November (Monday) and the Holy families will begin their travels on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Christmas Arrangements



Please see below information about key dates for our Christmas here at St Sampson's. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask one of us.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Post Boxes</b>	1 post box in each school. Children can use either to post their cards. <b>Please include surnames and classes on envelopes!</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Holy Families Travel</b>	See note above
<b>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Lower School Nativity</b>	All children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will be in the Nativity. Parents will be offered 2 tickets per family via parentmail. The evening performance will be at 6pm on 5 <sup>th</sup> and the matinee at 1:30pm on 6 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day and Parties</b>	We will be supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (slightly later than the published national date) and then each class will have a class Christmas party in the afternoon.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Carol Concert</b>	Various music, choir and instrumental groups will perform, along with readers, at the Carol Concert in St Sampson's Church at 6:30pm. You will receive a letter if your child is in the concert. All families are welcome to attend.
<b>13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>	The Lower School will have their lunch on 13 <sup>th</sup> & the Upper School on 14 <sup>th</sup> December. Please see parentmail for details on ordering. <u>Children will need a packed lunch on the day that they are not having Christmas dinner.</u> After their Christmas lunch, the children will enjoy a film.
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Carol Singing / Break Up</b>	<b>We break up at 2pm on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December.</b> Cricklade Band will join us for some carol singing at 1:45pm on the playground.