



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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 @StSampsonsPri

It is the first Sunday of Advent this weekend and the Holy Families (we have two of them!) will begin their journey around Cricklade next week. Do feel free to send us a picture via the school email if you would like me to tweet it whilst they have a room for the night in your home. Whilst we aren't in full festive mode quite yet, we had a fantastic turn out of families decorating their lanterns on Tuesday ready for parading at the Cricklade Lights turn on. I know they are going to look splendid! Thank you to Mr Lossin for organising this.

The Lower School are practising their nativity ready for their performances and various groups who are performing at the Carol Concert the week after are also in full swing with their rehearsals. I have included some useful Christmas dates in this newsletter.

Finally, do go and have a look at the Christmas Tree festival in St Sampson's Church this weekend.  The theme is 'Peace on Earth' and we have based our tree around a hymn that we sing. **Jennifer Bayne**

Lower School Nativity Performances

As per the parentmail letter and online ticket request, we are only able to offer **2 tickets per family** due to space in the hall. **Please note that, due to Health and Safety, this includes children (even if they are sitting on laps and not taking up a chair); it is about number of people, not number of seats.** I cannot state this more than enough as it is upsetting for everyone if we have to turn people away when they come to the performance and puts us in an awkward position.

All children in the Upper School will have the opportunity to watch a performance in the school day.

6J Class Assembly - Tomorrow

Parents of children in 6J are invited to come and watch their assembly tomorrow in the main hall and then stay until playtime for a shared learning experience in the classroom.



St Sampson's Stars!



A big well done to all our stars of the week ☺

Kingfishers - Freddy & Oscar

Puffins - Isabel & Euan

Woodpeckers - Scarlett & Evangeline

2/3C - William & Amelia

2/3L - Alfie & Maya

2/3S - Toby & Emily

 4/5O - David & Quinn

4/5R - Sam & Zach

4/5W - James & Arya

6B - Tomas & Natalia

6J - Oliver & Ruby



FSSA Christmas cake, jumper and goodie sale - TOMORROW!

Don't forget to come to our FSSA Christmas sale tomorrow. There will be cakes to buy, thanks to the donations from families of children in the lower school, Christmas jumpers and some other bits and pieces for donations.

If you have any outgrown Christmas jumpers that you would like to donate, please bring them to the office before the end of the school day tomorrow.

Cake donations will be collected by the FSSA from the bottom playground tomorrow morning.



FSSA Bag 2 Schools Collection - MONDAY, 2nd DECEMBER

We are hoping that lots of people can support us with this easy fundraising opportunity. Please can all donations be left under the parent waiting shelter towards the top of the school drive.

It doesn't matter if you don't use the bag that was sent home, or if you have extra, as long as all donations are in a bag please.



McFarlane Christmas Competition - Santa's Grotto Picture

Your child is bringing home an entry form for this competition today. All the information needed is on the form and there are spare forms in the school office. The winning pictures (Lower School: FS2-Y2 & Upper School: Y3-Y6) will win one of these gorgeous penguins!

(If only staff were allowed to enter...!) ☺



Calling young musicians of all ages and abilities!



Next year, Wiltshire Music Connect will be supporting an ensemble for young musicians from North Wiltshire, which will run on Saturday mornings during term time. This is a fantastic opportunity for any young instrumentalists to play in a group with others, make new friends and work towards performances.

Prior to launching the ensemble, young musicians are invited to a **day's taster workshop with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** to be held at Broad Hinton Village Hall on **Saturday 29th February 2020** from 10am - 3pm. This is a great chance to see what playing in the ensemble might be like! Please see the attached flyer for more details of the day and how to register a place for your child.

Mrs James

Clubs

- **Netball club has now finished for this term.**
- All other after school clubs finish next week with the exception of ukulele club which will finish on 10th December as they are practising for the carol concert.

Christmas Dates

Below are some of the key dates for Christmas activities in school. These are all on the school calendar on our website but please do ask if you are unsure about anything.

Friday, 29 th November	FSSA cake sale and Christmas Jumper Sale
3 rd December - 17 th December	Christmas post boxes out. Any Christmas cards can be posted in any box! Please put name and class of recipient on the envelopes.
Wednesday, 11 th December	Year 4/5 Christmas party in the afternoon
Wednesday, 11 th December	Performance of Lower School Nativity @ 6:00pm in the Main Hall
Thursday, 12 th December	Performance of Lower School Nativity @ 1:30pm in the Main Hall
Thursday, 12 th December	Y6 Christmas party in the afternoon
Friday, 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day!
Friday, 13 th December	Y2/ Y3 Christmas party in the afternoon
Tuesday, 17 th December	FS2 / Y1 Christmas party in the afternoon
Tuesday, 17 th December	Carol Concert in St Sampson's Church @ 6:30pm
Wednesday, 18 th December	Lower School Christmas Dinner (No hot dinners for Upper School)
Thursday, 19 th December	Upper School Christmas Dinner (No hot dinners for Lower School)
Friday, 20 th December	Whole School Carol singing on the middle playground at 1:45pm. Break up at 2:00pm.

Please make sure you have ordered your child's Christmas Dinner on School Grid

Children can bring their own clothes to change in to on the afternoon of their party.



Family Friendly Christmas Celebrations at St Sampson's Church

Please see the attached fliers for more information.

- Christmas Tree Festival this weekend
- Sunday, 8th December @ 4pm - Christingle Service
- Tuesday, 24th December @ 3pm & 4pm - Crib Service

