



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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 @StSampsonsPri

It's definitely taken a chillier turn this week but not as wet, thankfully! With the change in weather, we have also managed to beat some of the bugs and colds that have plagued our attendance in recent weeks and before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has made an extra effort to get in on time: both punctuality and attendance has been much better this week. 😊

Jennifer Bayne

Collection on the Bottom Playground

Last Wednesday (after the Y2/3 trip) was particularly congested on the bottom playground when the children were collected at the end of the day. This made it difficult for the teachers, parents and the children.

- Please can you make sure that you stand well back so that the teachers have space to make eye contact with the adult collecting.
- Please can you ensure that if another adult collects your child (e.g. child minder or grandparent) who doesn't read this newsletter, that they are also given this message.
- Please can you wait until the teacher has dismissed their whole class before you talk to the class teacher.

Thank you for your support with this. It is important that all the children are dismissed safely.

Woodpeckers Class Assembly - Tomorrow

2/3L Class Assembly - Friday, 7th February

Parents of children in Woodpeckers and 2/3L are invited to come and watch their assembly at 9:10am in the Main Hall and join the children afterwards in their classrooms for a shared learning experience.



St Sampson's Stars!



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

Kingfishers - Eve & Viola

Puffins - Ralph & Harper

Woodpeckers - Kayden & Grayson

2/3C - Paige & Toby

2/3L - Callum & Bobby

2/3S - Logan & Jack



4/5O - Poppy & Ava

4/5R - James & Tiffany

4/5W - Lucas & Isabelle

6B - Hannah & William

6J - Harriet & Harry



Bikes and Scooters

It is great to see so many children scooting or riding their bikes to school. Please can I remind you (and please can you remind your children) that helmets must be worn when scooters and bikes are brought on to the school site, and children must not ride scooters or bikes on school grounds.

Children can store helmets in their classrooms or by their pegs. I know that some parents bring the younger children's helmets with them and this works well too.

Community Tea Party – Friday, 6th March

You will be receiving a paper copy of a letter asking if you would like to invite any older members of our community, either local residents or grandparents of children at St Sampson's, to our annual Community Tea Party on 6th March. Please do invite anyone you would think would enjoy coming along to this special event.

In order to put together the Talent Show for the older members of our community, I have invited children from Y3-Y6 to audition. Every year, we have a wide range of talents and I absolutely love all the auditions. Children can audition as many times as they like. Auditions will take place between 3rd – 13th February at break times and lunchtimes. All applications for auditions need to be with me by **Wednesday, 29th January** so that I can put together a schedule for auditions. Successful acts chosen to be in the Community Tea Party over the last 15 years have been juggling, poetry recitation, magic shows, dancer, instrumentalists of all kinds, singers, stand up comedians, gymnasts, football skills, yoyo tricks and many more!

10p Toast

Don't forget that every morning, there is freshly made buttered or plain toast available in both school halls. This is 10p (or bring in 50p for the week) or free for children eligible for Pupil Premium.



Care for the Family event – Confident Parenting in a World of Screens

Tuesday 5 May at STEAM in Swindon

Left To Their Own Devices? – Confident Parenting in a World of Screens is for parents, carers or anyone who is passionate about helping children navigate the digital world confidently. Katharine and Sim will enable you to power up your parenting for the online generation.

Much of modern society is dominated by the digital world, and our children are growing up with countless online possibilities at their fingertips. It's an exciting world for them to explore, but there are potential dangers. As parents and carers, it's natural to want to protect our children from any pitfalls.

So what strategies can we adopt to ensure our children gain the benefits of being online, whilst developing a responsible relationship with technology?

These parenting events are always relevant, engaging and enjoyable. It's £4 a ticket. Find out more at <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/owndevices>