



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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A very Happy Christmas to you all!



This is my last newsletter for 2020 as this time next week we will only have one day left before we break up! I cannot believe how quickly time has flown since we started this school year in September. It has been an extraordinary term in so many ways but it has also been wonderful to have all the children in school and learning in their classes. Whilst we are a long way from normal school life, it has been testament to our phenomenal team and your wonderful children just how much we have achieved. The St Sampson's spirit has shone through and everyone has worked so hard to make school safe, enjoyable and happy.

School is feeling very Christmassy at the moment with lots of festive things going on. Again, a huge thank you to everyone who has ensured that we have had a range of Christmas activities, fun and celebrations for the children.

We break up at the end of this term next **Friday, 18th December**. Reception and Year 1 finish at 1:50pm, Years 2 & 3 at 1:55pm and Years 4, 5 & 6 at 2:00pm. Please leave the site as safely and quickly as possible. The new term starts again on Monday, 4th January 2021.

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 here's to a brighter New Year for us all.

With festive greetings and every best wish, **Jennifer Bayne**

Reporting a positive case of COVID-19 over the holidays - IMPORTANT

- Parents/carers and staff must continue to inform the school of confirmed cases if symptoms developed within 48 hours of last being in school.
- Parents/carers of pupils and staff who were not symptomatic but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school also need to let the school know.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since last being in school, **the school does not need to be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

To inform me over the holiday period (and at weekends), please email jbayne@st-sampsons.wilts.sch.uk

Please ensure that your contact details held in the school office are up to date and you keep your contact details up to date on parentmailpmx.

Christmas Lunches

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunches next week. Reception, Y1, Y4 & Y5 will have theirs on Tuesday and Y2, Y3 & Y6 on Wednesday. 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 entitled for Universal Infant Free School Meals, have kindly agreed to provide a packed lunch for your child that day to help the kitchen staff during this busy time. Thank you.



Orders have now closed. If you have not ordered a lunch, please make sure your child has a packed lunch. 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. After their Christmas lunch, the children will enjoy a movie afternoon in their class.

Christmas Jumper Day and Class Parties - tomorrow

Tomorrow is Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. If you are able to, please send in a donation for Save the Children with your child.



In the afternoon, to make the most of being in our festive gear, each class will have a Christmas party with plenty of fun and games!



St Sampson's Stars!



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

Kingfishers - Noah & Eric

Puffins - Isla & Thea

Woodpeckers - Catriona & Toby

2/3C - Mason & Valentina

2/3L - Freddie & Alice

2/3S - Lilly & Lacey-Mae

4/5O - Elsie & Kara

4/5R - Amelia & Mabel

4/5W - Libby & Tristan

6B - Lloyd & Leon

6J - Lexi & Dave



Star Badges

Please can you have a look at home for any lost star badges as we are very short at the minute. Please can any be returned to school. Thank you 😊



Christmas Post Boxes

There have been lots of cards posted so far and I am pleased that we've managed to run a Covid safe system! Please note that tomorrow is the last day for posting Christmas cards in school.



Crib Service at St Sampson's Church - please see flyer attached for more details

Thursday 24 December, 3pm & 4.15pm - ticket admission only

Come and celebrate God's light and hope this Christmas

