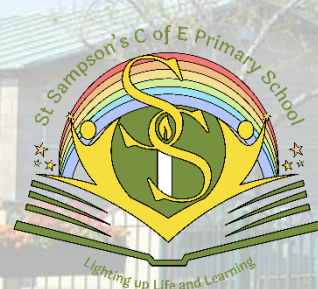




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Thursday, 24th November 2022

What a wet start to the week! The rainy weather hasn't dampened our spirits and there are lots of rehearsals going on around school for both the Lower School nativity and the various groups that are performing in the carol concert.

Children in Years 1 & 2 enjoyed a virtual author visit with lots of other schools yesterday morning from Gareth P. Jones. He read one of his books, 'Rapunzel' and even answered one of our questions! The children enjoyed interacting with his funny songs that help him create the stories.

I have included some information about our Christmas arrangements at the bottom of this newsletter but please also keep an eye out for key parentmails. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask us.

Jennifer Bayne

*** Please note that after school clubs finish on 2nd December for this term ***

North Wiltshire Netball Festival

Last Friday, we took 2 netball teams to the cluster festival at Royal Wootton Bassett. Yet again, it was great to have a large turnout of schools after recent years.

Our teams played really well and we finished 4th and 5th out of 12 teams.

Thank you to Mrs Dixon for taking the teams and Mr Smith for organising the event.

Players: Matilda, Emily, Eleanor, Lara, Olivia H, Isla, Lacey-Mae, Judith, Eliza, Amelia, Lucy, Charlotte, Eloise G, Viola



St Sampson's Stars!



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

Bees - Teddy & Isabella

Butterflies - Simon & Otto

1A - Alba & Noah

1CS - Ellie & Everly

2H - Alfie & Annabel

2T- James & Eliza

3/4C - Danny & Maimie

3/4L - Harrison & Eloise

3/4R - William B & Ruby

5O - Jenna & Matilda

5S - Oliver & George

6B - Joey & Maya

6J- Jack & Evelyn



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) we 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 25th November (tomorrow) and the Holy families will begin their travels on 28th November.



Cricklade Christmas Light Switch On

We are delighted to have been asked to nominate two children to switch on the Cricklade Christmas lights on 3rd December. As you can imagine, this was really tricky and so we settled on asking the oldest child, **Imogen (Y6)** and **Elin (YR)** who will represent everyone in school, literally, *Lighting Up Life and Learning!* ★

Christmas Arrangements

1 - 13 th December	Christmas Post Boxes	1 post box in each school. Children can use either to post their cards. Please include surnames and classes on envelopes!
28 th Nov- 15 th Dec	Holy Families Travel	See note above
6 th & 7 th December	Lower School Nativity	All children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will be in the Nativity. Parents will be offered 2 tickets per family. The evening performance will be at 6pm on 6 th and the matinee at 1:30pm on 7 th .
9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Parties	As per the newsletter last week, we will be supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and then each class will have a class Christmas party in the afternoon.
13 th December	Carol Concert	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.
13 th & 14 th December	Christmas Lunch	The lower school will have their lunch on 13 th & the upper school on 14 th December. Please see parentmail for details on ordering. After their Christmas lunch, the children will enjoy a film.
16 th December	Carol Singing / Break Up	We break up at 2pm on Friday, 16 th December. Cricklade Band will join us for some carol singing at 1:45pm on the playground.