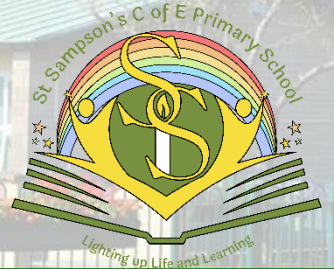




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A very Happy Christmas to you all!



This is my last newsletter for 2022 as we will only have one day to go this time next week! I cannot believe how quickly time has flown since we started this school year in September. School is feeling very Christmassy at the moment with lots of festive things going on. Our Lower School Nativity performances of, 'The Innkeeper's Cats' were superb and we were very proud of all the children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 as they sang and performed their hearts out for us.

Next Tuesday evening, we have our Christmas Carol Concert at 6:30pm in St Sampson's Church. You are all warmly invited to come along and share our special service with us. St Sampson's Singers, Hand bell ringers, Recorders, Lower School Singers, Ukelele, Y3/Y4 Musical stars, Readers and Performance Poets will all be performing to the congregation in this traditional service. We also have our school Christmas dinners next week and the children will get to watch a film in the afternoon.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Rigby to our TA team. Mrs Rigby will be working in Reception. We would also like to say a big thank you to Katt Harper who has completed her placement with us in Reception this term. Thank you for all your help!

We break up at the end of this term at **2pm on Friday, 16th December**. We will finish the term by singing a few Christmas carols on the middle playground from about 1:40pm. This year, we are delighted that The Cricklade Band will be joining us again and I would like to thank them in advance for adding us to their busy schedule at this time of the year. The new term starts again on **Wednesday, 4th January 2023**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and kindness this year. I really do feel privileged to be part of such a fantastic school community and am so grateful of the part we all play which makes our school so special. I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas. I hope that you have a very magical time together and a peaceful New Year.

With festive greetings and every best wish,

Jennifer Bayne

Christmas Post Boxes

The last day for posting Christmas cards is next **Tuesday, 13th December**. Thank you to our post people volunteers who have made this delivery service such a success!



Poppy Appeal

We raised a superb **£444.37** for this year's Poppy Appeal. ☺



Christmas Lunches

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunches next week. The Lower School will have theirs on Tuesday, 13th December and the Upper School on Wednesday, 14th December. 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 in the Lower School have kindly agreed to provide a packed lunch for your child that day to help the kitchen staff during this busy time. Thank you.

Both Christmas Dinners will be in the Dining Hall, and 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.



Don't forget Christmas Jumper day tomorrow for a small donation!



Children will have their class parties in the afternoon ☺



(Children do not need to wear any part of their school uniform at all)

St Sampson's Stars!



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



Bees - Tommy & Alice

Butterflies - Elin & Isaac

1A - Joshua & Cerys

1CS - Joe & Arthur

2H - Edith & Rupert

2T- Theo & Amelie

3/4C - Tayah & Grayson

3/4L - Florence & Alex

3/4R - William & Amelia

5O - Corey & Alfie

5S - Bailey & Olivia H

6B - Harrison & Tommy-Lee

6J- Eloise & Eliza



Toilet Twinning Success!

A huge well done to our Eco Warriors who hosted their pre-loved toy and book sale last week. They made **£64.53** which is enough to twin another toilet (£60)! Thank you!



We now have 5 toilets twinned across our school. ☺

COMMUNITY NOTICE

New breastfeeding / chestfeeding support group in Cricklade

Since the loss of our Children's Centre, infant feeding hasn't been well supported in the town, but Cricklade BFFs is here to change that! Qualified ABM peer supporters are at the Cricklade Town Hall Annexe every Tuesday from 1-3pm as a trial for 6 weeks to see if there is a need. All parents welcome. Drinks, cakes and sweets are always available as fuel for parents...and a free gift for every new attendee. (No session 27 Dec). Contact us at crickladebffs@gmail.com for more information!