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NEWSLETTER NO. 12

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

It has been a busy week! On Monday evening our Choir, led by Mrs Tanner, performed at The City Hall for the Salisbury Schools Carol Concert doing a wonderful job of singing 'Little Baby' with little sparkly stars. Well done to MA, L-MB, KB, GC, EE, TH, EH, TH, LH, MH, SJ, RJ, HM, JM, L-MN, BP, EP, CR, IS, GS, OT and LV and to Mrs Tanner, of course, for all her hard work and encouragement.



On Wednesday, Pat Sissons from Spire FM came and recorded the whole school singing '11 Sleeps 'til Santa'. The recording will be aired on Thursday 14th December at 6:30 am, 7:30 am, 8:30 am and again at 3:30 pm. You can visit their website and see the video recording also.

If you get a chance to visit St Thomas' Church in town, you will see our very own Owls have created a Christmas tree festooned with pompoms. The Christmas Tree Festival ends on Sunday 10th December.

Year 4 Worship

Zebras' class are leading Worship next Thursday 14th December at 1:10 pm on the theme of 'Generosity'. All parents, grandparents etc welcome.

Clubs

All after school clubs have finished this week except Kidzlovefit, Kicks 'n' Tricks and Archery which finish next Friday 15th December. A new Clubs list will be issued early in the Spring term.

Discos tonight

Please may we politely inform you that mobile phones etc are not allowed at the discos tonight. If staff see children using any device they will be removed and handed back at the end of the disco. Thank you for your support. A reminder that **Key Stage 1** children (Years R, 1 and 2) are welcome to attend from **6:00-7:00 pm**; **Key Stage 2** children (Year 3 upwards) will be welcomed from **7:15-8:30 pm**. The disco is always fun with lots of singing and dancing! Entry will be **£2 per child on the door**. This includes a drink and a bag of sweets. For those that would like to purchase additional items, there will be a little tuck shop available on the night and some 'flashy/glowing things' for sale.

Christmas jumper day

Christmas Jumper Day is on Tuesday 19th December (Christmas lunch day). Children can wear Christmas jumpers/tops with school uniform on the bottom.



Gingerbread treats for sale

Mrs Bickerton, E and S's mummy, will be selling her tasty gingerbread treats next Friday 15th December after school. She is also, kindly, selling raffle tickets (£1.00 per ticket) for a delicious gingerbread house, with the proceeds of the raffle going to the Koalas' class fundraising for Harry Potter World. Don't forget your pennies.

Koalas' fundraising

An enormous thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 Koalas fund raising event on Thursday morning and after school. We had made enormous progress towards our target at the end of the morning, I haven't had an updated total yet - you are all marvellous. I am especially grateful to all the wonderful Teaching Assistants who rallied 'round when the oven said "No!", to all the parents for baking and bringing in items to sell (as well as buying them) and to Tesco for supporting us with donations of DVDs and books.



St Mary's Church, Alderbury Christmas Family Service

Join us this Sunday 10th December at 9:30 am for our Christmas Family Service. Something for everyone – no matter how noisy!

Panto Island

Have you bought your tickets yet for the Alderbury Players Panto at the Village Hall this week? Come and see the adventures of Nana the dog, Croc and Daisy the cow as they travel across the ravenous river and defeat the Raven. There are tickets left for tonight's performances (8th) and tomorrow night (9th) at 7:30 pm and for our special Saturday morning matinee at 10:30 am. Come and join in the fun. Tickets are now only available on 710123 or on the door if there are any left by then.



Christingle Service and arrangements for last day of term

A reminder of the arrangements for our Christingle Service at St Mary's Church and finishing times for the last day of term on Wednesday 20th December. The whole school will be walking to St Mary's Church straight after lunch at 1:00 pm for the start of the Christingle Service which starts at 1:45 pm. There will be a retiring collection at St Mary's in aid of the Children's Society, who have provided the candles and tape to make our Christingles. We need many adult helpers to accompany the children so if you are free we would love to share the afternoon with you. When the service finishes by 2:40 pm you are very welcome to take your child/ren home rather than returning them to school. If you are not able to attend the service, the children will be walked back to school for dismissal at 3:15 pm as usual. Please let Mrs Agland know if you are able to help. **We will assume, unless we hear otherwise, that you give permission for your child to take part in the walk and the Christingle Service.**

'Top Trumps' Club

Mrs Wilkinson is hoping to set up a 'Top Trumps' Club in school and, therefore, would appreciate any donations of 'Top Trumps' please. If you have any sets you no longer need, please bring them into the office. Thank you.

Awards

Congratulations to Owls: **MB, DM, JM, JP, AR** and **MS**; Elephants: **HP** and Penguins: **JB, CB** and **BF** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate and to Owls: **BB** and **MP** and Penguins: **GC** and **RJ** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!



Diary Dates – new dates underlined

December

Friday 8 th	FAWGS Winter Disco – KS1: 6-7:00 pm; KS2: 7:15-8:30 pm
Tuesday 12 th	2:00pm Years 2 & 3 'Mend the Manger'
Wednesday 13 th	6:00 pm Years 2 & 3 'Mend the Manger'
Thursday 14 th	9:30 am YR & Y1 Nativity 'This is the Star' (for parents with very young children please)
Friday 15 th	9:30 am YR & Y1 Nativity 'This is the Star'
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th	1:45 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
Thursday 21 st - Wednesday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 2018

Thursday 4th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

February 2018

Saturday 3rd FAWGS Quiz Night

March 2018

Thursday 29th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

June 2018

Monday 25th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

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Head Teacher