



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 20th December



Below is the menu for our Christmas Lunch which, this year, will be held on Tuesday 20th December. For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who do not receive Universal Free School meals £2.50 can be sent in between now and the day **but it must be in a named envelope please.** Thank you.

Christmas Lunch this year is:

Turkey with sausage, stuffing ball and gravy

or

Quorn fillet with vegetarian sausage, stuffing ball and gravy

Roast potatoes

Garden peas

Baton carrots

New Forest Chocolate Ripple ice-cream

or

Satsuma

WE WILL ASSUME THAT THE CHILDREN WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS LUNCH – PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER IF YOUR CHILD IS BRINGING IN A PACKED LUNCH INSTEAD. THANK YOU.

FAWGS News

Thank you once again for all your kind donations of cakes, bottles & chocolate for our **Christmas Charity Bazaar**. With your support, we managed to raise a fantastic £515! We also raised another £327 from our **Christmas Card** initiative. Thank you for your orders; they have all been placed and should be with you very soon. We intend to use these funds to order the interactive whiteboards (required in Key Stage 2 classrooms) in the new year, so please be assured that your support will be making a difference to your children in the near future.

We hope you haven't forgotten to dust off your dancing shoes ready for the **School Disco** this evening! Here's a reminder of the details:

- **Key Stage 1** children (Years R, 1 and 2) are welcome to attend from **6.00- 7.00pm**
- **Key Stage 2** children (Year 3 upwards) will be welcomed from **7.15-8.30pm**
- Entry **£2 per child on the door** (includes a cup of squash and/or water and a bag of sweets)
- **No dress code**, spandex and glitter optional
- Tuck shop available

- 'Flashy/glowing things' for sale
- Please see Rachel Hodges if you're able to help man the tuck shop throughout the evening

Thank you to all of those who submitted fundraising ideas at our latest meeting. Please put the following date in your diary for the new year:

Saturday 25th February 2017 Quiz Night with Ploughman's supper.

More details of this and many more exciting events to follow...

Our next **committee meeting** is to be held on Tuesday 10th January at **7.30pm** in the School Hall. Your ideas and support are always welcomed. If you would like to be added to our (e)mailing list, please contact fawgs.committee@gmail.com, with your details.

Salisbury Schools Carol Concert – Message to our Choir

Please practice "Reindeer Twist" so we are ready to perform it at the City Hall on Monday 5th December. You can check out a clip on YouTube by clicking on the following link:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=tMC8DJvdpLw>. If you can, please purchase Reindeer ears to wear for the performance for added festivity! Thank you.

Fundraising for Amelia

Thank you to everyone who has donated this week. We have raised £138.73 so far for Amelia. It was lovely to see so many of you with yellow hats, socks, ribbons, hairbands, buttons, scarves etc. I know Amelia and her family will appreciate our support which will include us sending a photo of all the children with their yellow accessories. If you wish to make further donations please visit: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rebecca-russell-1?utm_id=69 – *Thank you to Year 4 for sorting the collections and well done to the whole school community for your generosity.*

Emergency Closure

As we are now at that time of year when anything can happen weather wise, any information regarding emergency closure of the school because of adverse weather would be found by listening to Spire FM or Wiltshire Sound, checking our school website (Spotlight section on the front page) or listening to an updated message on the school answer phone.

Please also remember to send your child in with a warm coat so they can enjoy playing outside in this cold weather, thank you.

Year 3 trip to the Roman Baths

Year 3 had a very interesting visit to the Roman Baths on Tuesday. We had a good look round the Baths and learnt how the natural hot spring was used to heat them. We met a Roman lady who told us all about her eating habits! In the afternoon we bought and sold Roman artefacts in the shop and handled genuine Roman artefacts. The trip was fascinating and we got to learn a lot about Roman engineering. A big thank you to all the staff in Lemurs' Class.

Christmas Tree Festival at St Thomas' Church

You still have a couple of days to visit St Thomas' Church and the Christmas Tree Festival which ends on Sunday. Our very own Owls have created a beautiful tree entitled "A Gift for the Tree".

Carol Service at St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church Carol Service on Sunday 18th December 6:00 pm require lots of AWGS children to sing Follow That Star!! This is a song the children know very well and it would be lovely to see as many of our children attending as possible. *If performing, school jumpers to be worn please, with a Christmassy accessory or two if your child wishes to (a crown would be good to match the song theme)! An adult must accompany children please, as school staff will not be monitoring drop off and collection.*

Awards

Congratulations to Elephants: **JA, SW** and **HZ** on gaining their "25 Home Reads" Certificate; to Elephants: **JB, MG** and **IP** and Penguins: **EB** and **HM** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate and to Elephants: **BH, RJ** and **IS** and Penguins: **EL** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!

Scouts Christmas Carols

Please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter about Scouts' Community Carols on Friday 16th December outside the Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Christmas Drop-in Coffee Morning at West Grimstead Village Hall

Saturday 3rd December from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee or a soft drink and a slice of cake for £1.00 or 50p each. Come and see Revd Beth Hutton's Christmas Table and purchase hand-made cards, local honey, jams and chutneys, fancy crafts, books and home produce. Try your luck on the tombola – you might win one of the many attractive prizes.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

December

Ends Sunday 4 th	Christmas Tree Festival at St Thomas' Church (do pop in and see Owls' Christmas Tree if you are in town)
Friday 2 nd	FAWGS Disco – YR/1/2 6-7:00 pm; Y3/4/5/6 7:15-8:30 pm
Monday 5 th	6:00 pm Choir to City Hall for Salisbury Schools Carol Concert
Monday 12 th	2:00 pm Years 2 & 3 "Census Sums"
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Wednesday 14 th	9:30 am Years R & 1 Dress Rehearsal "The Christmas Story by Father Christmas" Nativity and Carol Service
Thursday 15 th	9:30 am Years R & 1 Final Performance of "The Christmas Story by Father Christmas" Nativity and Carol Service
Sunday 18 th	6-7:00 pm St Mary's Church Carol Service
Monday 19 th	am Talent Show
Monday 19 th	pm Christingle making in KS1
Tuesday 20 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 20 th	Christmas Lunch (menu will follow)
Tuesday 20 th	pm Christingle making in KS1
Wednesday 21 st	9:15 depart for whole school walk to St Mary's Church (10-10:40 am)
Wednesday 21 st	Last Day of Term
January 2017	
Monday 9 th	Return to school

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