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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

The children were very excited to take part in the recording of 'Song for Christmas' by Salisbury radio this morning. Our song will be played on Salisbury Radio on 22 December. Songs broadcast on a weekday will be played by Craig Hicks at 8:20am and by Andy Munns at 4:40pm. Songs will be available to download from their website for £1, with the money going to Salisbury Foodbank – I hope you will all listen out!

KS1 NATIVITY

The children are working hard rehearsing for the Nativity 'Born in a Barn'. Mrs Mundy has sent a reminder to book your tickets, before any unreserved tickets are released. We look forward to welcoming you to the 'Bethlehem Barn.'

BOCCIA TOURNAMENT



On Wednesday 4 December, Mr Bowley, Mrs Hill and Mrs Rooney took 7 children to take part in an exciting Bocce tournament at Sarum Academy. We had 3 teams full of grit and determination placing 5th, 10th and 14th, with all the children having the best time and playing with a smile on their face!

It was a great day out surrounded by a number of schools; we are so proud of our children for continuing to show the sportsmanship and fair play we stand for at AWGS!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 19 December, this will mean Wednesday lunch will be meat balls instead of the roast. If you would like your child to have Christmas lunch, please can you let Mrs Mundy know as soon as possible.

TRAFFIC-PARKING

We have received a number of concerns regarding poor parking and traffic management this morning. As you may be aware, the police have been on site this week to monitor the situation. Please take all steps to park and drive responsibly; for the safety of all our children.

SCHOOL MILK

Please attached details for ordering milk for your children.

THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISMAS CAFÉ

All children in Years R to 3 are welcome to come and join us in the library for a story during Tuesday breaktime; if they would like a drink and a biscuit whilst they are listening please bring 20p to cover the costs. All children in these age groups are welcome, we do hope they will come along and join in.

FLU IMMUNISATION

The immunisation team will be visiting school on Monday to deliver nasal flu vaccinations. We have had a good number of children taking up this offer.

STAMPS FOR THE RNLI



Please remember to save any stamps you receive on your Christmas cards this year and pop them in the RNLI box we have in the reception area here at school. Thank you.



Last day of term and walk to St Mary's Church

Our whole school walk to St Mary's Church for our Carol Service takes place on Wednesday 20 December 2024. A big thank you to everyone who has offered to accompany us on our trip, **however we could still use a few more**. We are hoping to leave school at 1:00 pm for the service which starts at 1:45 pm. It is anticipated the Service will finish at 2:30 pm and the children will be walked back to school for dismissal at 3:15 pm as usual. **We will assume, unless we hear otherwise, that you give permission for your child to take part in the walk and the Carol Service.**

FAWGS

Quick reminder to bring in your donations for the Present Fair on Monday morning. There will be boxes at the gate or your child can take them to the classrooms for them to be collected there. We'd love to have as many gifts as possible so if you have more than one gift you could donate that would be hugely appreciated!

Examples are: Mens and Ladies gift sets, mugs, chocolates, socks, candles, hot choc/tea/coffee etc.

We also have some AMAZING prizes for the raffle, so if you still need to buy some tickets then grab one of the FAWGS ladies at drop off or pickup. There are all the rainbow hampers plus some incredible prizes from local businesses. We will send out a list next week, but there is lots worth winning in there!

Dates for your diary:

- 9 December Gift Donation for Christmas Present Fair
- 13 December Christmas Present Fair
- 19 December Christmas Cookie Sale

NHS GUIDANCE ON SICKNESS ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL.

Now we are in the throes of winter illnesses, I thought it would be helpful to remind parents how long children should stay away from school.

Chickenpox	At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours over the last episode
Cold & flu like illness	When they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend
Impetigo	After the sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they have started anti-biotics
Measles	4 days after rash appears
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	When they have had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	2 hours after taking anti-biotics
Whooping Cough	48 after starting anti-biotics.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

ALDERBURY AND WHADDON STAR TRAIL



Shalom the Star invites you to join him on a trail through the village, anytime between Monday 9 December and 1 January. Follow the numbered clues to find out about the Christmas story and discover the mystery word. Collect a pack from the black box inside the gate of St Mary's Church Hall (on Southampton Road). On the back of the picture of Shalom, you will find a clue telling you where to find the next picture. Try and follow them in order. Have fun!

POP-UP CHRISTMAS BARN AT KENNEL FARM

Don't forget to visit and support Emma and Becca's small business at The Barn at Kennel Farm. All your Christmas shopping: decorations, gifts, workshops and more, under one roof!

The revised opening times are:

Monday 9 December 2-4pm

Friday 13 December 2-4pm

Monday 16 December 2-4pm



'Mistakes are proof you are trying'

DIARY DATES – NEW DATES UNDERLINED

December

Friday 13 December Christmas Present Fair and Christmas Jumper Swap (More details to follow)

Monday 16 Tuesday 17 EYSF & KS1 Nativity

Thursday 19 December Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch and Christmas Cookie Sale

Friday 20 December Christingle, Carol Service & Final Day of Term

January 2025

Monday 6 INSET DAY

Tuesday 7 Return to School

February

Friday 14 INSET DAY

June

Monday 16

INSET DAY

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe

Headteacher



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