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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

The children enjoyed a rare treat of snow in November, setting the scene for the winter ahead. We are delighted we can share some of our forthcoming Christmassy plans for the remainder of the term, via the Newsletter today.

This afternoon we have welcomed our local MP, Rt Hon John Glen to the school. He has explained to the children a little about his work in parliament, and is currently being interviewed by Year 6!



COUNTY FOOTBALL QUALIFIER



On Monday 18th November, Mr Bowley and Mr G took the Year 5 and 6 boys football team to Woodford Primary School to take part in the County Qualifiers with a referee from Swindon. It was a game of 2 halves with both teams well drilled in defence as well as attack. The boys were full of confidence and had a brilliant warm up led by Josh and George, our captains on the pitch.

AWGS scored first with a brilliant goal scored by George however, after 10 minutes of constant pressure by Woodford the game resulted in a 1-1 draw.

The game continued to Extra Time of 5 minutes each way however, with some brilliant defence by both teams, and when neither scored, it went to penalties (the dreaded penalties). Due to some brilliant saves and fantastic

penalties, AWGS crept through on sudden death, with an 8 - 7 win! This has resulted in the school going through to County Finals on 15th January; we hope to keep this good form going.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

PUDSEY BEAR

We are pleased to announce the children raised £163 for Pudsey from Pennies for Pudsey last Friday. The childrens thoroughly enjoyed meeting the 'real' Pudsey.



SONG FOR CHRISTMAS 2024

We will once again be taking part in this years Song for Christmas. Salisbury Radio will be attending the school to record the song with the whole school. Our song will be played on Salisbury Radio on 22nd December. Songs that are broadcast on a weekday will be played by Craig Hicks at 8:20 and by Andy Munns at 4:40. 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 for your child/ren

FLU IMMUNISATION

A reminder that the immunisation team will be visiting school on Monday 9th December to deliver nasal flu vaccinations. If you haven't yet done so, please go to this link: www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu to give consent (yes or no). If you have mislaid the original email, please let Mrs Mundy know.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A big thank you if you have already made payment and a reminder for a few outstanding payments that are now overdue.

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.



CHRISTINGLE

As is customary on the last day of term, we will be making our Christingles (a very big thank you once again to Mr Wearn and Waitrose for supplying the oranges.) In the afternoon we will walking the children to St Mary's Church for our customary Carol Service and would eb grateful to any parents who are able to accompany the children to and from the service, please let Mrs Mundy know if you are able to help.

FAWGS

Non Uniform Day - Friday 29th November

There will be a non-uniform day next Friday 29th November and children are requested to bring a donation for the FAWGS Christmas Rainbow Raffle. Please bring a consumable gift in the colour designated to your class. Tickets will be available to buy shortly at school pickup and drop off.

Year R - **Gold**

Year 1 - **Purple**

Year 2 - **Blue**

Year 3 - **Green**

Year 4 - **Yellow**

Year 5 - **Orange**

Year 6 - **Red**

FAWGS Christmas Present Fair

On Friday 13th December we will be holding a Present Fair during school hours for the students to buy Christmas presents for you and wrap them to bring home for Christmas. This is a chance for them to do some Christmas shopping by themselves to say thank you for everything you do for them.

In order for this to take place, please could you have a look at home or pop to the shops to find a small gift to donate to the fair. These can be anything from socks, chocolates, toiletries, mugs, cosy slippers etc. (but no alcohol please).

Donations will be collected on Monday 9th December at drop off.

Gifts will be priced between £1-£5 at the fair and children are asked to bring no more than £5 to spend.

Please see the poster attached for more information.

MR PARKS' GUITAR LESSONS

Please see attached information from Mr Parks, guitar lessons are open to all children in years 2,3,4,5 and 6.

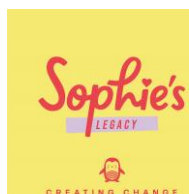
WANTED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS/TOPS

As part of our drive towards sustainability and inclusion we are planning to hold an informal Christmas Jumper/Christmas Top Swap towards the end of term- More details to follow.

Some of you may have unused or unwanted Christmas Jumpers/Tops lurking at home and I would be grateful if you were able to donate them to school. They would need to be in good condition and suitable to be in school. Please can you send into the office any Christmas tops/jumpers that you would like to donate from Monday.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

SOPHIE'S LEGACY



We are reaching out to local primary schools to consider organising food donation days in partnership with us. This initiative not only helps provide essential resources for families in need, but also teaches students the value of compassion and community service. Please see attached flyer for Sophie's shopping list and flyer explaining the back story behind this amazing charity. Any donations would be appreciated, however small. We will be arranging a more formal collection in the Spring Term, but are open to taking donations in school immediately.

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! Opening times are: Monday 11:00 am-12:00 pm; and 6.00pm – 8.00pm Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00 and 6.00-8:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm and Saturday 10:00-12 noon.



SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST



Stamps will be on sale again in school this year. Or contact Julie for more information on 07952 988749.



'The master has failed more times than the beginner has ever tried'

DIARY DATES – NEW DATES UNDERLINED

November

Friday 29th November Non Uniform Day and donations to Rainbow Raffle

December

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

Monday 16th/Tuesday 17th EYSF & KS1 Nativity – Details to follow

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Cookie Sale

Thursday 19th Christingle

Friday 20th Carol Service & Final Day of Term

January 2025

Monday 6th INSET DAY

Tuesday 7th Return to School

February

Friday 14th INSET DAY

June

Monday 16th INSET DAY

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe

Headteacher

