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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

We have enjoyed another busy week in school, ending with an exciting visit from the 'Real' Pudsey Bear. Children were eager to add their pennies to his bucket as he toured the classrooms. We will let you know the amount raised in due course.



KS2 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



🏆 On Wednesday the 13th November Mr Bowley took 10 children from years 5 and 6 to a hockey tournament at South Wilts Hockey Club. It was a nice sunny day and a great day all round full of smiles and laughter from all the children.

Unfortunately, we lost our first 2 games in the group stage, losing narrowly in both games to 1-0. The team rallied themselves and then won 3 games in a row putting us in the semi-final.

We played an 'absolute blinder' in the semi-final however a last minute goal was our downfall and we had lost. We went into the 3rd/4th place play off against Winterbourne. A defence splitting ball from Hester to Jack gave Jack a massive opportunity.... which he SCORED!! We came out as 3rd place winners!

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS – REMINDER

A reminder that Our Parent/Teacher consultations take place on Wednesday 20th November, with Years R/1 and 3 offering additional appointments on Monday 18th. If you have not yet booked your 10 minute appointment please do so as soon as possible. For all appointments, please sign-in in the school hall when you arrive. Our Year 6 Prefects will collect you for your appointment and take you to the relevant classroom.

Please can I ask that you stick to the allotted 10-minute slot, which ensures the whole evening runs smoothly and to time. If you need a longer appointment, please contact Mrs Mundy to arrange this.

Louise from the Bridge, will also be supplying tea and coffee whilst you wait.

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.

FAWGS

We are delighted to announce that we have created a new FAWGs committee team of Suzy Ellis, Charlie Metcalfe, Louise Davy and Teresa Curbishley. We are looking forward to putting together lots of fun events over the coming year. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. We are always looking for willing volunteers, so if you think you could spare some time to help with our events then please let us know!

FAWGs is such an essential part of our school and we would really like to carry on with the success Carolyn and Louise have achieved over the past few years. If you weren't aware, they have raised over £20,000 which has gone towards:

£200 towards each school trip to keep costs down for parents

£1000s worth of books

Sports equipment

Big football goals

Plates and cutlery

Being able to provide these facilities makes a world of difference so please support wherever you can!

We have arranged a few events for the run up to Christmas:

29th November - Non-Uniform Day - Please bring a donation to our Christmas Rainbow Raffle

Year 6- Red

Year 5- Orange

Year 4- Yellow

Year 3- Green

Year 2- Blue

Year 1- Purple

Year R- Gold

Dates for your diary:

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

19th December - Christmas Cookie Sale

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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ALDERBURY VILLAGE HALL

A reminder that Alderbury Christmas Fair takes place at Alderbury Village Hall this Saturday, 16th November from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Delicious refreshments will be served and there will be gifts, cards, crafts and lots more. Please see attached flyer for further information.

CHRISTMAS AT THE BARN

Please come and visit the Pop-Up Christmas Barn, at Kennel Farm, Alderbury, for their array of beautiful gifts and Christmas decorations – please see attached flyer for more information.

SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST



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

VISTORIA PARK COMMUNITY TENNIS

Amazon Prime Girls classes are starting this Monday coming for 9-16 year olds and next Saturday for 5-8 year olds. A 6 session term for £35 and free racket, balls etc. Please see link below for further details.

<https://www.lta.org.uk/play/parents-area/prime-video-lta-youth-girls/>

DIARY DATES – NEW DATES UNDERLINED

November

Monday 18th Years R/1 and Year 3 Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 20th Years R-6 Parent/Teacher Consultations

December

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

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

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