

Dear Parents/Carers,

## This week in school

Our choir have had a busy week spreading Christmas cheer! On Tuesday they visited Fairfax House to sing carols. It was such a lovely event and the residents and carers were delighted to see them. Today Salisbury Radio came in to record their 'Song for Christmas', this will be played on the radio on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. You can download the song for £1, all money raised will go to the Stars Appeal.



We've had a KS2 team attend a Boccia festival and a KS2 team take part in a 'Santa Dash' (this involved undertaking sports' activities whilst being attacked with flour!). The School Council has decorated the tree and rehearsals are in full swing for the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Concert!

## Next Week's Dates

- Year R, 1 and 2 Nativity – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm
- Our next Forest Schools is on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December with Year 3.**

## Christmas Art Competition

We had 108 entries to our Christmas art competition, we were blown away by the creativity and skill of each and every entry. All baubles are on display in our upper hall, it has really brightened this space. Well done to Eden, Scarlett and Lucas for their runners up prize. Ryan was given first place prize and enjoyed a trip to the Panto on Wednesday night with his family.

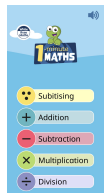


## Governor Changes

We are saying goodbye to our parent governor Chris Houghton whose term comes to an end this month now his children have moved on to secondary school. We would like to thank him for the years he has given to our school, in particular for the role of Chair of Finance and Premises committee and health and safety link. We welcome Mr Jon Adams as our new governor.

## Mathematics Update

Our Maths lead, Miss Martindale, has recently updated our Times Tables and Calculation policy and this is available on the maths section of the school website. These are useful documents to read through to see the progression through the school. We have also produced a times tables' games list to support at home, these will be shared to Seesaw. Finally, we would like to recommend a maths app to all pupils – White Rose 1 Minute Maths. There are lots of games linked to areas of the curriculum from Year R to Year 6 and it's free!



## Phonics Update

Our Phase 3 video is now available on the phonics section of our website, this models the correct pronunciation and actions.

## Cleaner Vacancy

We are looking for a committed and conscientious person to join our school cleaning team from January 2023. If you are interested, please contact the school office or e-mail our Business Manager, Mrs Field, on [admin@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk)

## Safeguarding

Each week we share useful safeguarding information for parents / carers. The purpose is to empower you, raise awareness to protective measures you could adopt and provide up-to-date information on trends in order to safeguard your child.



### Social Media and Mental Health

Attached to this week's newsletter is a poster about 'Social Media and Mental Health'. An estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming, what they're posting and the interactions they're having. In the guide, you'll find tips such as how to hide content, setting daily limits and discussing what children have seen online.

## FOSSP – Friends of Sarum St Paul's

**Fairy Cake Friday** –The next event will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December and **Year R** will donate and sell cakes to the rest of the school. Half the money raised will come back to the class!

