

Dear Parents/Carers,

## This week in school

We have had a very festive final week of term filled with Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day class parties, our KS2 carol concert and a festive Wake and Shake! We have handed over a bundle of decorations and Christmas cards made by our pupils to Homestead Salisbury elves who will be delivering these creations to residents in care homes who are spending the festive period alone, I know these creations will make a huge difference to these people.



## Attendance

This is always a challenging time to maintain high attendance rates due to the bugs that make their way around during the colder months. Our whole school attendance for Autumn is 95.6%, here is each class total:

Year R - 95.7%    Year 1 - 93.7%    Year 2 - 95.8%    Year 3 - 96.3%    Year 4 - 96.5%    Year 5 - 96.2%    Year 6 - 95.6%

## School Values and Ethos

In our celebration assembly today we recognised two pupils from every class and several staff members who have shown a commitment to our school values (love, truthfulness, perseverance and forgiveness) and vision 'Loving to Learn as we Build Friendship and Faith' this term. Well done to all who were nominated this term.



## Winter Wellbeing

There is a lot of joy and happiness associated with the festive season, but for some it may not always be a positive time. The shorter days, colder temperatures and the pressures associated with this time of year can impact many people, adults and children alike. Anna Fraud's Mentally Healthy Schools' website has created a winter wellbeing toolkit, sharing resources to help boost winter wellbeing to help children manage their emotions. To download, follow this link:

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2879/winter-wellbeing-toolkit-2022-primary.pdf>

## Christingle Service

Save the date! Our Christingle service will take place at 2.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at St Paul's Church. All families are invited to attend, we will require adults to help us walk children from school to the church. More information next term!

## 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.



### Winter Water and Ice Safety

Following the tragic events at a lake in Solihull this week, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service would encourage you to talk to your children about their safety around ice and water during this cold weather.

Please use this link [Winter Water Safety](#) to look at the advice and discuss their safety with them, according to their age and independence.

**Stay off the ice and if someone is in trouble call 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service.**

## FOSSP – Friends of Sarum St Paul's

**Fairy Cake Friday** – thank you for supporting these weekly events. The rota will begin again in the new term.

**Christmas candle workshop** – thank you for supporting this event, we made over £50 for the school.



...and finally. To our incredible community,

We couldn't imagine a better school community. The 2022 year saw our school celebrate its 50 year anniversary, we said goodbye to several staff members but welcomed new, we have continued to build a broad and rich curriculum, we have organised many wonderful face-to-face event to all come together in person, we continue to embed and enrich our school vision and ethos. We are so proud of each and every member of Team SSP! Thank you for your continued support.



We wish you all a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **Happy New Year!**