

Dear Parents/Carers,

## This week in school

We've had a very busy week in school and 'snow' much fun! Several trips have taken place: Year 3/4 to Stonehenge, Year 5/6 to a swimming gala, Year 5/6 to a cross country tournament, Year 1/2 to perform in a concert at the Cathedral and Year 5 to South Wilts to watch a performance of 'Annie'. These wider opportunities have really enhanced and broadened their curriculum. We all enjoyed playing in the snow, children behaved so well and listened to all instructions carefully. Lots of little snowmen could be seen around school and Year R enjoyed 'bottom sledging' down their hill!



## Staffing Updates

We have said a sad farewell to Mrs Caroline Potter (teaching assistant). As a pivotal member of our pastoral team and an ELSA, she will be greatly missed by pupils and staff across the school. We have also said goodbye to PH Sport coach Amy, she is hugely popular amongst pupils who attend Breakfast Club. Mrs Gemini Terry will take over and run the club with Mrs Mac. The after school club will be run by Mrs Buckley and Miss Mitchell.

## Recommended Reading List

We have been **overwhelmed** with the **generosity** of all of our **wonderful families**. We have had daily deliveries of books and have kept our Amazon delivery driver very busy! **THANK YOU** so much for your donations, this week's books were presented to classes in celebration assembly today and there was such a **buzz of excitement**! Wish lists have been posted to Seesaw, books purchased are automatically removed.



## Library Requests

We are looking for any donations of **good quality/like new** children's books, particularly any complete series. Please hand in any donations to the school office.

## Volunteer Readers

If you are able to give up some of your time to volunteer to hear children read, please contact Janette Field – [admin@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk) Volunteers will need to undertake safeguarding training and a DBS check.

## Parents' Evening

Face to face parents' evening takes place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please enter via the school office and make your way to your child's classroom, their books will be left in the corridor for you to look through. If you have booked an appointment with our family link worker, Debbie Newman, she will be based the Ladybird Room (first room on the right down the KS1 corridor).

## Forest School Sessions: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6.

## PH Sports - After school club on Fridays will finish at the slight earlier time of 5pm.

## 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.*



### **Everything You Need to Know About the iPad**

Attached to this week's newsletter is the recently published National Online Safety poster about the use of iPads. This guide highlights possible hazards including the risk of age-inappropriate content, physical damage to the device and potential screen addiction.

## FOSSP – Friends of Sarum St Paul's

**Fairy Cake Friday** - 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year R

**Easter event** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March after school until 4.30pm. All welcome – **any small prize (KS1) or bottle (KS2) donations** would be very welcome in exchange for a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.



### Seesaw Results and Next Steps

Thank you to the 40 families who completed the questionnaire. We were overwhelmed with the positive response we had and we can see from the survey how much parents and carers appreciate and value their child's Seesaw journal. An overview of the results:

- Most families check Seesaw either daily, when there's a notification or every 1-2 days
- What posts do you like to see on your child's Seesaw journal? These were the most popular and all scored +70%:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Photos of Trips and Events
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Images of Children's Work
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Home Learning
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Reminders
- What impact does having access to Seesaw have on you and your child?? These are a sample of some of the wonderful responses:
  - *It makes learning easier and makes us feel connected*
  - *It allows me to access to a lot information about my child immediately*
  - *It's lovely to see what the children have been up to at school*
  - *Make my life easier, I have everything in one place*
  - *Keeps me linked into my child's learning- telling points for home - brightens my day 😊*
  - *Being a single dad I don't see my son during the week so Seesaw keep me up to date with what he is doing at school.*
  - *It's nice to see what my child is up to with all the photos of their independent achievements as well as their day to day activities to then be able to engage with \*\*\* when he gets home as I can ask specifically what he did and encourage beautiful conversations that wouldn't happen if I didn't have an insight into his day*
  - *Positive link between school and home*
- I enjoy having access to my child's Seesaw journal.
  - Strongly agree: 30
  - Agree: 8
  - Disagree: 1
  - Neither agree or disagree: 1

#### Next steps / comments:

- Many of you said you were very happy with the app and the content on your children's journal and said it was good as it was.
- The feedback we did receive about what else we could include will be reviewed by class teachers and we will see what we can incorporate.
- A small number of parents mentioned the dislike over notifications. You can turn these off in your phone settings. This is what I do as you can imagine having access to 7 class Seesaw pages, there would be a lot!!
- A few parents mentioned user guides / how to guides. We will review our user guides for Seesaw and make more available on school website.

If you cannot access your child's Seesaw journal, please contact Mrs Cookson in the office. She has access to all codes and can email or print these for you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Weavers