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Newsletter 14

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Happy Festive Friday!

What a wonderful week it has been, with festivities kicking off on Saturday with the Christmas Fayre. This was a fantastic event – thank you so much for your support if you were able to come and enjoy it with us. It was only possible thanks to the volunteers who came in to set up, run stalls and pack away and I am sorry that I don't have space to name and thank you all here. A huge thank you in particular to Sam, Lisa, Karin and Claire for all of their work before, during and after the fayre, and to Nicola and her helpers who organised the tree sale and braved the frankly horrible weather all afternoon! It was a really special community event and the berry on the Christmas pudding is that we raised approximately £4,500 including the proceeds from the sale of Christmas trees! Thank you!

Last Day of Term = Christmas Jumper Day... We are continuing our Christmas tradition of allowing children to wear a festive jumper on the last day of term if they wish. It doesn't have to be a 'bought' jumper – in the past children have 'up-Christmassed' regular jumpers with tinsel etc. and they have looked great. Please can the rest of the uniform stay the same, just replace the school jumper or cardi with a festive alternative if your child wants to. As you give so generously to various good causes throughout the year there's no donation needed – this is just for the fun of it.

Reception and Phase 1 Nativity... This morning we enjoyed the third and final performance of our Reception and Phase 1 Nativity and what a way to finish! The children have been unbelievable all week, performing with such energy and confidence and I have to say that the audiences have been pretty good too! It is a magical part of primary school life that I am sure the children will never forget (I can still remember bringing people to tears with my portrayal of 4th Donkey from the left) and it is one of the great joys about working in school.

A lovely addition this week has been the PTA who were on hand outside to serve fresh coffee and snacks to the waiting throng. Thank you Rosie and Zoe and all the helpers who came up with the idea and made it happen.

Finally from me... a reminder that next Friday at 9.45 is our Christmas service in the church. If you are able to join us you will be very welcome – it is always a lovely way to round off the term.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Andy Bowman

Club News...

Just a reminder that **today** is the deadline for all Club applications.

And don't forget there will be NO CLUBS AT ALL next week!

Happy weekend!
Liz Flood



Film afternoons...

The film afternoons will take place on the following dates:

Phase 2 - Tuesday 18th December

Phase 1 - Thursday 20th December

These afternoons are planned to raise money for our school charity Send a Cow. We are asking each child to bring in a contribution of £1. Please make sure all money is sent in by Friday December 14th.

Thank you.

Swainswick Explorers...

We are going on an adventure - come and join us!

If you are looking for childcare or a treat for your child this holiday, Swainswick Explorers is running a mixture of countryside Explorer Days and craft-packed 'At Home' days from Wednesday 2nd through to Friday 4th January.

Please see www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk for details. To show your child what it's like see videos and pics on our instagram @swainswickstyle - follow us!

Saturday sewing workshops for everyone...

Parents, have you ever wanted to join in with our kids' activities? Now you can.

On Sat 5th Jan and Sat 2nd Feb we have 2 special Saturday events, Light Up January and Light Up February which are for everyone. They are e-textile workshops led by designer and maker Annie Lywood. We'll be making 'light up' bracelets or brooches with sewable LEDs.

This event is for everyone, with a minimum age of 10 years due to the dexterity required. £30 pp, 8 people max, 10am - 1pm. Gift vouchers available.

Please see www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk for details.

To see our sewing videos and pics on instagram @swainswickstyle - follow us!

Carols by Candlelight...

On Wednesday 19th December the children of Orchestra, Flute, Recorder Club and the Choir will be performing at this special evening event which takes place in our school hall.

If you would like to watch your child, you are entitled to two tickets per family which can be picked up from the school office from today.

We hope to see you there for mulled wine and a mince pie.

Ms Flynn

Coming up in December...

17th - 21st Week of Christmas parties (17th R/Y2; 18th Y1/3; 20th Y4/5; 21st Y6)

18th - Film Afternoon Phase 2

18th - Phase 2 Christmas Concert in church 6 -7 p.m

19th - Christmas Lunch

19th - Carols by Candlelight 6pm -7pm

20th - Film Afternoon Phase 1

21st - End of Term Service in Church 9.45am

21st - End of Term

Coming up in January...

7th - INSET

8th - Children in for beginning of term 3

Coming up in February...

5th - Newbarn Meeting 6pm

15th - End of Term 3

18th - 22nd - Holiday

25th - Beginning of Term 4

Coming up in March...

7th - World Book Day and Dress Up Day

12th - Year 1 Phonic Check Info Meeting - 2.30pm

12th - KS1 Assessment Eve - Year 2 parents 6pm

15th March - Comic Relief

19th - KS2 Sats Eve - Year 6 parents 6-7pm

Coming up in April...

3rd and 4th - Parent Consultations

5th - Easter Service in Church 9.45am

5th - End of Term

8th - 19th - Holiday

23rd - Beginning of Term 5

26th - Go to Newbarn Y4 Residential

29th - Return from Newbarn