



Dear Parents,

I am taking the opportunity to update you on some forthcoming events at Sarisbury over the next two weeks as well as provide information about events of interest for the coming term.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all those able to join us for our recent parents' evenings and for the very positive feedback about children's learning and progress at Sarisbury since September. For those not able to attend, please do contact your child's teacher to arrange an appointment time. Feedback from parent surveys are always included on the school's website at www.sjsonline.org.uk

Focus Week

Our recent WW1 Centenary Focus Week was a great success and resulted in some moving and powerful display work around the school. The week culminated in a superb act of Remembrance on the school playground, which was beautifully observed by the school community. Thank you also for your support with the many stories of great, great granddads, grandmas, aunts and uncles along with some wonderful wartime memorabilia.



Christmas Fair – Friday 7th December

Thank you very much for your contributions so far in preparation for our PFA Christmas Fair this coming Friday afternoon. The donations received as part of our non-uniform day today are much appreciated and we look forward to your support at the big event on Friday 7th December.

Music concerts – 11th, 13th and 14th December

Year 3 will be holding an African Drumming concert at 11:00am on Tuesday 11th December to share the songs they have learned; parents of children in Year 3 are warmly invited to attend.

The choir and school orchestra will be performing some festive songs and music on Thursday 13th December between 6:00pm and 7:00pm in the school hall. Please come along and join us as it promises to be a very enjoyable sing-a-long!

Parents of pupils that participate in the Rock Steady music lessons are invited to attend the concert at 2:45pm in the school hall on Thursday 13th December.

Year 4 Nativity – 18th & 19th December

The children in Year 4 are working hard on this year's Nativity production and from the early rehearsals I can say you are in for a real treat! Due to seating restrictions and fire regulations at St Paul's, we have to limit the number of people in the audience to 150 on each evening. Therefore, we are operating a ticket only arrangement for this year's performances and a letter outlining how tickets can be requested will follow shortly.

Christmas Dinner – 19th & 20th December

Please ensure that if your child has a Christmas dinner on Wednesday (LS) they must bring a packed lunch on Thursday. Likewise, if your child is having Christmas dinner on Thursday (US), a packed lunch must be provided on Wednesday. For those children entitled to a Free School Meal, a hot meal will be provided on both days unless you advise otherwise.

Carol Services at St Paul's – Thursday 20th December

If you are free on Thursday 20th December and able to walk the children to and from the Carol Services at St Paul's, we would be very grateful. The **Lower School** will be leaving school at 9:20am and the **Upper School** leaving at 11:00am. You will be welcome to stay for the service as well as join the staff for mince pies etc. as a thank you for your help; please contact the admin team.

Christmas Jumper Day

Please support us on Friday 21st December when we will be wearing a Christmas Jumper and / or non-school uniform in aid of 'Save the Children' fund for a small donation of £1; thank you.

St Paul's Family Carol Service

Several members of the school choir are singing in the Family Christmas Service at St Paul's Church on Sunday 16th December at 10:30am. I'm sure Rev. Matheson and our friends at St Paul's would be delighted to see you if you wish to join them for the service.

Outdoor Club Activities

A reminder that, due to the dark afternoons, outdoor clubs will be postponed until after the Christmas break and will start again in the week beginning 14th January 2019; weather permitting! All other club activities at SJS will continue as normal for the next two weeks.

Sports Kit and Choir t-shirts

As the autumn term draws to a close, please can we ask that all football and cross-country kit is returned to school. We have new kits arriving in January and this is an ideal time to do a stock take of all school sports kits. We would also like to do the same with choir t-shirts after the performance at St Paul's on Sunday 16th December.

County and Regional Travel School of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs Bleeck and our team of Junior Road Safety Officers past and present, whose great work has resulted in Sarisbury winning the County and Regional Travel School of the Year Awards. The variety of initiatives to improve children's journeys to school, as well as raise the profile of alternative travel and active journeys has been widely acclaimed and we are very proud of this achievement. Your support in all things 'travel' is much appreciated and with this in mind, may I remind you that the layby outside of the school is a stop and drop zone only. Parking for any length of time is restricted and PCSOs will be patrolling at the start and end of the school day to help us manage this; your help and cooperation is key to the smooth flow of traffic outside the school at busy periods; thank you.

Book Fair

Please do remember that we are holding our Christmas Book Fair from Wednesday 5th December to Tuesday 11th December. This is a fantastic opportunity to purchase a variety of brand new titles just in time for Christmas! The school will receive 100% commission on all books sold and so your support with this would also be very much appreciated.

Please do remember that the school regular posts updates on our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/sarisburyjuniorschool/>

and our school website:

<http://www.sjsonline.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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