



19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## ***Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!***

Dear Parents,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to our Christmas Carol Concert on Thursday of last week. There was a lovely atmosphere with superb singing from the children in the choir and great performances from our orchestra and soloists – what a lovely way to celebrate Christmas and the talents of our young musicians at Sarisbury.

Several members of the choir also performed at the Family Carol Service at St Paul's on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December and again, did themselves proud with the quality of their singing.

Thank you also for your support and generosity at our recent Christmas Fair where, along with the secret room gifts, we anticipate a profit over well over £2000! I am very grateful for the enthusiasm, energy and excellent contribution of our PFA team who did a fantastic job in ensuring these events ran so smoothly.

### **This week's Christmas Events:**

Year 4 presented their first Christmas Nativity performance at St Paul's Church on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and what an excellent evening it was! My congratulations and thanks to Mrs Hart, Mrs Hamblin, Mr Richards, the support staff and children in Year 4 for their superb production. The second performance will take place at St Paul's on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

If you are free on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 as a thank you for your help! Please contact the admin team if you are free.

### **Christmas Jumper Day:**

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

### **Club Activities:**

Club activities will start in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Further details about clubs running during the spring term will appear in my first newsletter of the New Year. Parents can also access a variety of information about the school, including club activities, on our website.

### **Book Fair:**

Thank you also for your support with our recent book fair and we are delighted to say that following sales of over £580, Scholastic have matched the amount taken with new books for the school library.

### **Staffing Update:**

You will recall from previous newsletters that Mr Munsie leaves us at the end of this term to begin a senior leadership role within Life Church Southampton from January 2019. We would all like to wish Mr Munsie every success in his new post and thank him for the outstanding contribution he has made at Sarisbury over the past 10 years with us.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Lizzie Markham to the staff team at SJS who will be teaching Class 4LH from January onwards. Mrs Markham is an experienced and excellent teacher who is delighted to be working at Sarisbury and I know will contribute a great deal to the life of the school.

This has been a very enjoyable and successful term and I am grateful for the outstanding efforts and contribution given by all associated with the school. Thank you also to our team of regular parent helpers for their help this term, it is much valued and appreciated. On behalf of the staff at Sarisbury, Governors and myself, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

*A.J. Stockton*

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Headteacher

## **Dates for the Spring Term:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
w/b Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
w/b Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

### **Term Begins**

Year 5 Swimming (Class 5JL – 11 weeks)  
Spring term club activities begin  
Year 6 to Harry Potter World  
Year 3 to Butser Farm  
Portsmouth Race 4

Portsmouth Race 5  
Year 5 to River Hamble (field trip)  
Portsmouth Race 6  
PFA Spring term discos  
Year 5 to River Hamble (field trip)  
Mock SATs Week for Year 6

### **In-service Day Closure**

### **Half Term Holiday**

### **Term starts**

Crookhorn College Championship Race  
Year 4 to Sea City Museum  
SJS Film Night for Year 5 and Year 6  
SJS Film Night for Year 3 and Year 4  
Parents' Evening 4:00 to 7:30pm  
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Year 4 Titanic Day (tbc)

Year 5 Easter Production  
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Easter Services at St Paul's Church  
**Term Ends**

### **Summer Term Begins**