

1st December 2015



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.

Music concerts:

The choir will be performing some of the songs they have learned this year, as well as some festive favourites, on Thursday 3rd December between 4:15pm and 5:00pm. Please come along and join us 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 10th December.

Year 3 will be holding a Ukulele concert at 11:00am on Tuesday 15th December to share the songs they have learned. This concert will also include a performance from the children in Year 3 and 4 who have individual music lessons with Mr Hayles and again, parents are warmly invited to attend.

Greek Museum:

Parents of children in Year 6 are invited to attend their Ancient Greek Museum & Exhibition on Tuesday 8th December at 2:30pm to share in the children's work and learn more about the life and legacy in this period of history; it promises to be an excellent event and we would encourage as many of you to attend as possible.

Year 4 Nativity:

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 140 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 next week.

Carol Services at St Paul's:

If you are able to walk the children to and from the Carol Services at St Paul's on Thursday 17th December, we would be very grateful. The **Lower School** will be leaving school at 9:30am and the **Upper School** leaving at 1:30pm. 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 18th December when we will be wearing a Christmas Jumper in aid of 'Save the Children'. The children can wear their jumper to school for a small donation of £1; thank you.

Postcards from our Christmas Travels:

Miss Davies is hoping to display postcards from our travels over the Christmas holiday. If you have time and would like to send the school a postcard from wherever you may be, that would be much appreciated. This is part of our Geography learning at SJS and will provide a helpful resource for children in improving their knowledge of the wider world.

Home Learning Support:

For parents who would like some help and advice in supporting their child's home learning, we have arranged a workshop with Nicole Heard from the Behavioural Support Team on Thursday 14th January at 5:00pm. This will be a very useful session for those parents whose children find it difficult to show positive learning behaviours towards home learning.

And finally:

I am going into hospital for some minor surgery on Friday 4th December and so will be away from school for a week or so. The school will be left in the very capable hands of Mrs Bleack and our Leadership Team and so should you have any issues or concerns, she will be the person to contact. I will be maintaining close contact with the school and very much hope to attend some of the Christmas events in the final week of term.

Yours sincerely

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