



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 for the many positive comments we have received from parents following our recent parents' evenings. Your continued support and feedback is very welcome and much appreciated. The comments left in our survey responses this term about children's learning and progress are helpful in informing our planning and I include a summary of the data for the school below.

**108 surveys returned (30%)**

**48 boys**

**60 girls**

	<b>Parents' Survey Autumn Term 2016</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>1</b>	My child enjoys their learning and experiences at Sarisbury	<b>75%</b>	<b>25%</b>			
<b>2</b>	From the work I have seen and conversations I have had, my child is making good progress	<b>52%</b>	<b>47%</b>			<b>1%</b>
<b>3</b>	The work my child is set is interesting and relevant	<b>57%</b>	<b>43%</b>			
<b>4</b>	I receive helpful information about events and activities at Sarisbury	<b>65%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1%</b>		
<b>5</b>	Sarisbury responds well to any concerns or comments I raise	<b>45%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>1%</b>		<b>4%</b>

### Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

In support of our PFA's Christmas Fair, we are holding a non-uniform day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Your child will be able to wear non-uniform for a donation of a prize for the PFA **tombola**, which will be part of the Christmas Fair. Prize items could include:

- Box of chocolates
- Box of chocolate biscuits
- Chocolate bar
- Bottle of wine

### Christmas Fair – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Thank you very much for the donations already received for our Christmas Fair, which takes place after school at 3:45pm. I have been asked by the PFA to remind you that we are still in need of bottles for the adult tombola and that a plate was sent home with the children requesting donations of cakes. Your continued support for the school is very much appreciated. If you are able to offer any help on the day itself, then our PFA team would be delighted to hear from you.

### Music concerts – 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December

The choir and school orchestra will be performing some festive songs and music on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December between 6:00pm and 6:45pm in the school hall. 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 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Year 3 will be holding a clarinet concert at 11:00am on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December to share the songs they have learned; parents of children in Year 3 are warmly invited to attend.

### Year 4 Nativity – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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 shortly.

### **Carol Services at St Paul's – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

If you are free on Thursday 15<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 9:30am 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 Dinner – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Please return your child's order for their Christmas dinner on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** for our **Lower School** and **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** for our **Upper School**.

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

### **Outdoor Club Activities**

Please note that, due to the dark afternoons, this will be the last week for outdoor club activities. From 1<sup>st</sup> December, outdoor clubs will be postponed until after the Christmas break and will start again in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017; weather permitting! All other club activities at SJS will continue as normal for the next two weeks.

### **Postcards & maps from our Christmas Travels:**

Miss Dane 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. She would also appreciate children bringing a map from the places they visit; these can be easily collected from a tourist information centre. 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.

### **And finally:**

As well as our informative and helpful website, our twitter feed @sarisburyjnr (with over 90 followers so far!); we have now opened a Facebook page which can be found on Facebook @sarisburyjuniorschool (education). This is where we intend to post details of forthcoming events as well as sharing with you information about the day to day activities at SJS. It will be an ideal way for parents to keep up to date with life at our school; please add us to your list of 'friends'.

Yours sincerely

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