



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.

128 surveys returned (35%)

60 boys

68 girls

	Parents' Survey Autumn Term 2016	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	My child is happy at Sarisbury; they are well looked after and feel safe	86%	14%			
2	From the work I have seen and feedback I've had, I am aware of the progress my child is making	79%	21%			
3	My child enjoys their learning; the work they are set is interesting and relevant	77%	23%			
4	I receive helpful information about events and activities at Sarisbury	67%	33%			
5	Sarisbury responds well to any concerns or comments I raise	69%	22%			9%

Christmas Fair – Friday 1st December

Thank you very much for your fantastic support at our PFA Christmas Fair on Friday afternoon. I am delighted to report that to date, profits taken at the Fair amount to £2000 and that is likely to increase as children visit the secret room over the next few days; details of this were sent in an email earlier this week. I am very grateful for the great support and contribution of our PFA team who did a fantastic job in ensuring these events ran superbly.

Music concerts – 11th, 12th and 14th December

We are delighted to welcome Tony Linford and the Sarisbury Green Big Band to SJS on Monday 11th December. They will perform a number of jazz and Christmas favourites at an afternoon concert for the children between 2:00pm and 3:00pm.

Year 3 will be holding an African Drumming concert at 11:00am on Tuesday 12th 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 Tuesday 12th December between 6:00pm and 6:45pm 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 2:00pm in the school hall on Thursday 14th December.

Year 4 Nativity – 19th & 20th 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.

Christmas Dinner – 19th & 20th December

Please ensure that if your child has a Christmas dinner on Tuesday (LS) they must bring a packed lunch on Wednesday. Likewise, if your child is having Christmas dinner on Wednesday (US), 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.

Carol Services at St Paul's – Thursday 21st December

If you are free on Thursday 21st 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 Thursday 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 17th 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 15th January 2018; weather permitting! All other club activities at SJS will continue as normal for the next two weeks.

Book Fair

Thank you to those parents who have already made purchases at the School Book Fair today. If we sell £300 of books then the Scholastic Book Company will match that amount in a donation to the school to add to our library book stock. So far we have taken £115 and are well on the way to that total. Come along and take a look; there are some real book bargains to be had! The Book Fair is at Sarisbury until Monday 11th December and open each day until then between 3:30pm and 4:00pm.

Yours sincerely

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