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Saltford Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon.



SIAMS Report – I am absolutely delighted to share the final SIAMS report, received yesterday, with you. The inspector was extremely complimentary about the leadership team, the staff, the Governors, the children and the parental support at the school. I have extracted a couple of comments from the inspector which I feel are very important - "The vision for Saltford is: 'A vibrant, caring and supportive church school, inspiring and serving the whole community'. This vision is successfully lived out. Core values of kindness, respect and honesty permeate the work of the school and these are promoted and articulated within a distinctively Christian context."

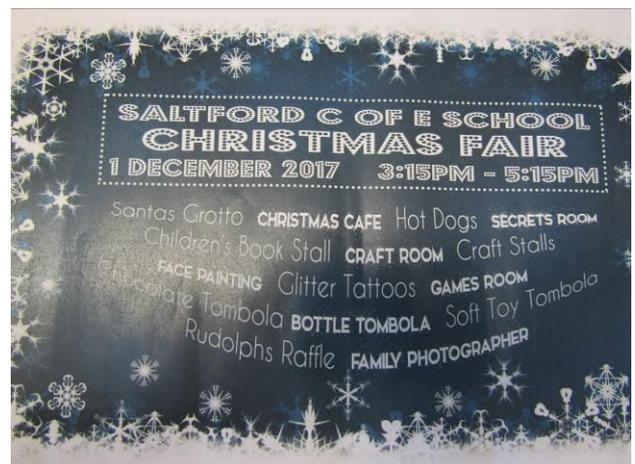
"Staff and Governors, with a special mention of Neil Baker and the Foundation Governors, work very hard to ensure that the Christian character of the school is promoted and developed in a highly effective manner." A copy of the full report can be found on our website [here](#).

Mufti Day for Christmas Fair – Thank you for your generous donations of bottles and chocolates for the Christmas Fair, they are much appreciated.

Christmas Fair - Our proactive PTA will need lots of help on the day of the Christmas Fair and beforehand for the preparations:

Help on the stalls - please try to sign up for a slot, even if it is just half an hour. You can put your name down on lists on classroom windows, via the Facebook page or by emailing PTA@saltfordschool.org.uk.

Help on Tuesday evening - This will be in the hall at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 28th November. The more helpers we have, the quicker we can finish the preparations so please come along, even if you can only spare an hour. We have sweet bags to fill, books to wrap, presents to wrap and even a spot of Christmas decorating of the hall to help with. It is a great way to meet other parents in the school who perhaps you wouldn't have crossed paths with because your children are in different year groups.



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The Christmas Fair is one of the PTA's most profitable events during the school year – all profits from this event will be returned to the school in one way or another for the benefit of the children. Do please support by helping on the stalls – we need your help and support with this popular event.

Thank you.

School Closure in the event of severe weather – I thought it would be helpful to advise you of the procedures the school will follow in the event of severe weather (these can also be found on our school website).

A decision will be reached if the school is to close as soon after 7.00am as possible. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure the school opens. The decision to close the school will be taken on the basis of the Health and Safety of the children and staff. The closure of the school will be logged on the B&NES School Closures [website](#).

A text will be sent to all parents, and details of the closure will be posted on the [News](#) page of the school website.

Please do not attempt to telephone the school.

Should the school need to close during the school day all parents will be contacted by text message. Please ensure the school has the current mobile number for the main contact. Please ensure you collect your child, or make arrangements for another adult to collect your child, as soon as possible after receiving the text message.

Children can only be sent home if they are accompanied by an adult. Staff must be sure that parents of older children who come to school on their own are at home before they are allowed to leave school.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Christmas Fair next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

D. E. Elliott

[Dates for your diary](#)

Please click on the link for access to our on-line [Parents Diary](#) – here you will find dates and events flagged for the new academic year.

Inset Days for 2017/2018:

Monday 19th February 2018

Friday 25th May 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Christmas at Salford – This [link](#) will take you to our new Christmas page on the school website. Here you will find details of all that is going on this Christmas in school including details with regards to the school Christmas Parties on Friday 8th December.



Friday 15th December – Last day of term 2.

Tuesday 2nd First day of term 3.

Friday 5th January – KS2 Pantomime Visit – KS2 children can come to school dressed as a Pantomime character.

Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th January – Access Mornings – Years 1 – 6

Friday 19th January – School Disco – More information to follow in the New Year

Friday 26th January – PTA Cake and Uniform Sale – Classes PNST & ESMN – School Hall

Term Dates 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 – Term dates and Inset days for 2017/2018 can be found on our website [here](#).

Letters sent this week – All letters sent out will be available [here](#).

Please click [here](#) to go the class page on the website, where you will find information for each class.

Wellsway Carol Concert – Year 5 & 6 only. By paper copy only.

Helping at the Christmas Fair – All years. By e-mail only.

Christmas Fair Choir – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. By paper copy only.

Nativity Ticket Ballet Form – Years R, 1 & 2 only. By e-mail only.

Slips due back:

Lighting of the Christmas Tree Years 5 & 6 only

Bike Handling Skills Years 3 & 4

Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Years 5 & 6

Christmas Fair Choir – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Nativity Ticket Ballot Form – Request form for additional tickets must be returned to school office by 29th November.

General School News:

Vacancy - Play Worker

Grade Q11 - £15,807 per annum (paid pro rata for hours worked) 6 hours 40 minutes per week.

Able to work from 12.15 pm – 1.30pm Monday - Friday.

Urgently required to join our lunchtime team supervising children during the midday break we are looking for someone who is available on a permanent basis during term time. This person will share the school's vision and values and join a caring and supportive team.

The person will need to work collaboratively and respond sensitively and confidently to the needs of the children. Most of all they will need to maintain a positive attitude and enjoy being with children ... even at wet playtimes!

For further details and an application pack please contact the School Office on 01225 872185.

Closing date Friday 8th December.

Modeshift Silver Award – Stanley B and Bella M write: On Tuesday, Stanley, Bella and Mrs Brook travelled to Swindon to attend an awards ceremony in recognition of attaining our Silver Modeshift Award last year. During the day, we played some games, created a comic strip, had a delicious lunch and took part in some drama activities. In the afternoon, we listened to the awards take place and we were absolutely delighted to receive the top prize of The Primary School of The Year 2017 in B&NES for our work on promoting sustainable travel at Saltford School. In addition, Bella won the top prize in the raffle: a colourful scooter. If you are interested in this scooter, please put your name and the amount you are prepared to pay for the scooter on a piece of paper in a sealed envelope and hand it to the office. The highest bid will be announced via email on Thursday 30th November. We will use the money raised from the silent bid to purchase a number of smaller prizes and use the Ruby Lock again after Christmas. We all thoroughly enjoyed the day and want to thank all pupils, parents and carers for continuing to support Saltford in promoting sustainable travel.



We are currently working towards achieving a gold award and would like as many children, parents and carers as possible to support our weekly WOW days. Just to remind you, we encourage you to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible but on Wednesdays, our Active Ambassadors will be recording the numbers of participants from each class to determine the winning class. Thank you to Mrs Brook for all her hard work on our travel plan.



Christmas Shopping and Supporting the School – If you are thinking about shopping on-line for Christmas this year, please take a look at our fundraising page [here](#). By shopping on-line with the retailers on the list, you will be earning money for the school at no cost to you. Of course, it's not only for use at Christmas – once you have these links set up, any shopping you do with these retailers all year around will help raise money for the school. Please share these links with family and friends.

Performing in London – Well done to Billy T, Class RJ, who performed with his Stage Coach Troupe in Her Majesty's Theatre in the West End in London on Sunday evening. Congratulations Billy.



Christmas Card Post Boxes – The Christmas Card Post Boxes will be in Reception from Monday 27th November. If your children are sending cards to their classmates, please ensure that the envelope is clearly labelled with the full name (including surname) and class of the recipient.

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Christmas Dinner – Friday 8th December – This year's Christmas Dinner will be served on Friday 8th December. This will be Week 4 of the current school dinner menu. The fish dinner on the Friday will be served on Wednesday 29th November. If your child is in Reception – Year 2 the Christmas Dinner will be free. If your child is in Year 3 – 6 and has funds on their dinner money account, the cost of the Christmas Lunch, £2.60, will be taken in the usual way. If your child does not normally have a school dinner, but would like the Christmas Lunch, a payment request has been set up on School Gateway – you can make a one-off payment of £2.60.



Christmas Menu 2017

Roast Turkey served with
Pigs in Blankets & Stuffing
Or
Vegetarian Wellington



Roast Potatoes
Served with a selection of
Fresh Festive Vegetables.



Chocolate Yule Log Cupcake
Or
Fresh Fruit Salad
Or
Christmas Pudding

Teaching

[WW Teacher of History](#)

Support

[St Johns School Administration Officer](#)

[St Johns Clerical Assistant](#)

[SBL Attendance Officer](#)

[SBL Deputy Head of House](#)

[WW Library & Literacy Coordinator](#)

[WW Administration Officer Sixth Form - closing today](#)

[WMAT Senior HR Advisor](#)

[WW Trading Community & Business Development Manager](#)

[Internal Vacancies](#)

None at present

Please refer to individual vacancy details for further information, closing date and how to apply.

EYFS/KS1 News:

Headteacher Awards:



Class SH – Hugo H – Hugo practised taking away skills with lots of different sums. He worked really well on this job.

Class SH – Thea S – Thea learnt how to do taking away sums and tried really hard to get the answers.

Class GD – Sophie H – Sophie worked really hard to write the letters and words she needed when writing about the gingerbread man.

Class GD – Zach M – Zach worked independently to build a model of a car with the big construction.

Class SEH – Fern S & Harry G-G – For super acting out of our story 'Harvey Slumpenburger's Christmas Present'. You were both brilliant.

Class RH – Lucas M & Joey O – For beautiful handwriting.

Class NJ – Teairra O & Christina R – Brilliant effort and amazing vocabulary in their Big Write.

Class ED – Seb K & Seb G – Incredible stories in Big Write.

KS2 News:

Year 3 Invasion Games - On Monday afternoon, we took Year 3 to Wellsway School for an Invasion Games Festival. Along with other Year 3 pupils from schools in the local area, the children had the opportunity to try new skills and test their sporting abilities. Despite the wet weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and went away having made new friends and played new games.

Thank you to Mrs Nethercott, Mrs Spincer, Mrs Newark and Miss Tang for accompanying the children and Cath Burston and her team of Sports Leaders and Ambassadors, many of whom were past pupils. Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to walk with us to Wellsway in the rain!



Monkton Combe Maths Challenge - On Thursday afternoon, 4 Year 6 children attended the Maths Challenge at Monkton Combe School. The competition was hard with about 12 schools entering 4 or more children. Well done to Stanley B, Benny H, Stephanie B and Hannah W. Thank you to Mrs Hathaway for transporting the children to and from Monkton Combe School.



Headteacher Awards:

Class PNST – Gabe B – Great fractions work.
 Class ESMN – Evie G-G – For having great ideas in her class work.
 Class RJ – Poppy S – Great Big Write story.
 Class NB – Millie K – For great effort in all her work.
 Class HR – Issy S – For great WOW words.
 Class AB – Maisie O – Hokasai ‘Wave’ Great thumbnail sketch.
 Class NS – Lily P & Lyla C – Great Hokasai painting.
 Class JG – Poppy H – Keeping going with challenges in maths.



We celebrate:

Ellie K – Tapathon 2017	Florence H – British Gymnastics Level 6
Jack F - Rainbow Swimming 5m	Clara F – Learn to Swim 1
Stanley B – Monkton Combe Maths Challenge	Elizabeth C – Learn to Swim 1
Hannah W – Monkton Combe Maths Challenge	Emily T – British Gymnastics Level 7
Benny H – Monkton Combe Maths Challenge	
Stephanie B – Monkton Combe Maths Challenge	
Fern S – British Gymnastics Level 6	

House News: Congratulations to – Woodpeckers - House Champions this week.

	ROBIN	OWL	WOODPECKER	GOLDFINCH
				
House Points	412	326	482	352



PTA News:

To contact the PTA – pta@saltfordschool.org.uk

To access the PTA page on the school website – please click [here](#).

Follow the PTA on Facebook – Saltford School PTA – this is a closed group and you will be asked for details of your child/children's class before you can join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1398147073751547/>

PTA AGM Minutes – These are now available to view on our [website](#).

Christmas Fair – Friday 1 December, 3.15-5.15pm

There is only ONE week to our annual Christmas fair, Santa is shining his boots, and the elves are putting the finishing touches to the stalls, we just need your help to run this event smoothly and to make it an enjoyable evening. This is the final newsletter about the fair, so please familiarise yourself with all the information below.

KEY DATES:

- **Monday 27 November** – Please bring your decorated jam jars to school, signs will be in the library to guide you where to leave them.
- **Tuesday 28 November 6:30pm** – Fair preparation in the hall, wrapping presents, filling sweet bags and decorating the hall – please come along to help if you can!
- **Thursday 30 November**– Deadline for raffle tickets to enter into the class competition. If you miss this, you can still bring your tickets and money to the fair, but they must be handed in by 5pm.
- **Friday 1 December** – Day of the Fair! All cake donations to be left in the library in the morning please

FAIR PREPERATION EVENING

This will be in the hall at 6:30pm on Tuesday 28 November. The more helpers we have, the quicker we can all get home so please come along, even if you can only spare an hour. We have sweet bags to fill, books to wrap, presents to wrap and even a spot of Christmas decorating of the hall to help with. It is a great way to meet other parents in the school who perhaps you wouldn't have crossed paths with because your children are in different year groups.

DECORATE A JAM JAR

Don't forget to collect an empty jam jar, sterilise, decorate it and fill with wrapped sweets. There will be a small prize for the best decorated Reception, KS1 and KS2 jar. These will then be used for the Sweet Jar tombola at the fair. Please put a label on the bottom of the jar with your child's name and class and bring them to the school library on the morning of Monday 27 November. Please remember NO NUT products in the jars please.

FAIR INFORMATION GUIDE

You will receive this in your child's book bag today. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the new layout and details of the fair.

IN IT TO WIN IT

During the fair we will also be selling tickets to enter our IN IT TO WIN IT competition, tickets will cost £1 each for a chance to win a £50 cash prize; kindly donated by **Salford Building Services Ltd.** Please find the ticket sellers around the fair to buy your ticket.

DONATIONS

We are still happy to receive donations up until Tuesday 28 November.

SOFT TOYS

EMPTY SCREW TOP WINE BOTTLES - we do need more of these please

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Please drop these in plastic bags and leave outside the school office in the boxes provided.

CHRISTMAS CAFÉ AND CAKE STALL

Please leave your cake donations in the library on the morning of the fair. We no longer send paper plates home in book bags as a reminder, but we will send a text out. All donations gratefully received whether they are home baked or shop bought. Thank you.

HELP AT THE FAIR

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to help so far. Please try to sign up for a slot, even if it is just half an hour, we know that everyone has their own children they wish to take to the fair so if possible maybe take it in turns with friends to help on a stall/go round with children, or even let them help you! You can put your name down by contacting Ali Williams or Ruth Presswood, or by putting your name via the Facebook page or by emailing PTA@salfordschool.org.uk

AND FINALLY...

We hope you have a great time at the Christmas Fair. We have worked hard to make this an enjoyable event for all the family.

Sports News:

Our Sports Reports will now be found on our website [here](#).

Cross Country - Following the success of some of our cross country runners at a recent event, Tom E, Holly S and Darcie B from year 5 will compete at county level this weekend at Ashton Court, Bristol. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Please see our website for booking details and club information [here](#).

End dates for Clubs during Term 2 – Due to the Christmas Productions, our Clubs will not run until the end of term:

Spanish Club – last session will be Monday 11th December.

Ricky's Football Club – last session will be Monday 1st December.

Danni's Dance Academy – last session will be Monday 20th November.

Netball Team – last session will be Tuesday 28th November.

Keyboard Club Tuesday – last session will be Tuesday 22nd November.
Gym Club Tuesday – last session will be Tuesday 22nd November.
French Club – last session will be Wednesday 6th December.
Cricket Club – last session will be Wednesday 29th November.
St Mary's After School Club – last session will be Wednesday 29th November.
Funky Art Club – last session will be Wednesday 29th November.
Girls Football Club – last session will be Thursday 16th November.
Gym Club Thursday – last session will be Thursday 23rd November.
Keyboard Club Thursday – last session will be Thursday 7th December.
Judo Club – last session will be Friday 1st December.
Netball Club – last session will be Friday 24th November.
School Football Team – last session will be Friday 24th November.

Start dates for clubs in Term 3 will be uploaded to the clubs information page on our website shortly.

Community News:

For information on [What's On](#) in our community, or check out the new website [news](#) section.

Salford Heritage Centre – Salford's new Heritage Centre was open on the first floor (upstairs) of the Church Hall for the Salford Festival 2017 in June. Over 250 people visited the Heritage Centre and the overwhelming reaction to the information displays and Salford artefacts from the Roman, Medieval, Tudor and later periods was very positive.

The Heritage Centre is a joint project from Salford Environment Group (SEG) and the Parochial Church Council (PCC). SEG and the PCC are developing this community based project in a cost-effective manner in a way that is both beneficial and of great interest to local residents. For example it is now ready to be opened for special community events whilst elements of its mobile and flexible display could support relevant events at other venues in Salford. But more importantly for Salford School, SEG is now working with our school to allow school visits from pupils so that they can learn about Salford's fascinating past and make learning about history more interesting and relevant to them.

Salford Heritage Centre has its own web page on SEG's website at <http://www.salfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk/history/history012.html>

Congratulations to the team



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