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Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter

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All the latest news is on our website:
saltfordschool.org.uk/news

A few words from Mrs Sage...

The Omicron variant of Covid-19 has very much been in the news this week, including changes to the law around precautionary measures. All parents have been emailed [this letter from Futura](#) that clarifies the situation for school. Our [website news page](#) is up to date with information about Covid-19 procedures, including testing and isolating. Of course, the aim of these measures is to be able to continue to enjoy the benefits of all being at school together, particularly at this special time of year. It's definitely feeling very Christmassy here; decorations and trees are looking really festive all around school and we are determined to have a fantastic and exciting build-up to the end of term. Thank you for all the encouragement and appreciation that the school is receiving. Our fantastic staff appreciate your understanding of the additional pressures that they are under at the moment.



FS/KS1 Nativity: we are looking forward to seeing some of the children perform in their first Nativity next Tuesday and Wednesday. We have emailed you full details of the live stream link and all safety arrangements – please do read through this before you either attend site or join remotely.

PTA Christmas activity pack: you have until Monday to order your festive fun packs from the PTA. They are great value with one £10 pack containing enough to keep a family of four entertained. [You can order here](#) or find more details [on the school website here](#).

Christmas post boxes: these are now looking lovely in the library. Children can send their cards safely to their friends by tucking envelopes closed rather than sticking them. Envelopes must be clearly marked with the recipient's name and class. ★★

Christmas lunch at school Fri 10th December: you can book a single Christmas lunch through the School Gateway system, even if your child does not usually have a school dinner. See [our Christmas page](#) for details, including free school meals. See the [Christmas lunch menu here](#). Please note, next week we will have [Friday's menu on Wednesday](#).

Christmas news on the school website: our Christmas page is live on the school website now saltfordschool.org.uk/christmas-2021. It contains all the dates, information and links you need to know to get the most out of your school Christmas. Look out for the Christmas button on our home page and news pages too.

Thank you to Mrs Vine for her very kind donation of Christmas trees for the classrooms.

Y3 cake & uniform sale: the cake sale raised £226.80 which will be split by the Y3 classes to spend on their choice of toys and games. The uniform sale raised £82 for PTA funds. Thanks to everyone who supported this. Next up are Y2 on Friday 14th January. More [details on the website here](#).

Online shopping: if you are shopping online, please consider accessing your usual stores through [the school page on The Giving Machine](#). This can generate much-needed funds for the PTA at no extra cost to you.

Community Christmas: the popular [Saltford Christmas market](#) will be on at Saltford Hall on Saturday from 10am. Good luck to everyone who is taking part in the Santa Dash, running or supporting. We hear that Santa will be putting in an appearance at both events. Also please enjoy the scarecrow trail around the village. The map of the scarecrow trail is on the SCA Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/SCACOMM/posts/4367297133325944>.

Christmas science investigations

The whole school became a Christmas laboratory today, as the children enjoyed a fun day of science with a festive theme.

Every year group joined in with a fun live lesson and were set a special investigation to help Father Christmas. Our youngest children have been helping Santa keep his reindeer warm in the chilly weather. They explored lots of cosy materials – and some not so cosy ones too! Years 3 and 4 had a mission from Santa to muffle the sound of his noisy boots so he can deliver his presents in secret. Their job was to find a material that could stop the sound of stomping and clomping. Many parents will be very interested in the results of that one, we're sure! Up in years 5 and 6, the children have been exploring how pulleys might make Santa's job easier by letting him lift more weight.

After the children had explored and discussed their tasks, they were able to share their results with other schools and see what everyone else had found out. It was lovely to see the children enjoying a day of investigation and eager to share what they found out.



Orienteering for upper KS2

On Monday, UKS2 were very lucky to be joined by Brendan Rouse from the School Sports Partnership. He came in to deliver some orienteering sessions with each of the classes.

The students were able to try out various formats of orienteering and use some of the equipment. They were shown how to use appropriate map skills to help them navigate an orienteering course, in addition to seeing how it can link to various subjects.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Teddy B & Arlo HS for amazing effort in phonics and really working hard with blending.

Butterfly: Oliver B & Alfie H for brilliant ideas when writing a letter to the Three Bears from Goldilocks!

Apple: Ezra P for an amazing story map full of ideas for our train ride story. Well done!

Pear: Toby W & Arnaav N for working independently to describe the things you might see on a train ride. Brilliant adjectives!

Palm: Harper R for a super book review on The Bear and the Piano.

Cherry: Isaac W for working hard in science, designing a healthy lunchbox using his knowledge of a balanced diet.

KS2

Lime: Kate C & Holly S for super work in PHSE all about families.

Sycamore: Florence S for a beautiful story map of the Jolly Postman's journey.

Maple: Savannah B-S for her great contributions in lessons and excellent work dividing and multiplying by 10 & 100 in maths.

Willow: Florence A & Clara F for their super teamwork in their maths work, working hard together to support each other.

Elm: Jack C for fantastic investigation into heat insulation within science. Brilliant diagrams.

Horse chestnut: Flo H for her persuasive letter to the Bath Chronicle, against graffiti, which was full of rhetorical devices.

Ash: Leon R for brilliant effort and accurate work in all maths lessons.

Oak: Tamika H for great problem solving involving improper fractions and mixed numbers.



We celebrate

Elowen & Morwenna B of Willow class for their level 3 gymnastics proficiency award badges and certificates.

Toby S of Sycamore class for being named Dancer of the Week at 3D Street Dance

Jessica T of Maple class for being named Baskerville's Gymnast of the Day.

Joshua B of Cherry class for passing his Learn to Swim level 3.

Our Year 6 children who have got parts in this year's Salford pantomime:

Daisy G, Nia J, Adrian D and Ellouise M.

Mr Bowkett who has raised £210 so far supporting Movember. Thanks to everyone who supported him.

Inconsiderate parking update

We have received an update from Salford Parish Council (SPC) to let us know that PCSOs Stuart and Lee have been looking out for parking issues during the school run times.

Inconsiderate and unlawful parking experienced by residents living near the school was raised during SPC's recent 'Meet Your Community Police Officer' meeting. It was noted that the school regularly reminds parents why it is important to park considerately. Stuart mentioned that staff in Bath also want a focus on this issue, so we hope that these patrols will be a more regular occurrence.

Stuart is Salford School's link officer and he can be emailed directly at

stuart.quinn@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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Doodle winter calendar

The Winter Calendar is now live, a seasonal challenge where your child can unlock festive rewards by Doodling daily!

Between the 1st and 24th of December, encourage your child to complete an x-a-day exercise each day in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish to unlock a calendar door. They'll find accessories in DoodleMaths and the parts to build Santa's sleigh in DoodleEnglish. And if they open all of the doors, they'll also receive a virtual Winter Calendar badge!

Find out more with this [short video](#) and [article](#), or visit [Doodle's Help Centre](#) and click on the green icon to chat to their team.



Flu immunisation

Nasal spray vaccinations will be taking place in school on Monday 10th January. In order to ensure their children receive protection against flu, parents have been requested to:

- Ensure you have your child/ren's NHS number
- Either consent to or decline the vaccination spray.

All details and extra information from Public Health England are available [on the school website here](#).

See all dates on our online calendar for parents here!



Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

OUR CHRISTMAS PAGE IS NOW LIVE

Monday 6th December: order deadline for [PTA festive fun packs](#).

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th

December 9.15am: [FS/KS1 Nativity](#)

Thu 9th Dec 7.30pm: [Y6 Lighting of the Christmas tree](#) at Salford Hall.

Friday 10th Dec: [Christmas lunch](#)

Friday 10th Dec: wear own Christmas clothes in exchange for raffle donations.

Friday 10th Dec: class Christmas parties

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th

December 9.15am: [Y3 – 5](#)

[Christingle services](#) at school

Thursday 16th December: [PTA raffle](#) prize draw.

Friday 17th December: end of T2

Tuesday 4th January: first day of T3

Monday 10th January: flu vaccines

NB: T6 ends on Thurs 21st July.

Saturday 4th Dec: Salford

Christmas Market at Salford Hall

Now to 5th December: Salford

[Christmas scarecrow trail](#) along with the [Santa Dash](#) on **Sunday 5th Dec.**

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT



Another fantastic performance from our Y6 girls' football team on Tuesday when they played against St Saviours in the next round of the Bath & District Schools Cup Competition. Congratulations on your 6-1 result!



Our Y5 boys' team played against Moorlands Junior School in their first round of the Bath & District Schools Cup Competition. Congratulations on going through with a 2-1 result!

