

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- New year
- Aspiration and careers
- Census day lunch
- Futura clerk vacancy
- Football news
- Y2 cake sale



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

A few words from Mrs Sage...

'Happy new year' and welcome back to a new term. As we begin 2022 many of us traditionally set promises or make resolutions for the new year and we have used this opportunity to enthuse children in assemblies so they can think about aspirations for the year ahead. Please do read the article below inviting you to tell us about your careers - either live or pre-recorded – so that we can share this with the children. As a school, we continue to face challenges as we still learn to live with Covid. Your support is more vital than ever to ensure that your child gets the very best out of their time at school. Arriving at school on time each day, completing their homework, especially completing their reading record or planner with what they read at home each day, and supporting school activities makes a significant difference to your child as well as the school.



Census day special lunch: even if your child does not normally have a school lunch, please think about ordering one for next Thursday 20th Jan as this is census day. Our school funding is helped by the number of children in Foundation Stage & Key Stage One who take a school dinner on that day. There is a special menu – [please see details here](#).

Futura clerk vacancy: a vacancy has arisen for a Clerk to the Board of Trustees. Reporting to the Chair of the Board, your principle role will be to provide support for meetings of the Board and its committees, which will include attending all meetings and producing detailed minutes. For more information and the application process please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/clerk-to-the-board-1123466>. The closing date for applications is today, Thursday 13 January 2022, 23:59.

Football news: we hosted Oldfield Park Juniors last Friday for the Y5 football cup competition. Both teams were very sporting in the face of wintry conditions; congratulations to our Y5s on their win. See [the full report and photos on our website here](#). Good luck to our Y6 girls who are playing away at St Keyna today and the Y6 boys playing at home v. Widcombe tomorrow.

Y2 cake and uniform sale: please [support the sales](#) tomorrow after school. The delicious treats will be on sale outside the Y4 classes and uniform will be on sale in the hall as usual. All money raised is spent by the classes on games and activities for their own classrooms.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Audrey G for really hard work in carpet times with lots of contribution and considered answers.

Butterfly: Bella O for an amazing story map of Red Riding Hood.

Apple: Alfie R for working hard in all his lessons and super labelling of a digger. Well done Alfie!

Pear: Ruby S, Ryan G, Sophie T & Amelia M for trying incredibly hard with their handwriting. You are doing so well with your joining up!

Palm: Frankie M for super sentence work on The Building Boy. Well done for your creative ideas.

Cherry: Niall T for really working on deepening the moment in our Write Stuff work on Building Boy and adding lots of similies.

KS2

Lime: Eliza B & Jennifer C for great work reflecting on their favourite books in English.

Sycamore: Darcy C for a beautiful piece of snowflake artwork.

Maple: Esther W for her lovely presentation and work translating items found in the classroom into French. Super work!

Willow: Sophie H for her detailed map work locating the countries of the Mayan civilisation.

Elm: Jenson J for brilliant work in maths on long multiplication.

Horse chestnut: Logan McN for his politeness, taking responsibility and for all his effort in class.

Ash: Adrian D for producing innovative writing full of imaginative vocabulary.

Oak: Tom M for effective use of short sentences to create drama in his writing.



Aladdin comes to Saltford School



All the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves last Friday when the pantomime Aladdin was beamed into everyone's classroom! Cheering, laughter and songs echoed throughout the buildings for what was a truly magical and memorable experience. Thank you to all of the parents and carers for their efforts with the children's costumes; they all looked amazing and it was so difficult to choose the winning ones. We hope you enjoy the selection of photos below. Our thanks to Mrs Brook and Mr Bowkett for organising such a lovely event and to the PTA for funding it.

We celebrate

Our panto fancy dress winners:
Tilly M, Bumblebee; Bradley W, Pear;
Orla S, Cherry; Darcey C, Sycamore;
Maisie E, Maple; Pip C, Horse chestnut; Elen D, Ash.
Best Dame: Cam H, Oak
Best overall: Ben T, Apple

Lois A, Willow class, for her swimming stage 7 award

Martha A, Apple class, for her swimming stage 2 award

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Letters sent

Year 3 stone age experience

Respond by Thu 20th Jan

Year 6 leavers' hoodies and celebration

Respond by Sat 5th Feb

Year 4 dance umbrella

Respond by Fri 14th Jan



Careers insight for all children

We seek to inspire our whole school to love learning and to complement this we look to provide exciting opportunities for our pupils. To support this aim, we would like to invite visitors from both our parent and wider community, to talk to the pupils about their careers. By inviting visitors, we hope to promote equality of opportunity, where all our pupils are fully aware of careers they could have in the future, perhaps careers that are different from those they are familiar with from their family experience. When taking part in a lesson, we encourage children to think about the skills they would need to be a scientist, a historian, an artist etc. It is encouraging for children to understand how they are already developing their skills and knowledge towards a fulfilling career.

If you could offer some of your time to talk to the pupils within an assembly, please [fill out this form by clicking this link](#). It will ask you to indicate whether you would be happy to talk to the whole school or smaller phase groups. We would ask that you are prepared to deliver a short presentation about what you do and answer some questions from the pupils. Alternatively, it may be that, due to availability, you would prefer to pre-record your talk instead. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch so far; we will be in touch soon to arrange the next steps.

See all dates on our [online calendar for parents here!](#)



Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

Friday 14th January 3.15pm: Y2 cake sale.

Thursday 20th January: census day with special lunch.

Thursday 20th January 6pm on Zoom: Y6 support and transition meeting.

Tuesday 1st February: beginning of Mental Health Awareness Week

Tuesday 8th February: Safer Internet Day 'All fun and games?'

Friday 11th February 3.15pm: Y5 cake sale.

Thursday 17th February: end of term 3.

Friday 18th February: INSET day

Monday 28th February: beginning of term 4.

Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th March: access afternoons.

Thursday 31st March & Monday 4th April: consultation evenings.

Please note that term 6 ends on Thursday 21st July.

See [Community notices for local events and activities coming up.](#)

Term dates for this and the next academic year are on our website: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates.

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT PANTO SPECIAL





Urgent call for support

Be part of the national effort to support face-to-face education in schools

Covid-19, and the Omicron variant in particular, continues to impact schools and we are concerned that it may affect our ability to continue to offer face-to-face education to children and young people.

We are asking for parents, carers and members of our community who would be interested in taking on paid employment for a temporary period, to come forward to support our schools and our children and young people through this difficult time.

Who can help?

We are inviting qualified ex-teachers to come forward to join a supply register to help teach children on a temporary basis. You may be retired, taking time off to care for children or others, or currently working in a different area, but you may be able to spare some time to help.

We are also inviting people who could help with other roles such as administration, caretaking and lunch-time supervision, to come forward.

Your time will be invaluable, whatever you can spare - whether it is one day a week or five. You will be helping protect children and young people's education.

You may wish to work in a particular school or a group of schools - whatever you can offer will be much appreciated and will make a difference.

For more information, or to register your interest, please contact:

enquiries@futuralearning.co.uk

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Big Bath Sleep-Out

In her assembly next week, Mrs Spincer will be talking about helping others in need. Please see the information about [the Big Bath Sleep-Out](#) if you are interested in supporting the work of Julian House. This charity supports vulnerable and at-risk individuals, adults and young people.

Alice Park | 4th March 2022

Join us and sleep out in the park or at home and raise vital funds to help those forced to sleep out every night.

One night could make the difference.



Julian House
The home of opportunity

Sign up today:

bigbathsleepout.co.uk

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