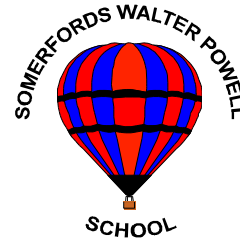


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BIRTHDAY



No Birthdays this week



RAINBOWS



Mia, Bertie
Fin, Fred, Ella
Dylan, Nola, Jack N
Katie, Liam, Rory



STAR OF THE WEEK

Charlie H



WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Thomas, Isla, Riley



1. PRE-SCHOOL / KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE - 'SHINE STAR, SHINE'

Key stage 1 children together with Pre-school will be performing 'Shine Star, Shine' on Wednesday 7th December at 2.00pm. In book bags today you will find further details and a reply slip to return to the school office with your ticket requests. Please return the reply slips to the school office by Wednesday 30th November to enable the tickets to be allocated in plenty of time.



2. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you for all the shoe boxes that were donated for Operation Christmas Child. They were collected on Thursday morning and taken to the nearest drop off point in Malmesbury before making their journey for international despatch to their final destination.

3. CHILDREN IN NEED 2016

Today everyone looked very bright and colourful in their spotty / children in need clothing as we supported Children in Need 2016.

The school council collected £40.72 from the children arriving at school this morning and they organised a game in the school hall which involved balancing on one leg on a colourful spot!!

A Pudsey Bear badge was awarded to the person who remained balanced the longest from each class. Congratulations to Josh, Arwen and Rebecca. Thank you for all your support.

4. THANK YOU

We would like to express our thanks to Mr Chandler who kindly visited our Key stage 1 children on Monday afternoon and shared his experiences of the Second World War and being an evacuee. The children listened well and asked a lot of interesting questions during the visit.

5. PANTOMIME / SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

In book bags last week we sent home letters regarding the forth coming pantomime trip and school Christmas lunch, please return both reply slip and money (if applicable) to the school office before next Friday 25th November, although early replies would be much appreciated.

6.  **SHASA CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

Thank you for the hamper goodies that have already been donated.

As part of our ongoing fundraising SHASA - Somerfords' Home and School Association - is again this year holding a Christmas Hamper Draw.

We will be preparing a Seasonal Hamper with amazing goodies, which someone lucky will be able to take home for Christmas! Tickets for the draw will be sold as before at the Fourway Stores and at school events in December.

SHASA would like to ask for the support of parents in the form of donations for the Hamper; for example: *mince pies, crackers, puddings, seasonal napkins, chutneys, wrapping paper, chocolates, seasonal nibbles or tipples, candles, are just a few ideas...*

Please leave any donations for the hamper in the school office before the 30th November.

Your support is very much appreciated, and enables SHASA to continue providing the little extras and essentials like funding the cost of the coach to the Pantomime. Thank you.

7. **CHRISTMAS POSTBOX - Advance Notice!!**

The Christmas post box will be in place in the Library on Monday 5th December with one delivery per day. Please remember to put surnames and year groups on the envelopes so it gets to the correct person!

8.  **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

On Friday 16th December we will be supporting Save the Children in their annual Christmas Jumper Day. Wear your favourite Christmas jumper or decorate your school jumper with tinsel or dig out a winter woolly and get creative with sequins and snowflakes!! We would suggest a £1 donation to the charity.

9. **STILL NEED TO PURCHASE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS??**

During the summer term 2015 we invited a local artist Jennie Quigley to work with all the children on an R.E / Art project, focusing on Christian symbols and we are very proud of the end result which is displayed in the school hall.

We are delighted to announce that we have a stock of some cards made with the image and are now selling these through the school office at a cost of £3.50 for 10 cards. If you would like to purchase any, please place your money in a named sealed envelope in the office. A sample card is placed in both key stage windows and would make perfect Christmas cards or notelets.

10. **MALMESBURY SCHOOL CONSULTATION**

Malmesbury School is currently consulting on its 2018/19 admissions arrangements. If any parent wishes to see or comment on the draft policy, please contact the school office for an emailed copy or a hard copy. Jo Cummings, Clerk to the Governors, can be contacted either by email

admin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk

Post: Malmesbury School, Corn Gastons, Malmesbury, SN16 9PE or by Telephone on 01666 829700.

11.  **SEAGRY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Seagry School are holding their Christmas Bazaar on Friday 2nd December 2016 between 3.30-5.30pm. There will be lots of children's activities / games, crafts, stalls, Tombola and the Christmas Café.

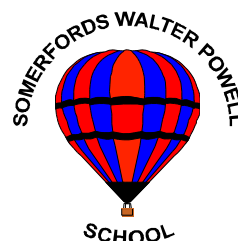
12. **YEARS 5/6 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL**

Unfortunately due to the awful weather on Thursday afternoon the Year 5/6 Football Festival was postponed. The Football festival has been rearranged for Thursday 1st December 2016.

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13. YEARS 5/6 NETBALL FESTIVAL

We would like to wish our Years 5/6 Netball team all the best in their festival next Thursday afternoon. Match report to follow next week.

14. BREAKFAST CLUB - W/C Monday 21st November 2016

The booking forms for Breakfast Club can now be found on our school website for your convenience. Paper copies are available from the school office.

Based on replies received

Breakfast Club will be available each morning w/c Monday 21st November 2016

FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BOOKED ONLY

Breakfast Club: - cash or cheques payable to Grassroots Sports Academy (Thursday FOC)

15.



STRICTLY SALSA!!

A date for your 2017 diaries - The Church Roof Committee are holding a 'Strictly Salsa' evening on Saturday 28th January 2016 from 7.00pm at Walter Powell School. Tickets are priced at £12.50 per person. They have booked a Salsa dance teacher for the evening to teach us some steps and you can enjoy drinks from the bar and light refreshments during the evening. Tickets will be for sale from the school office in January!

16. MRS ROWE

If you would like to contact Mrs Rowe please do so via her email address, or the school office: head@walterpowell.wilts.sch.uk, Tel: 01249 720797

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - new entries for your diaries in bold * = more details to follow

AUTUMN TERM - Term 2

Thurs 24 th Nov	Years 5/6 Netball Festival
Fri 2 nd Dec	Seagry School Christmas Bazaar 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tues 6 th Dec	Nativity 9.30am to 10.30am - Dress Rehearsal
Tue 6 th Dec	Last Gymnastics Club - Term 2
Weds 7 th Dec	Nativity 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Wed 7 th Dec	Last Football Club - Term 2
Thurs 8 th Dec	Last Tag Rugby Club - Term 2
Thurs 8 th Dec	SHASA Christmas Cake Sale *
Fri 9 th Dec	Last Multi Sports Club - Term 2
Weds 14 th Dec	School Trip to pantomime*
Thurs 15th Dec	Library Bus - Book returns only
Thurs 15 th Dec	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Party*
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day*
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Carol Service at Somerfords' Walter Powell School*
Fri 16 th Dec	Last day of term

SPRING TERM - Term 3

Tue 3 rd Jan	TD Day
Wed 4 th Jan	Return to School - Term 3
Mon 9 th Jan	First Choir Club - Term 3
Tue 10 th Jan	First Fizz Pop Science - Term 3
Tue 10 th Jan	First Gymnastics Club - Term 3
Wed 11 th Jan	First Football Club - Term 3
Mon 6 th Feb	Last Choir Club - Term 3
Tue 7 th Feb	Last Fizz Pop Science Club - Term 3
Tue 7 th Feb	Last Gymnastics Club - Term 3
Wed 8 th Feb	Last Football Club - Term 3
Fri 10 th Feb	Last Day of School - Term 3

2016/2017 TEACHER DEVELOPMENT DAYS

~~Thursday 1st September 2016, Friday 2nd September 2016, Monday 31st October 2016~~
Tuesday 3rd January 2017, Monday 20th February 2017, Monday 5th June 2017

2017/2018 TRAINING DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Friday 1st September 2017

ITEMS IN BOOK BAGS THIS WEEK

1) Nativity Ticket request letter - Reception / Key stage 1 Only

HOME CONTACT MESSAGES SENT THIS WEEK

- 1) Tuck Shop Money reminders - specific children
- 2) Football Festival - Team players only
- 3) Library Bus
- 4) Football Festival - Postponed - Team players only
- 5) Missing Red Polo Shirt - Reception / Key stage 1 only