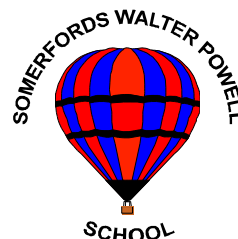


SOMERFORDS' WALTER POWELL

NEWSLETTER - NO 11

25th November 2016



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BIRTHDAY



Jack N



RAINBOWS



Amelia, Jack T
Leo, Esme, Fred, Paige
Arwen, Ella B, Ella-Rose
Isla, Jack, Reuben, Rory



STAR PERFORMER



Ruby S



STAR OF THE WEEK

Eve



WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Josh, Ella



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 last week you would of found 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. SHASA AGM

SHASA (Somersfords' Home & School Association) are holding their AGM in the Community Room at 4.30pm on Monday 28th November. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

SHASA support the school in many ways (providing refreshments, second hand uniform sales and holding fundraising events to raise money for the 'little extras' for our children).

If you would like to find out more about SHASA or would like to join the committee please contact the school office or attend the AGM on Monday.

3. CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 2016

This year we will be holding our end of term Carol Service in the School Hall at 2.00pm as the Church is currently not accessible during the week.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the service.

4. CHRISTMAS LUNCH - DATE CHANGE

As previously notified by Home Contact earlier this week we have changed the day that we are cooking and serving the Christmas Lunch in school. Our school Christmas Lunch will now be on Friday 16th December. We have cancelled all Chartwells meals for Friday 16th December for you, however, **you will need to log onto the Chartwells website and order a cooked meal for your child if required for Thursday 15th December 2016. This will need to be actioned by midnight on Sunday 4th December.**

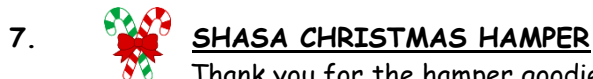
5. LITTLE SOMERFORD CAROLS BY THE TREE

We would like to inform you a local Christmas event. Little Somerford Carols by the Tree event is being held on Friday 16th December at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome.



CHILDREN IN NEED 2016

6. The final total raised at school (including a sweepstake in the staff room) has raised £66.72 for Children in Need 2016. Thank you again for everyone's support.



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.

8. 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!



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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

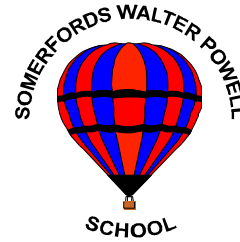
12. SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have recently been adding some photographs of school events onto the school website. Please view it at www.walterpowell.wilts.sch.uk and click on 'School News' if you would like to take a look.

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13.  **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.

14. **FOOTBALL CLUB CANCELLATION - WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2016**

We have decided to cancel the afterschool football club on Wednesday 7th December as we will be serving refreshments after the Key stage 1 Nativity performance.

We have spoken to Grassroots and they have agreed that for any child who is currently on the register for football club can reduce next terms club payment by £3.00 for the cancelled lesson.

15. **YEARS 5/6 NETBALL FESTIVAL**

Yesterday afternoon children from Years 5 and 6 entered a Netball Festival at Malmesbury School.

They all played with great enthusiasm, good team spirit and played a total of 7 games. They were 11th overall in the competition and should be very proud of their achievements.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport to and from the event and also to Miss Ketcher for coaching the team.

16. **BREAKFAST CLUB - W/C Monday 28th 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 28th November 2016

FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BOOKED ONLY

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

17.  **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!

18. **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

Wed 30th Nov	Last Football Club - Term 2
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	No Football Club
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 15 th Dec	Library Bus - Book returns only
Thurs 15 th Dec	Christmas Party*
Fri 16th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Carol Service at Somerfords' Walter Powell School - 2.00pm
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) The Signpost - Children who lives outside the distribution area
- 2) Letter regarding change of date for School Christmas Lunch

HOME CONTACT MESSAGES SENT THIS WEEK

- 1) School Collection - Weather conditions
- 2) Choir Club - Monday
- 3) Change of date for School Christmas Lunch
- 4) Football Club - Cancellation
- 5) Additional Pantomime Tickets (specific parents)