



SANDWICH INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter Christmas 2020

We are determined to make sure that Christmas is as special as it possibly can be for the children this year. Although it will be different it will still be magical!

Nativity Performances

It was with sadness that we had to accept that we would not be performing a Nativity play to you this year. However, the children will be learning songs from Shine, Star, Shine which we performed for parents in 2018. The children will be singing within their own classrooms rather than in the hall together inline with government guidance.

Christmas Lunch

We have traditional Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. Please make sure you complete the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KHKCZ38> to let us know that you want your child to have Christmas dinner. If your child chooses to have a packed lunch you might want to make it a little more special on that day. The children will be eating in their classrooms rather than all in the hall at the same time as we would do normally at Christmas.

Friends of Sandwich Infant School (FOSIS)

Please go and look at the Christmas tree in the Guildhall Forecourt. Your donations together with items purchased by The Friends have helped the children make some fabulous decorations. The Friends have also provided wooden shapes for the children to bring home for your Christmas tree. Each child will be receiving a present from Father Christmas with help from The Friends. I must thank Kate Barber-Perez, Jo Fright and Christina Sharples for all their hard work.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be holding this on Friday 11th December in aid of Save the Children by wearing Christmas jumpers instead of school sweatshirts (normal uniform otherwise). This does not have to be bought – you are welcome to decorate a school sweatshirt for the occasion. The suggested donation for children is £1.

Christmas cards and presents

We have been asked what we are doing about Christmas cards and presents this year. Please

bring in any Christmas cards for children or adults by Friday 11th December. THEY SHOULD NOT BE HANDED OUT BUT PLACED IN THE CLASS POSTBOX BY YOUR CHILD. These will then be isolated for 72 hours before being sorted. Each child will bring home a sealed plastic bag with their Christmas cards and presents on the last day of term. It is up to you how long you choose to leave it before opening the bag. I think it would be very sad if you are not able to show your appreciation of your child's teachers by giving them a gift this year – they have worked tirelessly and with good humour throughout these terms. I would suggest that the presents or packaging are wipeable rather than a textile or homemade sweets or cakes.

Children in Need

We raised an incredible £436 – thank you so much for your generosity.

Co-op Local Causes.

If you have not already done so, please go on-line and sign up to the local cause on our behalf. So far we have £156.31.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you for your patience during our virtual parents' evenings. I apologise if you were one of the appointments which did not work as well as it should have done. The majority were very successful and seemed preferable to sitting around in the school waiting for your appointment. Any feedback would be welcome. Because things did not go smoothly we have been given the software free for this academic year.

Academy Consultation

So far we have had 30 parents respond to the survey. It closes on Friday 18th December so please do take part – we really appreciate your thoughts. Year two parents are just as valued for their opinions despite the fact your child will be leaving us in July.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SISAquilaResponse>

Thank you once again for your support and patience during the pandemic. Your positive comments and acceptance of everything we have put into place has made my life as a headteacher so much easier than it might have been. I really do appreciate how lucky I am. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2021

Dates for your Diary

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Friday 18th December 2020	End of Term Two
Monday 4th January 2021	Beginning of Term Three for Staff (Staff Development Days)
Wednesday 6th January 2021	Beginning of Term Three for Children
Friday 15th January 2020	Cinematic TIE performance of Wizard of Oz
Friday 5th February 2021	Number Day
Monday 8th February 2021	Beginning of Safety Week
Friday 12th February 2021	End of Term Three
Monday 22nd February	Beginning of Term Four for Staff (Staff Development Day)
Tuesday 23rd February 2021	Beginning of Term Four for Children