

**Salisbury Primary Newsletter**  
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**Christmas Performances**

All of the staff would like to say a huge WELL DONE to all of our wonderful children for their incredible performances in our Christmas shows this week.

First of all, our EYFS children performed their annual Christmas Nativity to friends and parents on Wednesday morning. The children did themselves proud with their wonderful performance: they learnt and delivered their lines extremely well and sang loud and clear for all to hear! Well done children - and to our EYFS staff as well for organising such a wonderful performance

Secondly, Year 1 to 6 spent Thursday morning at Darlaston Town Hall rehearsing their play 'The Christmas Jigsaw' before performing it to over 180 family members in the afternoon. It was a truly special occasion, and once again the children did themselves proud with the effort they put in to this show. Once more, we must congratulate the children for their efforts and every staff member in KS1 and KS2 for the hard work involved in getting this show on to the stage.

As always, we would also like to thank parents and carers for supporting your children by attending these shows - it really is a team effort!

**School Awards**

Salisbury Primary received some very exciting news recently: as well as winning an award for having the best KS1 results this year (which was included on Issue 2 of our Newsletter in October), we have also been recognised for our incredible KS2 results. Out of 97 schools in Walsall, we have the 5<sup>th</sup> best progress in Reading; the 11<sup>th</sup> best progress in Writing; and the 11<sup>st</sup> best progress in Maths. In addition to these achievements, we have also been recognised nationally: our KS2 children make 'above average' progress in Writing and 'well above average' progress in Reading and Maths. Overall this means our results show that we are the 5<sup>th</sup> best school in Walsall!

None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our children, staff and supportive parents/carers. A big well done and thank you to all involved!

**Magic Breakfast**

You have probably noticed over the past half term that the children have been able to enjoy a delicious breakfast each and every morning when they enter school. Nursery and Reception children now enjoy a free bowl of cereal each morning, and all of the older children who enter school through the main gate are able to receive a free bagel - every single day! We know that lots of our children have been taking full advantage of this free breakfast, and we are delighted at the positive feedback we have received from children and family members. Please do encourage your child to have a bagel each morning, as a good breakfast will prepare your child for a fun-filled day packed with learning.

**Music Assembly**

Our very talented child performed the skills they have been learning in music lessons during their Music Assembly on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Well done to all children who participated - you are all wonderful musicians! Thank you also to Mr Hall who has worked tirelessly so far this year to provide excellent musical opportunities for the children.

**Bug Club & Times Table Rockstars**

The children are having lots of fun progressing in their reading and maths learning by reading books on Bug Club and practising their times tables on TT Rockstars. Please encourage your child to access these resources at home by visiting the following websites:

Bug Club → [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

TT Rockstars → [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

Please ask your teacher if you have forgotten your log-in details!

### **Staffing Changes**

Sadly, it is time for us to say goodbye to Mrs Phillipides who has been supporting the teachers in KS1 this year. She leaves us in order to start a new business venture in the new year. We are sure she will be extremely successful and wish her all the best for her new adventure!

Also leaving us today (albeit temporarily) are Mrs Gregory and Mrs Pang, who are both leaving to have their babies! We wish them and their families all the best for the birth of their children.

We also have some exciting news: as Mrs Gregory will not be with us for a period of time, Mrs Bayley has been appointed as our Acting Assistant Headteacher until Mrs Gregory returns. We are sure Mrs Bayley will do a wonderful job in this role and wish her every success!

### **Water Bottles**

As you already know, every child in the school has been provided with their own special, personalised Salisbury water bottle. Your child's class teacher has labelled each bottle with your child's name.

Please make sure you take care of this bottle: although the school have paid for them, it is the responsibility of the children to look after the bottle during the day and for parents/carers to wash the bottle each evening.

### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parents' Evening on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December. We appreciate parents and carers taking the time to complete our parent questionnaire on these evenings, and are delighted to inform you that the findings have been overwhelmingly positive. The results of this questionnaire will be shared with you in a letter in January, where you will also have an invitation to meet the Headteacher (Mrs Steen) to discuss any positive aspects of the school or to suggest improvements. It is important to us as a school that your voices are heard as parents, and we hope many of you take advantage of this opportunity.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Back to school for ALL pupils

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - CDI (Behaviour) Assembly

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - KS2 SATs Meeting for Year 6 parents

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - 5/6MW Assembly

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Maths Workshop (3:30 - 4:30) for ALL parents

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 - 5/6HB Assembly

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January - 5/6ZB Assembly

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - 3/4KS Assembly

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - 3/4SH Assembly

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Break up for half term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Back to school

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - 3/4NU Assembly

KS1 and EYFS Assembly dates will follow in the new year!

### **And finally...**

2018 has been an incredibly successful year for Salisbury. Our children and staff have achieved amazing results in EYFS, KS1 and KS2; on top of this, we continue to show that our children make incredible progress between each Key Stage, which is a testament to the attitude and skill of our pupils and teaching staff. The children have taken part in many different exciting experiences, from our whole-school visit to Llandudno in July to performing on stage to over 180 people at the Town Hall, and so many exciting events in between!

We are sure that 2019 will be equally successful and are excited to see what the next 12 months may bring, and we look forward to continuing our work in partnership with yourselves next year.

**We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you all in the new year!**