

# THE FRIDAY FLYER

## GREAT SAMPFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL



EDITION 6.13

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### Ath' I news for you...

A message from the Head Teacher

I have said it before and I will say it again - Great Sampford Primary School really does have the best children with the best staff and the best families. It really is a special place filled with unique qualities. I thank you all for being a wonderful school community and for making my job a privilege.

This morning was my final celebration assembly; it was incredibly emotional but at the same time, utterly bonkers! I was overwhelmed with the kind words that the staff shared as they each in turn, awarded me with a kingfisher. There will be an additional assembly on Monday 19 December that I will be sharing information about shortly.

Miss Reis and I have begun the handover and fortunately, as Miss Reis knows the school so well, it has been a very straight forward task. I look forward to my final 12 days at this remarkable school and will certainly enjoy welcoming you to our Christmas performances next week. The pantomime will be a very enjoyable end to the week. Enjoy your weekend everybody. *Mr Athanasios*

#### SAMPFORD SMILES CONGRATULATIONS

Wilf Daisy  
Henry Matilda  
Blake Vinny Oliver  
Florence Ezra  
Brock Fergus  
Freddie Mr A. (x4!)

#### KINGFISHERS WELL DONE

Mr A. x10

#### HEAD TEACHER AWARDS

Poppy Bella Tilly  
Brock Bea  
Isabella  
Freddie Annabelle  
River-Lily



#### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

##### Christmas Stories

Gather together your ideas as a family and tell a Christmas Story, one line at a time. You could act out the parts. Who will play which characters?

##### Seasonal Tunes

How about writing your very own seasonal song? You could begin by re-writing the lyrics to a famous song... head to YouTube for a karaoke backing track.

##### Christmas Quiz

There are many Christmas quizzes available but can you design your own one? The theme could be the 12 days of Christmas or a winter wonderland. You could quiz members of your family.





**Audley End Visit**

Robin Class had a wonderful time at Audley End this week, they even met Santa! It was a wonderful experience and has certainly been the start of a Christmas feeling for the children and staff. Thank you to the PTA for supporting this visit.

**Pantomime - Friday 9 December**

We hope that you are excited about the trip to the pantomime - all of the information you need is on parent hub but please ask the office if you are not sure. Most importantly, we will provide snacks and water for the trip but you will need a packed lunch for our return. Please be reminded that the children will arrive back to school and eat their lunch later than normal. It is sure to be an excellent experience. Thank you to everyone

**Christmas Plays**

We are looking forward to welcoming the grown ups to school next week to watch our Christmas plays. We have tried to accommodate additional ticket requests as much as possible but sadly, fire regulations, health and safety rules have restricted us. We appreciate your support and cooperation. Extended family are very welcome to join us on zoom or during the rehearsals on Monday.

**Tuesday Only: 711 406 9777 - kingfisher**

**Christmas Cards**

The Christmas card post box is outside Mr A.'s office. Please remember to write names and classes on the envelopes. The last post will be on Thursday 15 December.

**Christmas Lunch**

Please note the revised date for the children's Christmas lunch at school. Mrs Thorpe will now be serving Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 14 December** and not as previously advised. It will be really yummy!

**The Spirit of Christmas Event**

Please join our choir at the Spirit of Christmas Event tomorrow, Saturday 3 December starting at 1:30pm. This year, the event will be held at St Mary's Church in Saffron Walden. Thank you to Miss Swain for training our choir and ensuring that the children are fully prepared for their performance. Please meet Miss Swain at the South Gate entrance of the church from 12:45pm ready for the rehearsal. Thank you.

**'Post Panto' Christmas Party - 9 Dec**

The PTA have organised an event for the children to enjoy after the pantomime on Friday. Please collect your children as normal and head to the hall for a mini festive fair. It will be the start of the village celebrations that are organised for the community to enjoy. The PTA have sent out some further information on parent hub. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 8 Dec**

It is that time of year again when everybody can wear a Christmas Jumper to school. Please remain in your school uniform but replace your cardigan or school jumper with a Christmas one.

**Christingle**

Please join us for the **Christingle** service at Saint Michael's Church on Friday 16 December at 9:15am. Everybody welcome.

**Puffin & Swift - Christmas Play - 6pm**

The children in Puffin and Swift Class are very much looking forward to presenting this year's Christmas play on Tuesday. Please bring your child to Swift class between 5:30pm-5:45pm. The village hall doors will open at 5:45pm for the audience, we are grateful of your patience. Remember your tickets! Please collect your child from Swift class at the end of the performance. Thank you.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****December**

Monday 5	Christmas Plays - Dress Rehearsals
Tuesday 6	Christmas Plays
Thursday 8	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9	Pantomime Visit Yr 1 - 6
Friday 9	PTA Post Panto Party 3pm-5pm
Wednesday 14	Christmas Lunch for Everyone
Friday 16	Christingle Service
Tuesday 20	Mr A.'s Last Day

**January**

Thursday 5	First Day of Spring Term
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**CHRISTMAS EVENTS****Tuesday 6 December - Christmas Plays**

**2pm - Robin Class & Eagle Class**

**6pm - Puffin Class & Swift Class**

**Thursday 8 December - Christmas Jumper Day****Friday 9 December**

**Pantomime Visit Yr 1-6**

**Christmas Fair/Post Panto Party 3pm**

**Wed 14 Dec - Christmas Lunch****Friday 16 December**

**9:15am Christingle Service@ St. Michaels**