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With the arrival of the Coca-Cola truck at Fox Valley this week, the words, 'Holidays are coming ...' are ringing in our ears! Our tree is up in the school hall, the corridors are decorated and even a few of those sneaky elves seem to have appeared around school. One great pleasure this month is hearing the children in the hall rehearsing for their Christmas performances. Although we enjoyed our Christmas Carol Zooms last year, they just didn't feel the same. Although we are not able to invite you into school to watch our Christmas plays, we hope that watching the film versions during the last week of term will be the next best thing!

It's definitely beginning to look a lot like Christmas ...



SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Charlie Brocklesby
- Y4CG: Sarah Tompkin
- Y5GG: Sarah Reale
- Y6ER: Miley McCoid
- Y3JT: Olly Johnson
- Y4KT: Lyla Carr
- Y5HK: Delyse Galloway
- Y6MC: Molly Hayward
- Y3RD: Maja Plenik Mastalerz
- Y4OS: Jaxon Beresford
- Y5JH: Amy Palmer
- Y6CH: Riley Broomhead

Mrs Foster: Zoe Parsons
 Miss Sheehan: Liya Sudak
 Mr Wright: Casey Randall

Lower School Lunchtimes: Alfie Kaine
 Upper School Lunchtimes: Izaak Teeling
 Dining-Room: Alfred Robinson

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Heath Dyson
 Lily Clayton
 Harrison Woodhead

Y4 - CAIRO

Cordelia Hibbert
 Devon Taylor
 Nolan Robinson

Y5 - BEIJING

Y5 - TOKYO

Summer Brooke
 Braxton Shields
 Violet Merrywest
 Delyse Galloway
 Imogen Goddard
 Lexi-Mae Saville
 Holly Swales
 Akash Sajid
 Macey Tollan
 Joshua Reid
 Grace Wilkins

Y6 - BUENOS AIRES

Joshua Taylor

Y3 - PARIS

Violet-Skye Holmes

Y4 - NAIROBI

Niall Pritchett
 Kate Blake
 James Reed
 Niamh Siddall

Y6 - BRASILIA

Erin Fox
 George Howe
 Freya Owen
 Henry Robins
 Jessica Proctor
 Miley McCoid
 Belle Carr

CHRISTMAS EVENTS NEXT WEEK ...

Next week continues to be busy in school ... our Christmas performances are being recorded ready for the links to be sent home in the last week of term. It is our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 8th December and Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December. If your child is having a Christmas Dinner, please make sure they have £2.30 in their ParentMail account. For Christmas Jumper Day, your child needs a £1 donation for Save the Children if they swap their usual school sweatshirt or cardigan for Christmas attire.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Each year group will be playing games, dancing and enjoying their party treat snack during their Christmas party in the last week of term. Children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes on the following days:

Year 3 – Monday 13th December

Year 4 – Tuesday 14th December

Year 5 – Wednesday 15th December

Year 6 – Thursday 16th December

Children should bring a small 'party pack-up' to enjoy during their party slot. Please be aware, due to nut allergies, no products containing nuts should be sent in, (including items with chocolate spread, e.g. Nutella). Drinks will be provided by school.

CHOIR NEWS

Well done to Stocksbridge Junior School Choir who gave a wonderful performance at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre's Christmas Fair on Sunday. Mrs Shaw was so impressed with how many children turned up in the snow!

We had some lovely feedback from the leisure centre:

'The performance by the choir was absolutely amazing, not only did they sing beautifully but they looked fabulous too with their festive headbands! Their performance was very much enjoyed by customers, stallholders and all our staff, as it always is - truly amazing.'

Unfortunately, Mrs Shaw is out of school training next Monday, so choir is cancelled on **Monday 6th December**.

SJS SANTA'S LOTTO

Last week, your child was given a 'SJS Santa's Lotto' letter, containing your unique SJS Santa's Lotto number. To be in with a chance of winning one of our fabulous prizes, please complete the slip and return it to school along with £2.50 attached.

There are many prizes to be won including:

- Festive hampers for all the family
- Tickets for Disney on Ice (16th to 19th December at Sheffield Arena)
- £30 Zorro Lounge Vouchers

Our Santa's Lotto draw will take place next Friday (10th December 2021). We will be contacting lucky winners directly and will announce winners on that week's newsletter.



Remember, you need to be in it to win it!

THE THRIVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Trying to think of some ideas to get into the Christmas spirit? Have a look at our Thrive Advent Calendar to spread a little joy by trying a different act of kindness each day of this festive month!

Thrive's
Kindness Advent Calendar

Spread a little joy this Christmas by trying a different act of kindness each day!

1 Make someone a homemade gift	2 Teach someone a new skill	3 Make a card for someone special	4 Offer to help someone with a task	5 Donate an item to a food bank	6 Compliment someone
7 Do something that makes you happy	8 Do something kind for the environment	9 Make someone laugh with a silly joke	10 Make a decoration for a friend or relative	11 Donate an item to charity	12 Let someone know how much you appreciate them
13 Surprise someone by doing something kind	14 Write a thank you note to someone who has helped you	15 Think of 3 things you're grateful for	16 Call or message someone you've not spoken to for a while	17 Arrange a festive sensory treasure hunt with friends	18 Leave a happy note or drawing for someone to find
19 Make a jar of joy	20 Do a secret act of kindness for someone	21 Recommend a book or Christmas film to a friend	22 Take a break from your digital devices	23 Think of 3 things you like about yourself	24 Plan an act of kindness for the new year

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Please note, underlined text are links to Thrive activities.
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As a school, we love working with Imagination Gaming, who provide games-based learning to develop and support crucial curriculum and social skills. The children love playing their games, which are perfect for all ages and great family fun! The children often ask where to get their games and we are sure many of you have heard them talk about the games they may have played.

Now, Imagination Gaming are enabling us to earn free games for the school whenever you purchase from their web store, and with Christmas just around the corner, what better time!

By simply using the discount code below, we will earn 10% of all sales in free games, and you will get free delivery, with all games being delivered in plenty of time for Christmas.

Simply, make sure your order is placed before the **15th December 2021**

1. Visit www.imaginationgaming.co.uk and go to the store
2. Choose your games and enter the **discount code** (EGF5STOCKSBRIDGEJUN) at the checkout
3. Select **Collect in School** as delivery option ... and that's it!

Imagination Gaming will then deliver all our games to school before the end of term to be collected!