



## Newsletter – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Hertford Theatre Trip

The children and staff had a great time at the pantomime. The children behaved really well and were a credit to our school.

### Forest Schools

Mr Musk and Mr Allcorn have almost finished their Forest Schools training and would like to begin Forest School learning in the New Year. They are really eager to let parents know more about what the children will be doing. They are holding a meeting for parents on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm to explain more about Forest Schools and what equipment /clothing children will need.

We will need some new resources for this project and if you would like to help us with this, there will be a 'Giving Tree' in school with leaves listing resources we need. If you wish to, you can choose a leaf from the tree and donate the item listed. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

### Non Uniform day – Tomorrow -8<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas Raffle Hampers

The children will be able to come into school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December in their own clothes in return for providing an item for the Christmas Hampers which will be the raffle prizes at the School Play. We kindly ask if the children could bring in the following goodies for the hampers.

Cygnets & Reception - Chocolates

Class 1 - Biscuits

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### Christmas Plays

Just to confirm costume requirements for the Christmas plays on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December :

Reception – Nativity Costumes - all provided by school.

Year 1 – The children can wear their own clothes because they are playing teachers. Smart /casual please.

Year 2 – School uniform accessorised with hoodies/baseball caps/sunglasses please.

Year 3 & 4 – School uniform. We will provide santa hats.

Year 5 & 6 - **Please bring in your costumes as soon as possible (you should have received a separate letter)**

### Christmas Jumper Day –Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Please come dressed in you silliest Christmas jumper in exchange for a £1 donation to the charity, Save the Children.

### Father Christmas Visiting

Also on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Father Christmas will be visiting the school.

### Nativity – 10am on 18<sup>th</sup> December (not 9.30am as originally stated)

The Nativity will now take place on 18<sup>th</sup> December at the later time of 10.00am at Sandon Church. The service which is led by the Reception children, should last approximately 30 minutes.

### Yoga taster sessions

Lydia Challis will be doing a 30 minute taster session of yoga for each class during the school day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

After Christmas we will be running a yoga club on a Friday after school. There will be 12 places available. Please email the school office if you would like your child/children to join.



### Sports News

Last Friday we played in the Stevenage FC Kids Cup. We won all but one of our games in the group stages and qualified for the semi finals where we lost to Bengeo from Hertford. It was a good opportunity for our team to play new schools and test themselves against strong opposition. It is the highest we have been placed in this tournament, so very well done to our Sandon team!

### Swimming –Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Swimming lessons for Juniors will re-start on the first Friday back to school in the Spring term 2018.

### School Sports Kit

Please can all sports kit be returned to school before the end of term.

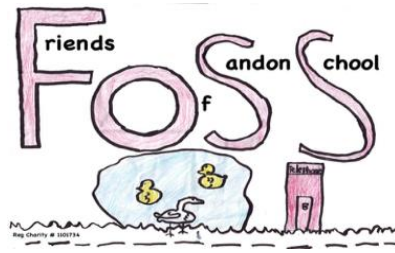
### Congratulations to the following pupils:

#### Stars of the Week

Mercury – Maggie      Venus – Maxwell      Earth - Livvy      Mars – ‘Teachers’ in school play

## Diary Events

8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non-Uniform Day- for Christmas Raffle Hampers	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term @1pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mums and Dads Christmas Present stall	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	INSET Day –No School
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wheelchair Basketball @ The Priory for a Year 5 & 6 team	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First Day of Term
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Play afternoon - 2pm until 3pm and evening - 6pm until 7pm (approx. finish)	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Swimming lessons for Juniors
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Winning House Trip – during school hours	14 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week –Year 6
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Play – evening only 6pm until 7pm (approx. finish time)	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Belchamps Activity Centre– Residential trip for Year 5 & 6 (Monday to Friday)
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Occasional Day – no school
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Village Christmas Market 9.30am -12.30pm	25 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day –no school
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity at Sandon Church 10am until 10.30am	29 <sup>th</sup> June	BBQ and Fayre from 3.15pm. Sports Day Races begin at 4pm.
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch	6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Forest School Meeting @3.30pm	11 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Concert -2pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols and Mince Pies for the Residents of Sandon Village at 10am.	20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term -1pm



It must be getting close to Christmas because there is a lot going on over the next few days in school.

**Don't forget:**

**Friday 8th December - Non-uniform Day**

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**Monday 11th December - Mums' & Dads' Christmas Presents Stall**

Please remember to send your children into school on Monday with £3 (£1.50 per present) to buy you unforgettable presents for Christmas. The children love having the opportunity to choose presents and wrap them up themselves.

**School Raffle**

You can't win one of the amazing Christmas Hampers up for grabs in the school raffle if you don't buy and return to school the raffle tickets which were sent home in each child's book bag. Please remember more books of raffle tickets can be obtained from the school office for selling to family, friends and work colleagues.

**Wednesday 13th December / Thursday 14th December - School Play**

Remember to bring some money with you when you attend the School Play. FOSS will be selling mulled wine and mince pies and there will be lots of other goodies available to buy. There will be the opportunity to buy a square on the 100 square board too.

**Saturday 16th December @ 9.30am - 12.30pm: Sandon Village Christmas Market with special appearance from Father Christmas 🎄**

Father Christmas will be taking some time out of his busy schedule to visit his grotto at the market and check if all the children have been good this year!

There will be lots of food and craft stalls so this will be your chance to do Christmas shopping without fighting through the crowds on the high street. Also, there will be the usual coffee and bacon rolls available as well as mince pies and there will be crafts for the children to do too. This will definitely be a great way for you to get into the Christmas spirit.

**Are you able help?**

We can not run the market without volunteers and nobody wants to tell Father Christmas (or the children) that his grotto won't be open because we didn't have enough volunteers. So please, if you have some time to help either straight after school on a Friday 15 December or on the Saturday morning (you do not have to be there all morning) please contact Jo Dawson ([joanne.dawson@btinternet.com](mailto:joanne.dawson@btinternet.com)).