



SINCLAIR PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As the Autumn term draws to a close and the festive season begins, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and well. Our children have worked extremely hard over this half term and have maintained their focus on learning right into the last week of the term. I am proud of the strong friendships and the mutual respect we are seeing here in school.

Christmas Events

Christmas Performances

All of the children in school worked very hard to prepare for their Christmas assemblies held over the last few weeks. We are so very proud of them and would like to say a big thank you to all of the teachers and staff that helped make these events so special. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.

Christmas Dinner

A massive thank you to Marie and her wonderful team of cooks for cooking an incredible amount of food to ensure everyone in school could have a delightful roast dinner together. All of our staff and children had a brilliant time eating Christmas dinner together on Monday 12th December. If your child does not have a school dinner, I can thoroughly recommend it, our team is brilliant and the food is always delightful!

Pantomime

Goldilocks

What an amazing trip to the theatre!! This year our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were extremely lucky to be able to view the Goldilocks and the Three Bears pantomime at the Mayflower Theatre – Oh yes they were! The children were extremely well behaved, especially during their ice cream interval which was delicious! We hope they enjoyed their visit to the theatre as much as our staff did.

Christmas Jumper Day

Everyone looked amazing in their festive jumpers on Monday 12th December. At Sinclair Primary School we raised **£54** for Save the Children. Thank you for your continued support.



Southampton City Mission

The Basics Bank is an emergency food and clothing project, providing help for people to get through short-term crises, emergencies and problems that they encounter. Their venues and opening times are as follows:

Basics Food Venues open 10am - 3pm =

- Monday – Above Bave Church, Ogle Road S014 7FE
- Tuesday – St Mary’s Church, Sholing, SO19 8ES
- Wednesday – The Old Chemist, Bitterne, SO18 1NP
- Thursday – Shirley Baptist Church, Shirley, SO15 5LG
- Friday – Lordshill Church, Lordshill, SO16 8HY

Basics Clothes Venues open 10am-3pm =

- Wednesday – Ascension Church, Bitterne, SO18 1HZ

Market Places open 10am – 1pm =

- Wednesday – All Saint Church, Sedbergh Road, SO16 9HL
- Thursday – Saint Mary’s Church, St Mary Street, SO14 1AQ
- Thursday – Townhill Park Community Centre, Meggeson Avenue, SO18 2FH

For latest updates please check their website using this link: <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/>

Spring After School Clubs

Clubs will be running throughout the academic year on a termly basis. The Spring after school clubs will begin **Monday 16th January 2023**. We will allocate every child a space within one or more chosen clubs following submission of the form. We will try our best to provide an opportunity for all children to take part in a club, with a minimum of one child’s choice in order to be fair. We will also organise a waiting list for oversubscribed clubs.

We will be sending out the google form to sign up during the first week of term in January. Please come into the school office if you require assistant with booking your child into clubs and we will be more than happy to help.

A Polite Reminder – P.E. Kit

Whilst the majority of parents ensure that their children have bought in their P.E. kits, there have still been a number of children that are not bringing them into school. It is very important for reasons of hygiene and safety that children have a change of clothing. We wouldn’t want any of our children to miss out on the fun.

The P.E. days for each year group is as follows:

Monday: Year 1

Thursday: Year 5

Tuesday: Year 2

Friday: Years R and 6

Wednesday: Years 3 & 4

Please may we also remind you that earrings must be taken out or taped before coming into school as we are not permitted to remove or tape earrings in the school.

Modelling good behaviour

We thank all parents for remembering we are a community built on respect and politely remind everyone to please not use bad language on the school site.

School Office

We are receiving a high number of parents collecting their children before school finishing time. Please can we remind you that this will only be authorised if medical evidence is provided or under exceptional circumstances. If you intend to collect your child/children early, please may we ask that you inform the school office in advance so that the proper protocol can be followed. We thank you for your continued support.

School Meal increase

City Catering over the last few years have tried to maintain lower costs for our school meals by continuing to negotiate with their suppliers. Unfortunately, they have now reached the point where the current meal price has become unviable. We are writing to you now to advise that, regrettably, the price of school meals for KS2 will increase to £2.90 with effect from 3rd January 2023. If you feel you may be entitled to free school meals, please do use the link on our school website to apply or enquire at the school office.



Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 3rd January** – Back to school / nursery reopens
- **11th January 2023** – School Council partnership summit for Year 6 councillors at Holy Family SCITT
- **15th January 2023** – Deadline for Year R School applications
- **13th February – 17th February** - Spring half-term
- **Thursday 2nd March 2023** – World Book Day
- **Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th March 2023** – Year 5 Focus Days at Into Universitys

Year R Phonics workshops:

- Monday 9th January – Year R Phonics workshop
- Tuesday 17th January - Year R Phonics workshop
- Wednesday 25th January - Year R Phonics workshop

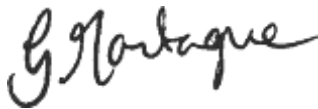
Year 1 Phonics workshops:

- Thursday 26th January 2023 - Year 1 Parent and Child Phonics workshop
- Thursday 23rd February 2023 – Year 1 Parent and Child Phonics workshop

Staffing update

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mr Kops to our school family. Mr Kops, who is part of our senior management team, has been enjoying working with children in year 5 and 6 over the last few weeks. Alongside our joyful news, it is with sadness that we say a fond farewell to Mrs House. After 24 years working at Sinclair, Mrs House will be leaving us to start the next stage of her life in retirement. We thank her for her dedication and support throughout her time at Sinclair and wish her all the joy and happiness that this new chapter will undoubtedly bring. Thank you to all of our school community for their support so far this academic year. We really appreciate working so closely with parents and always hold children at the centre of all decisions made. Once again have a lovely Christmas break and the Sinclair Primary & Nursery School staff look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd January 2023!

Best Wishes,



Gerida Montague
Executive Headteacher



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