# Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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## This week

- **Careers insights**
- Curriculum spotlight
- Doodle competition
- Y2 cake sale

See the latest news on our website here.



### A few words from Mrs Sage...

I am looking forward to meeting our Year 6 parents and carers this evening at 6pm at our meeting on supporting your child through this important time. We will also cover the process of transitioning from

primary to secondary school which is a big step for many children, and a daunting one for some. Please come along, even if you have not yet confirmed.

Careers insights for KS2: to support the children in their aspirations, we invite you, or someone you know, to talk to KS2 about your careers. By doing so, we aim to promote equality of opportunity, giving all pupils knowledge of potential future careers, especially some that are different from those they are familiar with from within their family. We ask that you deliver a short presentation about what you do and answer some questions from the pupils, usually during our KS2 assembly on Tuesday afternoons. We can also use pre-recorded material instead. If you could support this initiative, please call the school office.

Curriculum spotlight: in the first of our weekly curriculum highlights in the newsletter this week, we will focus on individual subjects to show how the children are involved in learning them. At the beginning of each long term, parents receive a class letter, plus the curriculum overview for that term for the year group. These are always available to view on the relevant class page. The curriculum page on the school website also gives lots more information about the focus and implementation of individual subjects across the whole school. Doodle Back to School competition: if children work in the green zone in

Maths & English from tomorrow, they could help their class win great prizes. Cake sale: the Y2 cake sale, uniform sale and book swap will be taking place tomorrow. Come in out of the cold weather and find us in the school hall this time. Best wishes, Mrs Sage.

# **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

#### FS/KS1

Bumblebee: Barnaby F who worked really hard to make a dragon with flames that come out his

**Butterfly:** Drake P who worked so hard on journal writing and using sounds to write.

**Apple:** Zane F for amazing drawing of weather icons in Science.

Pear: Haadi D for his super design for a weather

Palm: Amelia M for excellent multiplication work

Cherry: James R for working really hard in his maths work.

Sycamore: Nyla U for excellent work in our handwriting lessons. Maple: Isaac W for excellent work in our handwriting lessons.

Lime: Barnaby P for demonstrating an excellent knowledge of the

Willow: Christopher L for his excellent understanding of dividing a 2 Christopher!

**Elm:** Arjan D who blew me away with your Science writing this week. Not only did you identify the planets wonderfully, but your additional **Horse chestnut:** Ollie C for his huge efforts with his presentation in all of his books to gain his pen licence this week. Well done Ollie. **Ash:** Emily M for great effort in all lessons and for completing her work to a high standard.

Oak: Max G for excellent work when problem solving; multiplying and dividing decimals by whole numbers.

### School disco for all year groups

The PTA are very excited to be holding their second disco of the year, on Friday 3rd February. The disco is split into Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) at 5.30pm followed by the Juniors (Year 3 - 6) at 7pm. This will be our first disco for our reception children, so parents are invited to stay in the library if they wish to support their children during the event.

Tickets will be sold online from Wednesday 25th January via the following link: www.pta-events.co.uk/saltfordschoolpta. Parent helpers are needed on the evening so please sign up online if you can help. Prices of tickets: £3.50 – Key Stage 1 (including a small bag of sweets) and £2.50 – Y3-6 (these tickets do not include refreshments).

Please see our website news page here for more details.

### **Quick links**

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### Letters sent

Y4 multiplication tables check letter

Y2 supporting your child's progress

Y4 music lessons and ukulele tuition

Y2 and Y6 Dance Umbrella



#### **Athletics & football**

This week, 27 of our Y6 children participated in an indoor athletics competition against five other local primary schools. We are very proud of their performance & conduct, and second place result.

Our football team played the second round of the schools' cup competition away at Moorlands. Going through on penalties, with a great save from Brooklyn, the team showed much composure and were commended by the referee for their conduct in the match. See <u>full reports on both</u> events here on our website.

# We celebrate

**Sophie T**, palm, for a Baskervilles 'gymnast of the day' trophy.

Jade D, palm, for moving up a level at Baskervilles.

**Darcy C**, lime, for a Gymnastics club trophy for a fantastic handspring and 'gymnast of the day' award.

**Rosie B**, sycamore, for moving up a level at Baskervilles and for swimming.

#### **Battle of the Bands TT Rockstars**

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, we are holding a TT Rockstars competition (called Battle of the Bands) with all of the KS2 classes going against each other. The tables are set by the class teacher to make it a fair competition. Children will be able to work on this during some of their curriculum time at school, but also can log on here at home, and take part in the single or multiplayer challenges. Teachers will check that children know their login details. Each child will earn points for their class, which will add to the overall in-school TTRS league table. We would encourage as many children as possible to spend a few minutes during as many afternoons/evenings as possible practising their times tables, as it is such an important skill in their mathematical development. Many thanks. The website address is:

https://play.ttrockstars.com/

See all dates on our <u>online</u> calendar for parents here!



# Dates for your diary

Click here for term dates

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 6pm: Y6 meeting on supporting your child and assessments in school hall.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y2 cake sale, with uniform sale and book swap.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 5pm: Y2 meeting on supporting your child and assessments Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 5pm: Y5 camp and health education meeting, school hall. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: PTA disco for children.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.45 3.15pm:** open access afternoon for parents.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.45 – 3.15pm:** open access afternoon for parents.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Safer Internet Day. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y1 meeting in school hall on supporting your child.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Y4 meeting in school hall on supporting your child at school and times tables. More info including confirmation of time to follow.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: end of term 3.
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February: INSET day.
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Multi Sports
course at school with Up & Under.

Monday 20th February: beginning of

term 4.

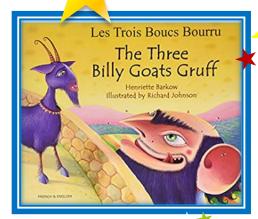
**Tuesday 21**st **February:** Shrove Tuesday – pancake races at school.

For term dates please see: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates. All other dates are on the calendar for parents here.

# Curriculum spotlight on... French









# **Spotlight on French**

At Saltford we enjoy learning French as part of our modern foreign languages. We strongly believe that languages are a skill for life, and something that pupils should enjoy and find rewarding. Through learning a foreign language, children also develop literacy and oracy in their own language as well as resilience and problemsolving skills. In school we spend every odd term learning new vocabulary, phonics and grammar around a topic and then comes the fun bit .... We spend the even terms putting our knowledge into practice through learning a story! The story is often a fairy tale that the children are already familiar with, which aids their understanding. The children get a lot of pleasure from being able to confidently retell a story to an audience in French.

In Years 4 and 6 we then try to go one step further and innovate the story with our own ideas. These lessons are fun, engaging and result in more fluent, confident children who will hopefully go on to develop a future love of learning another language.

The pictures show Y4 and Y5 retelling the stories in French

Each class page on the website has a link to the current curriculum overview which shows the detail for each subject. You can also read more about Modern Foreign Languages at Saltford here on the curriculum page of the school website.

# **EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

# w/c 23 January



## **Bath Central Library**

**Storytime Session** 

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 24 Jan

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun** 

Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 25 Jan

Art in the Library - Tin City by Jo Nye

Mon - Sat During opening hours 5 Jan - 24 Feb

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

**Keynsham Library** 

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme** 

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 124 Jan 10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30 am 26 Jan

**Midsomer Norton Library** 

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme** 

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 23 Jan

**Storytime Sessions** 

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 25 Jan

See the free, local activities that are available at your library. You can also visit the blog to find out more about what's happening this month in libraries. https://bathneslibraries.wordpress.com/

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.