



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

You may remember a few weeks ago I shared details of Mayor of West of England Dan Norris' Christmas card competition. Thank you if you supported your child to take part - I gather there were lots of entries from Southville.

Well this week we found out that the winner of the competition is our very own Eira in Year 3! Eira's winning design will now be used for Mr Norris' official Christmas card and will be sent far and wide to friends, partners and dignitaries across the country.

What an amazing achievement Eira - well done!

Winter Fair

What a great turnout for the Winter Fair last Saturday! There was a wide range of stalls and attractions and a wonderful festive buzz throughout the building. Thank you for coming along if you did - your support is always very much appreciated and your presence helped to make it a really special event.

Thank you to the PTA class reps who helped with everything and anything that was needed (your help was invaluable!) and everyone who helped with running stalls, co-ordinating that very popular Golden Ticket Stall, offloading Christmas trees, setting up and running the grotto, taking a turn *inside* the grotto, baking cakes and mince pies and sorting through donations of toys and books beforehand. This was a phenomenal team effort and I am really grateful to everyone who played a part.

And a final HUGE thank you to Helen Beach, Charlotte Todd Brady, Liz Newton (who has counted every penny from the fair!) & Sonia Adams for the tremendous amount of work that went into planning and co-ordinating another very special Southville school community event.

Festive Performances

The Winter Fair set the tone for the week and since then we really have been surfing that festive wave, with all children from Reception to Year 4 taking part in performances throughout the week.

Reception sang and acted brilliantly in their first ever Southville performance. Year 1 told the story of Ralph the Reindeer with super singing and narration by the children and Year 3 and 4 sang beautifully at St Paul's Church for their Carol Service (the two part chorus in Feliz Navidad being my particular highlight). As I write we are looking forward to Year 2's Carol Singing later (hopefully outside if the dry weather holds) and Year 5 and 6 carol singing next week at Myrtle to round off the term.

UKS2 Carol Service Friday 15th of December 2.45-3.05

The Year 5 and 6 Carol performance will be held in the Myrtle hall this year. We are all looking forward to sharing some Christmas joy with Year 5 and 6 parents and carers.

Due to both health and safety and safeguarding reasons, all parents and carers will need to enter and exit the school via the office. In addition, the school facilities cannot be used during your time on site, so we ask that you consider this. In the case of a fire alarm, children will leave with their teachers and gather on the MUGA, whilst parents and carers will exit through the office and gather on the pavement outside the school. We're looking forward to seeing you there! Miss Murphy.

Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday (Myrtle) and Wednesday (Merrywood) we enjoyed Christmas Dinner Days. Kerri and her kitchen team did an amazing job of serving hundreds of Christmas meals. The quality as always was superb and thank you to the many parent and carer volunteers who joined us to decorate the tables and help serve the children. There was a lot of fun had and a lot of sprouts consumed!

Sportshall Athletics

Last Thursday, a group of Year 5 and 6 athletes made their way down to Ashton Park to represent Southville in a Sportshall Athletics competition. The team of 21 children took part in various events such as long jump, javelin, speed bounce (and much more!) as well as a series of very fast-paced relay races! There were a wide range of schools from across Bristol taking part, with the accumulated scores from each event being added together to give a final finishing position for each school. Southville managed to earn themselves a 3rd place finish, which was a fantastic achievement!

The children demonstrated excellent teamwork and chemistry to help one another compete to their very best and should all be extremely proud of their efforts.

Well done Team Southville!

Poppy Appeal

This week we received a certificate of thanks from the Poppy Appeal confirming that in November we donated a total of £583.03. Thank you for your contributions.

Farewell Mr Polo

At the end of next week we will be saying a fond farewell to Mr Polo, who is leaving us to travel to South America. He has been with our current Year 4s for two years and will be really missed by staff and children alike. He has been a caring, calm and very positive presence and while we are very sad to see him go, wish him all the very best for the exciting adventures that lie ahead for him.

Christ Church Choir

You may have noticed in last week's PTA/ Community newsletter there was a flyer advertising Christ Church Choir. This was included in error, thinking it was linked to Christ Church in Clifton however as some of you spotted it was in fact linked to an Independent School in Oxford. I'm not sure why it was sent to us, but just to clarify we are not seeking to affiliate with or promote any Independent School. I hope it didn't distract from the frankly far more relevant items that last week's newsletters were filled with!

Theatre Visits

Finally, thank you if you have volunteered to help walk the children to their theatre visits next week - we just couldn't do it without you! Now let's just keep everything crossed for dry weather!

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman