

# **Newsletter 14** Friday 13th December 2019

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# **Primary School Newslette** Sydenham

# **Christmas Concerts**

We enjoyed three wonderful carol concerts this week. Years 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 really raised the rafters with their wonderful singing and fabulous recorder

playing. Thank you to Mrs Godwin and Mrs Murphy (our two music

teachers) and to the many parents and carers who attended the concerts.





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Christmas Crafternoon



Thank you to the PTA for organising a fantastic Christmas Crafternoom. Lots of Reception families attended the event and enjoyed making cards and decorations with their children. We hope everybody took home something lovely to keep for many years to come.



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### On Wednesday 15th January, we will be taking children in years 3/4/5/6 to The Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see a production of David Walliams', "The Boy in the Dress." Please see the letter sent home in book bags for more information.

Dennis is 12 years old and his school football team's star striker. But when Mum leaves home, life is tough. The only reminder Dennis has of Mum is a photo of her in a beautiful yellow dress. A dress rather like the one on the cover of *Vogue* on sale at Raj's newsagents. And also a bit like the one that Lisa James, the coolest girl in the school, is sketching in her note book. What do you do if you like both football and dresses? And what will Mr Hawtrey the headteacher do when he discovers that his strict uniform code has been broken by a boy in a dress?

David Walliams' heart-warming comedy is brought to the stage for the first time in a musical with all new songs from Robbie Williams and Guy Chambers, script by former RSC playwright in residence Mark Ravenhill and in a production for all the family directed by RSC Artistic Director Gregory Doran.





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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture

# Y4 Art Exhibition

For their art exhibition on Tuesday evening, Year Four pupils transformed one of their classrooms in to an underwater wonderland. Parents and carers were invited to dive in to a spectacular ocean of hand-made, illuminated sea creatures, sound effects and video footage before viewing the children's paintings, clay models and pieces of writing all related to the topic "Blue Abyss." Well done to all the pupils as well as our visiting artist (Ros Ingram) and the teachers and teaching assistants.

# Bioluminescence



# Well done to Y3 JML who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 98%

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y3 JL	96%
Y2 CP	96%
Y2 AP	95%
Y5 RA	95%
Y4 AH	95%
Y1 EL	95%
YR RK	95%
YR LS	95%
Y1 CD	94%
Y4 SM	94%
Y6 KG	94%
Y5 CB	94%
Y6 JvS	93%

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%. The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%. Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and attainment.

# Diary Dates

Monday 16th December	Rocksteady concert at 2.00pm.
Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th December	PTA Present Wrap Room.
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Lunch.
Thursday 19th December	YR Christmas party, PM.
Thursday 19th December	Pop-up planetarium in school for Y1
Friday 20th December	MUFTI/Christmas jumper day. Please bring a donation of 50p per child for School Fund.

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 23rd December 2019—Friday 3rd January 2020 Return to school on Monday 6th January 2020

Wednesday 15th January	KS2 theatre trip—"The Boy in the Dress."
Friday 24th January	YR Maths workshop for parents at 9.00am.
Friday 24th January	PTA disco—times TBC.
Friday 31st January	School closed for teacher training.

### HALF-TERM Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February 2020

School will be closed on the following dates for INSET (teacher Training) in 2020: Friday 31st January, Monday 20th April, Monday 20th July.