



# Somers Park School

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Dear parents and carers,

Earlier this week, I really enjoyed watching the afternoon performance of the Year 3/4 carol service. I am always so proud of how your children perform and present with such confidence in front of an audience - the beautiful singing also made me feel rather Christmassy too!

## Year 1's Australia Talk

On Monday, Mrs Haughey kindly came to talk to the children in Year 1. Year 1's topic this term is Australia. Mrs Haughey talked about her childhood in Australia as well as teaching the children the Kookaburra song.

*"I liked learning that at Christmas in Australia the weather is really hot!" Hugo*

*"I learnt that Australians start school at 6 years old," Toby*

*"I learnt that Australia has palm trees," Aimee*

*"My favourite bit was learning the Kookaburra song with the ukulele," Harley*

## Year 1's Zoolab visit

This term in Science, the children in Year 1 have been learning about animals and how to group them. Last Monday, Zoolab came to visit. The children had the opportunity to see lots of different sorts of live animals, including molluscs, insects, amphibians, reptiles and mammals.



Year 1 Zoolab visit

*"I liked touching the giant snail because it was slimy!" Aleena*

*"I liked feeling the snake. It felt soft and had scales," Isabella*

*"The lizard had spikes that were not real!" Lucas*

*"The frog stuck on the side of the box," Jackson*

*"I liked the mouse because it was really soft," Phoebe*



Reception Smart Trees visit

## Reception visit to Smart Trees

On Thursday our Reception children visited Smart Trees where they completed a Christmas tree trail and met Father Christmas. Here's what they had to say:

*'I liked making wishes when we had to throw coins and make a wish.'* Caydence

*'I liked knocking on the red door and seeing Santa.'* Noah

*'I liked the tractor ride because it played Jingle Bells.'* Imogen

*'I liked the Christmas trees.'* Gourav

*'The reindeer were fluffy!'* Holly

*'I loved riding in the bus- it was fast!'* Flynn

*'I liked the tractor ride. When we sang Jingle Bells it went faster!'* Georgia.



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## Parking reminder

We have had polite communications from some of our neighbours who have had problems with parents parking over their driveway entrances during drop off and pick up times. We understand it is busy, but please park legally with consideration for local residents.

## This term's Castle Point champions are....

### Sudeley

If your child is in Sudeley, (the yellow 'Castle') they are welcome to wear non-uniform to school on Monday as their reward.

We celebrate friendly competition in school - it's important that children understand how it feels to succeed, but also how to deal with feelings when they don't finish top of the pile!

Our Castle system also rewards individual success- some children have received their coloured house badge for getting 25 points, and the new batch of shiny silver badges for 60 points have just arrived in school- they look very smart indeed.

This morning in our whole school celebration assembly, all children, regardless of their Castle, were praised for their positive contributions to school and efforts for their team. Well done to everyone!

The Castle system resets for next term... Let's see who wins next time!

Best wishes,

Chris Hansen



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## Friends of Somers Park

To end the year, FOSP is holding a Christmas Raffle. The draw will take place on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - tickets available in the playgrounds. On behalf of the FOSP committee, I would like to thank you for all of your support in 2017 and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

-Vikki Atkinson, FOSP Chair

## Coming up....

Date	Event
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<u>2pm</u> - Key Stage 1 Nativity <u>6pm</u> - Key Stage 1 Nativity
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<u>2pm</u> - Y5/6 Carol concert <u>6:30pm</u> - Y5/6 Carol concert
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Party day
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Last day of term.</b> Break up for Christmas holiday.
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	INSET Day- school closed to children
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	INSET Day- school closed to children
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Term begins today.</b> Children return to school.

## The Children's Bookshelf

'The £2 Book Shop'  
is coming to our School.

We are holding a "Christmas Pop Up"  
Book Event on:

**Thursday 14th December.**

There is an opportunity for your child to purchase their very own brand new book, so if you are happy for them to do so then please send in £2 in a named envelope to their teacher.

After school has finished, parents are welcome to come in and purchase books too (from 3.15pm). There will be picture books for the younger children, and chapter books for all ages up to 13 years+.

For every ten books purchased, the school receives one free!

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