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Dear Parents

Last Friday the Junior School ended the week by leading Music Meeting and what a treat they gave us. KS2, KS1 and EYFS sang to us, we listened to the band and a number of solo items were performed. Thank you Sue Sabin and all the performers.

We also had two sports fixtures on Friday against Dormer House – U10/11 netball and tag rugby. Both games were fiercely contested and the teams were very evenly matched. In the end Dormer House won the netball by one goal and the rugby by one point.

On Wednesday Year 5 turned the clock back for a day and became Tudor children at Sulgrave Manor. They dressed in Tudor style, had a Tudor style packed lunch, experienced writing their name using the Tudor alphabet and learnt two Tudor dances. The children were very enthusiastic participants and an informative day was made all the more enjoyable by their excellent behaviour and by the help we received from Emma Robinson, who also came with us.

Thank you to those of you who have already let Janet know your ticket requirements for our school productions – the last day for seat reservations is Monday 5th December.

EYFS, Years 1, 2 and 3 have been practising hard ready for ‘A Child is Born’ and the scenery for ‘The Night Before Christmas’ is taking shape – made by Years 5 and 6 in their art lessons. The music is sounding good in the classroom so next week we shall be ready to rehearse the play on the stage in the Oliver Studio.

The school is gradually taking on a festive hue. The Christmas card post box is in the KS2 corridor and Year 6 are looking forward to being ‘Posties’; many of the classrooms are sporting small Christmas trees and we have a large tree outside the Junior School entrance and lights in the orchard; thank you Jason Harris, Percy Turner and Kevin Wyles.

There are many excited children in school who are looking forward to going to the Christmas Fayre later this afternoon. May I thank the PSFA for all their hard work to make it such an enjoyable event.

Finally, I have saved the best bit until last; yet again Sibford were successful at the annual inter-school swimming gala and they have retained the cup. Congratulations go to all our swimmers and thank you to Gill Newbold for training them to such a high standard.

Patsy Howes

Swimming Sessions for Parents

Did you know that the pool is available for parents from 8.00 am to 9.00 am from Monday to Friday? (£1.60 per session.)

Santa Fun Run

On Sunday 4th December Louis Baker, Freddie Baker, Lucy Baker (with Arthur in a baby back-carrier) and Lucy's mum, Chris Rose will be taking part in a 4km "Santa" Fun Run in aid of Katherine House Hospice. We all have our Santa outfits ready and have managed to get in a bit of training. It is the second year that the run has taken place, last year's event raised £31,142 for nursing care, they are hoping to raise even more this year so any donations would be gratefully received!

Lucy Baker

Children in Need

Thank you for bringing in your wonderful array of ‘mystery’ jars; they will look very attractive on the stall at the Christmas Fayre. We also raised £40.29 from the cake sale which will be sent to ‘Children in Need’.

Christmas Productions

Remember – the deadline for reserving seats is Monday 5th December. If you have lost your booking form you can email or telephone Janet or download a copy from www.sibfordschool.net

If your child needs to stay for tea on the evenings of the production please, also let Janet know by Wednesday 7th December.

Future Dates for your Diaries

December

Wednesday 7 th	1.45 pm	EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y3 The Theatre, Chipping Norton
Thursday 8 th	2.15 pm	EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y3 Christmas Production - MacKenzie Thorpe Gallery
Friday 9 th		NO CELEBRATION OR MUSIC MEETING
Monday 12 th	2.00 pm	Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Production – Oliver Studio
Tuesday 13 th	6.00 pm	Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Production – Oliver Studio
Wednesday 14 th	6.00 pm	Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Production – Oliver Studio
Thursday 15 th	2.30 pm	Class room Christmas Parties
Friday 16 th	8.45 am	End of Term Awards Meeting – Oliver Studio
	12.00 noon	Christmas lunch
	4.00 pm	End of Term

January

Monday 9 th	8.30 am	Start of the Spring Term
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