

# Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

With December fast approaching, we felt it wise to share the dates that always come around so quickly and make a very busy schedule in the most festive month of the year.

In the table below you will see all of the key dates to allow you to plan for the events across the month. There are many exciting things that will be happening over the course of the Christmas run-up and we hope that you will be able to join us for as many as possible. Our aim is to keep the children learning but also provide them with some fun-filled times to help create some everlasting memories.

We will do our absolute best to ensure that the dates and times are stuck to, but please do bear in mind that these may change last minute. If so, we will do our best to let you know as quickly as possible.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Lloyd

## School News - 'Tis the season to be jolly - soon!

December	Event and Further Information
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Batford Lights Up</b> - please come along and see the lights switched on if you can - the choir will be singing
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Occasional Day</b> - school closed for all
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Christmas Fair</b> - 2.30 - 5.00 p.m. <b>Choir to sing at the Methodist Church</b> at 7.00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through the School Office if you would like to attend
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rotary Carol Concert</b> at 7.00 p.m. - Invite only
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school trip to <b>St Albans Panto</b> - A.M.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Book Look</b> - you are invited to come in after school and see your child's books - this is a nice opportunity for children to talk you through what they have been learning about and share what they are proud of - 3.30 - 4.00 p.m.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Film Night</b> - Letter to follow
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nativity Dress Rehearsal</b> at 9.30 a.m. <b>Christmas Parties</b> - P.M. Children are allowed to bring an outfit to change into for the party
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nativity Performance</b> at 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Nativity Performance</b> at 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Carols around the Tree</b> at 9.15 a.m. in the school hall - all parents are invited <b>School ends for all at 1.30 p.m.</b>

## Governor Corner

The School Improvement Committee (SIC) met last week for the first time this academic year. The focus of the SIC is on all things curriculum, which includes a range of topics from monitoring how the curriculum is being planned, implemented and monitored across all subjects, to how certain funding is used to ensure the greatest impact on all learners.

The meeting gives Mr Lloyd the opportunity to present a report to Governors on what is happening at school right now; alongside Governor visits into school, this report gives us a good insight into teaching and learning, and is a great starting point to ask questions that help us fulfil our statutory duty of “holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils”.

We also looked at progress data from the new assessment system; the first half of term looked really positive and the data appears to be a more accurate reflection of the school and our children’s progress than the previous system.

Thank you to the staff and children who have worked so hard this term in all areas of teaching and learning!

Bridgett and Colin - Joint Chairs of Governors

## Friends of Sauncey Wood News

A few things to mention this week.

We are now able to accept all home printer ink cartridges for recycling in our ink bin, which is in the main office foyer area. All cartridges can be dropped in here, and when it is full it is collected.

Christmas trees are available to purchase from Harpenden Academy. Please visit [www.foha.co.uk](http://www.foha.co.uk) to buy one and then £10 per tree will be donated to us!

🎄 The Christmas fair is nearly here!! 🎄

- Next week, please return your lucky jars and bottle donations for the bottle tombola. All jars and bottles can be brought to the school office where they will be stored.
- Raffle tickets are for sale via Classlist or by dropping cash into the FoSW post box at the school office. Tickets are £1 each. If buying in advance, please make sure you’ve paid by Wednesday, 30th December! Tickets will also be available at the fair.
- Please remember your cash for the fair!! Most of the stalls will be cash only. There will be card readers at the bar and we’ll be operating an “atm” type system where you can get some cash via the card readers for a small charge. Please do come and support us if you’re free. There’s lots to see and Santa is also going to be available for visits!
- **We can’t put on the Christmas Fair without a team of volunteers behind us. Thank you so much to all those who have offered to do a stint. We do still need more helpers to come forward to do a 45 minute shift. If you can help, please speak to your class rep or contact either Gemma or Clare.**

Clare and Gemma  
Co-chairs FoSW