1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

**Newsletter**

As we approach Christmas, I want to thank the dedicated team that are the PTA who help make such great community building, fundraising events as the Christmas Fayre happen. It does seem like a very small and select group (seeing them in school setting up for the fayre as I type). If you’d like to join their merry band and help in some way in the future, please do speak with Kristi Shurey.

**EYFS in January**

I have taken the decision to extend our arrangement with Miss Harwood being out of class for the first half of the Spring term. This means that our EYFS children will be taught by Mrs Caldow on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Caldow became a member of our ‘Bank Staff’ part way through the term - that is a supply teacher employed directly by the school rather than through an agency - so she is already familiar (to a certain extent) with the school. She has a great track record of working in EYFS during her career and I am sure you’ll be pleased with all she adds to the class.

**Dodgeball**

Please note that today was the **last session of Dodgeball for this term**.  It will restart on Friday 5th January 2024.

**Taskmaster**

Taskmaster club starts again next term with Mr Pledger, starting the first day back after the Christmas break (Wednesday 3rd January).  Registration is now open for KS2 (years 3 - 6) children to sign up. All bookings are done via the taskmaster Education website.  https:/taskmastereducation.com/clubs and please enter our unique school number **A2WOK**

They had loads of fun last term and cannot wait to have even more!

For more information please see the attachment or visit the Taskmaster Education website.

**Christmas Wreath Workshop**

The date for this has been changed to Saturday 9th December 10am - 12pm here at Sidlesham School.  This is open to adults, so please feel free to invite family members or friends.  Please see the attached for further details and/or contact the school office.

**The Latest on Sidlesham Radio**

As well as their exciting trip to the library this week, some of the children from Tigers class made their broadcasting debuts on Sidlesham Radio. They spoke about their favourite superheroes and their special visitor, James the paramedic. You can listen here <https://on.soundcloud.com/3i2Zz> .

Huskies Class have also been sharing some of their work on the radio. They have been learning about rainforests and written some poems about deforestation. You can hear some of them right now <https://on.soundcloud.com/4bKjS> .

**Festive Family Fun**

Our choir will be singing at the Sidlesham Memorial Ground on Wednesday 6th at 6pm. We are part of an event being run by the Sidlesham Association and everyone from the community is invited to join us and share some Christmas cheer.

**Year 5**

Please remember to send in your completed forms for ‘Ways to Welllbeing Day’ and return them to school asap.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mr Bird

**Dates for your diary**

Christmas Fair Friday 1st December

Festive Family Fun with Wednesday 6th December @ 6pm (at Sidlesham Memorial Ground)

the Sidlesham Association

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 7th December

Nativity Tuesday 12th December @ 2pm, Wednesday 13th December @ 10am and 5pm

Christmas Lunch Thursday 14th December

Last day Friday 15th December

INSET Day Tuesday 2nd January

First day of term Wednesday 3rd January

Young Voices Concert Wednesday 17th January