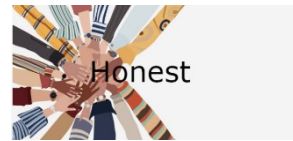




# SBPS News



19th December 2023

Issue 5

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## Christmas Market



Thank you to all of you who donated items, came to our Christmas market and bought raffle tickets. Together we raised a whopping **£1343.56** which will be added to our school fund and spent on the children of SBPS.

We would also like to thank the local businesses for their kind donations and for running stalls at our event. Having the community together really did add to the atmosphere and made us all feel very Christmassy!

## Reception Open Evening (Sep 2024 starters)

10th January (3pm–4.30pm)

If you are thinking about choosing our wonderful primary school for your child and would like to visit us (or visit us for a second time), please feel free to pop along at 3pm on Wednesday 10th January. Following a short welcome from school leaders, you and your child can spend an hour in our Reception setting to help you make that all important decision before the closing date on January 15th. Staff are looking forward to meeting you and your child and are ready to answer any questions you may have. We would appreciate it if you can pass this on to friends and family who have children starting school September 2024.



## Children in Need \*UPDATED\*



We miscounted last month! Together we raised a huge...

**£805.76**

Thank you to you all for your support!

## Christmas Quiz Night



What a night this was! Thank you to you all for coming along to support us and to help raise more money for school funds. Together we raised **£645.73**. Some of this money has been used to buy much needed resources for school, to fund Christmas activities and to provide all of our children with a Christmas gift. As always, thank you for your support!

## Congratulations!



We would like to congratulate Mrs Dryden and Miss Reid on their most recent appointments. They are now Deputy Head Teachers at SBPS and will continue to work closely with Mrs Atkinson whilst teaching in the classes they have taught in since September. We wish them lots of luck in their new roles!

## Goodbye and Good Luck



In January we say goodbye to Mrs McDonald and Mrs Willoughby. Mrs McDonald is off to work in the museum at Vindolanda and Mrs Willoughby is off to pastures new. We wish them both the very best of luck for their next chapter!

## Nekacheya School



It was wonderful for John and Joanne Gillette to join us at our Christmas market. 26 bears were named and sent to the children of Nekacheya. They also sold lots of Zambian crafts and altogether collected **£87.60** which will be used to buy grade 7 text books for the children at Nekacheya School in Zambia. If you would like to know more about our link school and the charity, please visit [www.zambezisunrisetrust.co.uk](http://www.zambezisunrisetrust.co.uk)

### Senior Designated Safeguarding Leads

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding



Mrs Atkinson  
Headteacher



Mrs Dryden  
Assistant Head  
Teacher



Miss Reid  
Assistant Head  
Teacher



Mr Vasarhelyi  
Class Teacher



Miss Newbould  
Class Teacher



Mrs Lee  
Pupil Wellbeing  
Lead

If you have a concern about the safety of a child in our school, please contact one of our trained Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you have a concern out of school hours, please contact First Contact on 0300026797 or the police.

## Stay and Play - You said and we listened!

A 6pm finish is to be implemented by the DFE in the next couple of years, but we know that parents would like this to happen sooner at SBPS. From the 5th February, Stay and Play will be extended to 6pm and this will run in the infant building. As they do now, KS2 children will walk with staff to the junior building when school finishes. The cost of each session is £9 and this will include:

- ◆ A snack and drink
- ◆ Access to sports clubs (when they are running)
- ◆ A range of activities
- ◆ A qualified team made up of school staff and coaches who know your children well

A few things will change:

- ◆ Pick up will be at the green gate at the bottom of the drive (main entrance to the school hall)
- ◆ Collection can be at any time but the cost will remain the same
- ◆ Children can choose to join sports clubs on the day they run as they will be offered as part of their Stay and Play session
- ◆ Trainers should be brought to school for outside activities and for joining sports clubs



More information will be shared with you soon. Stay and Play sessions can only be booked and paid for on Arbor and you will be notified when these sessions go live.

## Spring Term Clubs

Please book and pay for each session on Arbor.

	KS1	All	KS2
Monday	Ball Games	Stay and play open to all children. KS2 will be walked to the KS1 building. Collection 4.30pm from KS1 building.	Creative Kitchen Musical Theatre
Tuesday	Creative Kitchen		Battle Zone Games
Wednesday			Indoor Football Spanish
Thursday	Gymnastics Spanish		Yoga
Friday			

## A huge thank you!



All the staff at SBPS would like to say a huge thank you for all the support you have given us this term. It's been an extremely busy one and we value everything you do for us.

Thank you also for the many kind gifts cards and messages this Christmas. They are never expected but are always greatly appreciated.

We wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and hope you have many happy times ahead in 2024!

## School Therapy Dog

My name is Lottie and I am a 1 year old Cocker Spaniel. My owner is Mrs Atkinson. Since being a tiny puppy, I have spent most of my days working with my dad at Dishforth Army Base, helping to support soldiers and their families. At first I was shy but now that I have lots of experience of being around both adults and children, I love being stroked, cuddled and generally made a fuss of. I love being outdoors and can run around really fast but indoors I am calm and I listen well to instructions. I have less dander and shed hair less than many other breeds and this means I am good to be around people with allergies. Because of my breed, I am a very sociable, well-tempered and clever dog too! I will start my therapy dog training in January 2024 and this will take around 3 months to complete. I need to complete my training to work with children in school and during my training I will wear a training coat so everyone knows I am being trained to support them. Once I am fully trained, I will be a regular visitor to classrooms and some children will also work with me individually or in small groups to support their learning. Mrs Atkinson plans to have me work in school for a minimum of two days each week, but I will come in much more than this if it's possible!

Please see the attached letter for more information.



# Return to school: Thursday 4th January 2024