

# ST GILBERT OF SEMPRINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

It's that time of year again and Christmas is just round the corner!!

Over the coming weeks there are lots of exciting activities and celebrations planned for our children and families - it is going to be very busy!

As the weather turns cooler, please can I ask that all children bring appropriate clothing, including a waterproof coat and that additional care is taken by all members of our school community as the nights darken.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE and NON-UNIFORM DAY

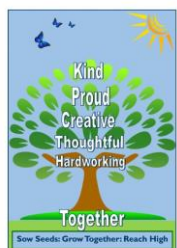
We are very excited about our forthcoming Christmas Fayre on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5pm-6.30pm. For this to be a success we need your help and support please with the following:

- 🌲 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Non-uniform Day – bring a bottle as a donation for the bottle stall, this can be squash, wine, beer, cola, shampoo, (pretty much anything in a bottle!)
- 🌲 Donations for the Raffle and Tombola (children's and general)
- 🌲 Any cakes or baked goods for the refreshment stall
- 🌲 Most importantly, your support on the night!



### PTFA

We are already delighted to have so many parents and staff eager to establish a PTFA and would like to thank all of those who have given their time to organise the Christmas Fayre. The official set up meeting is arranged for Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 3.45pm. We would welcome any parents who would like to be involved. An information stand will be available at the Christmas Fayre if you wanted to ask any questions and find out a little more about how you can help.



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## ATTENDANCE



Lateness – Every Minute Counts

The school day starts at 08.55. If your child arrives after this, they will be marked late.

Lateness = Lost Learning (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Please see the attendance policy on our website for further information.



## Children in Need

We have raised an incredible £199.25. Thank you all for your generous donations and a huge thank you to Laura for arranging the cake stall, and to our parents for their delicious contributions to this.

## Christmas Jumper Day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December)

In aid of *Save the Children* we will be asking all children to come to school in a festive jumper or brightly coloured clothing. All charity donations will be gratefully received.



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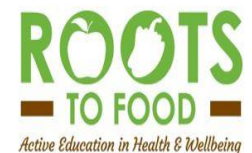
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## PE KITS

I would like to apologise for any confusion with regards to PE kits earlier this half term. Please do not feel that a second kit is needed, or that any PE clothing must be branded. Children need to be comfortable and warm, and during the winter months I would suggest a pair of green / black / grey jogging bottoms and plain white T-shirt. Children can wear their usual school sweater or fleece or, if preferred, a plain sweater which matches their jogging bottoms to keep them warm outdoors. Later in the year, black shorts are an acceptable alternative to emerald green.

## ROOTS TO FOOD

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November all children from Nursery to Year 6 had the opportunity to develop their culinary skills with Darren from Roots to Food. Together they prepared delicious dishes of Terriyaki Chicken and Stromboli. I hope you have had opportunity to try these recipes at home. The day provided a fantastic and enriching curriculum experience enjoyed by all. Darren is already booked for a return visit next year!

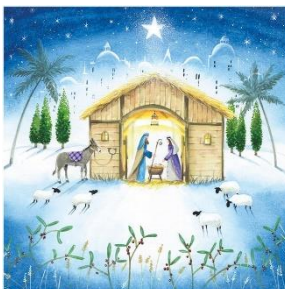


Curriculum Cooking Challenge

## READING

We are continuing to develop our curriculum and have been developing classroom reading areas, have invested further in RWINC phonics and get writing resources to support early reading and literacy skills, and key texts have been mapped out for whole class reading linked to curriculum. Next term our aim is to implement a reading spine for the whole school, with a broad range of high-quality texts for each year group providing our core reading offer.

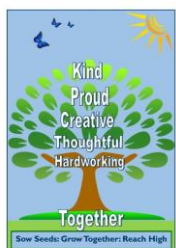
Reading opens the door to future learning, evokes curiosity and imagination and provides limitless opportunities for discovery. I would encourage all children to read widely, often and for pleasure. Please visit our school website, (search curriculum/reading) where you will find a list of 'Recommended Reads' for each year group, along with some top tips on how to support reading for pleasure at home.



## NATIVITY- EYFS/ KS1

The Rabbits and Hedgehogs are incredibly excited to be able to show off their acting and singing skills in our nativity of 'Shine Star Shine'. They are working hard to learn their lines and the words to our lovely songs. We cannot wait to see parents and families on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm for some festive fun.

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## CHRISTINGLE

Looking ahead, we are very pleased to say that we will be once again having our traditional Christingle service on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This will start at 2:30pm and parents and carers are invited to join the children in this very special event.

At the conclusion of the service, children will be able to leave with appropriate adults. Any children not collected will stay in school until the end of the usual school day.

## DIARY DATES

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Non-Uniform Day - Bring a Bottle for our Christmas Fayre
- 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nativity (EYFS and Key Stage 1) - 2pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christingle - 2pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> End of Autumn Term 2

### January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Start of Spring Term 1

