



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

December 2021



Wishing a Merry Christmas to one and all

As we rapidly approach the end of this autumn term, our children can reflect on the excellent way they have started this school year. They have risen to the challenges that their teachers have set them and settled wonderfully in their new year groups.

While this has represented another somewhat restricted Christmas, the children have still (with the magnificent support of our volunteer Friends of Southridge) enjoyed a super Christmas Fair Day replete with exciting games such as Racing Reindeer, Snowball Throwing and a Chocolate Tombola. We extend our thanks Naomi Reid and her committee for organising this lovely day and her team of volunteers who made this such a lovely day.

The children throughout the school have done an excellent job at learning and performing their Christmas carols despite the extremely variable weather! We were very glad that so many of you were able to join us and again were thankful to the Friends of Southridge for the refreshments they provided.

But now that the Christmas parties have concluded and the school's Christmas dinner has been eaten, we are simply left to hope that the children are able to recharge their batteries over the break and spend quality time with loved ones, before returning raring to go in the new year.



Diary Dates

Christmas Holidays:	Saturday 18 th -Monday 3 rd January
Teacher Training Day:	Tuesday 4 th January
Children back to school:	Wednesday 5 th January
Clubs begin:	Week beginning Monday 17 th January

Safeguarding Update from iNEQUE

Poppy Playtime

iNEQUE's online safety experts have been alerted to a video game, being described by some users as an "introduction to horror." Videos, versions of the game, and associated material are becoming increasingly popular on YouTube, Roblox, and other platforms used by young children.

Please follow [this link](#) to find out more about this potentially problematic game aimed at young children.

Clubs

We have trialled the use of Google Forms as an efficient way of signing up for opportunities in school - such as Christmas Dinner. We are hoping to use this as the method for signing up to after-school clubs in the spring term.



Governor visits

Our governors have been busily supporting and challenging the school this term with various curriculum visits covering Reading, French, PSHE and Humanities. They have met with subject leaders and monitored subject action plans. We are grateful for the time, energy and guidance that they dedicate to supporting the school.

Staffing Update

As we bid a very fond farewell to Mrs Reilly from our school office, we also look forward to welcoming Mrs Curran who will be joining us in January to work alongside Mrs Lee as a welcoming face in our office.



**Southridge
Christmas Raffle
Top Winners**

1st Prize
Nintendo Switch - Emma Hodgton

2nd Prize
Ring Video Door Bell - Janice Knox

3rd Prize
£100 - Richard Parkinson

Attendance -Autumn Term

Attendance Cup Winners



Week 5: Miss Cassidy's
& Mrs Pringle's Classes
Week 6: Mrs Pringle's
& Mrs McIntyre's Classes
Week 7: Mr Price's Class
Week 8: Miss Cassidy's
& Mrs Pringle's Classes
Week 9: Mrs McIntosh
Week 10: Miss McIntyre
& Mr O'Hara
Week 11: Mr Harrington
Week 12: Miss Smith
Week 13: Mr Price
Week 14: Mr Price

Attendance Stars



Week 5: Year 1
Week 6: Year 4
Week 7: Year 3
Week 8: Year 1
Week 9: Year 3
Week 10: Year 3
Week 11: Year 4
Week 12: Year 2
Week 13: Year 3
Week 14: Year 3