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## *Working Together in God's Hands*

Dear Parents

### **PTFA Christmas Fete**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fete last Friday. The event was a great success and, although the total proceeds are yet to be finalised, it is thought to have raised around £500. As ever, these events do not happen by themselves, so a big thank you to all our PTFA volunteers who spent many weeks planning and organising as well as helping on the day itself.

### **Christmas Jumper Day for World Vision**

We will be having a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14 December. All pupils, staff (and parents!) are invited to wear a bright and jolly Christmas jumper or top in return for a donation to World Vision. All donations will go towards our ongoing sponsorship of two children, Jyoti who is 12 and lives in Bhojpur, India and Ousmane, who is 6 and from Mbella in Senegal.

### **Christmas Performances**

All ticket requests have been fulfilled and tickets issued. There are still some seats available so if you would like an extra ticket please enquire at the office. Please may we remind all parents that babies and pre-school age children are welcome at the afternoon performances, but should not be brought to the evening performances, and the taking of photographs or video is not permitted. The PTFA will be serving refreshments during the interval and a collection for World Vision will be taken after each performance.

### **School Closures**

As we go into winter, there is the possibility, if weather conditions become extremely severe, that the decision may be taken to close the school. We have been advised that NCC will no longer be collating information on school closures and consequently will no longer be publishing a list of closed schools on its website. Therefore, if Sywell School is closed, notification will be put on the **school website** [www.sywellceprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.sywellceprimaryschool.org.uk) in the grey *Announcements* panel on the home page. We will also endeavour to send a ParentMail to all parents. If in any doubt please check the school website in the first instance, but please do not telephone the school.

### **No Boosters next week**

The after school Booster sessions for Years 3, 4 & 6 are now finished for this term.

### **Colouring competition**

Please remember that the closing date for entries for the Cygnus Christmas colouring competition is Monday, 10 December.

## Our Pause for Thought

Jesus' coming is foretold.

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.*

*Isaiah 9:6*

## Our Value of the Term is

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### **Class 3 Swimming**

A reminder that pupils in Class 3 will commence their swimming lessons in the first week of next term. Please return your child's permission slip if you have not already done so.

### **Clubs**

Please see the attached booking forms for next term's Dance Club and Gymnastics Club.

### **Sywell Air Scouts**

Did you know Sywell had its own Air Cubs, Scouts and Explorers troops? They are the only groups of their kind in the county. They have contacted us to ask if we could publicise their Christmas Fair at Sywell Village Hall on 15 December – please see the attached poster. If your child is aged 8 or over and would like further information on joining the Merlin Cubs or Air Scouts please visit their website [www.sywellairscoutgroup.co.uk](http://www.sywellairscoutgroup.co.uk)

### **Upcoming Events & Dates for the Diary**

Every Wednesday	Praying Parents 8.55am in school (Goldfish Bowl)
Tuesday 11 December	PTFA panto trip Peter Pan @ Derngate 7.00pm
Wednesday 12 December	Christmas production 1.30/2.30pm & 6.00/7.00pm
Thursday 13 December	Christmas production 6.00/7.00pm
Friday 14 December	Christmas Jumper Day (donation for World Vision)
Wednesday 19 December	Kingswood Christmas Lunch PTFA Christmas Lunch Crib Service Sywell Church 2pm End of Term 2
Monday 7 January	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 8 January	Swimming – Class 3 only

### **Safeguarding and E-safety**

Please remember that if you have any concerns regarding safeguarding or child protection (including e-safety) then you should raise your concerns with the designated safeguarding leads within school. They are Russell Lunn and Sonia Byrne. For more advice about safeguarding and e-safety, please see the following sites:

<http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/>

<https://ceop.police.uk/>

With best wishes



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**Head Teacher**