**SJS Stars of The Week**

- Y3JC – Thomas Durkin
- Y3CB – Lily-Ann Platt
- Y3NM – Melissa Green
- Y4JM – Corben Clarkson
- Y4AC – Owen Dimelow
- Y4AL – Charlotte Lynam
- Y5CB – Spencer Kelly
- Y5CS – Jacob Stafford
- Y5SM – Mia Fox
- Y6LR – Jacob Rutherford
- Y6ER – Joe Phillips
- Y6RD – Olivia Barrett

PPA Star of the Week nominated by Miss Keating & Miss Freeman – Archie Price (Y4AC)

**SMART Day**

We are excited to be running the first of this year’s ‘SMART Days’ on Wednesday 5th December. Staff members are all busy organising a wide range of activities including ‘Go-Go-Gadget Inventions’, ‘Nemo’s Underwater Animals’ and ‘Mary Poppins’ Chalk Drawings’ which are based on the theme ‘Walt Disney’. The children will be able to choose two activities (one in the morning; one in the afternoon) and explore different intelligences and learning styles. We will introduce each activity during Monday’s assembly then children will have the opportunity to sign up for their chosen activities during break on Tuesday.

**Christmas Raffle**

A couple of weeks ago your child brought home two books of raffle tickets to sell on behalf of the school. We kindly ask for all stubs to be filled in a returned to school along with the money this week. The raffle will be drawn at the Year 6 performance on Thursday 13th December. A list of winning numbers will be displayed around school and on the weekly school newsletter on Monday 17th December. As previous years, this year’s prizes include a large hamper, a small hamper and a hamper of drinks!

**Christmas @ SJS**

Over the weekend, the elves have been busy sprinkling the school with Christmas cheer! The Christmas post box has been placed in the entrance hall for children’s Christmas cards. Please ensure that children use our school council’s daily delivery service for their cards rather than handing them out on the school yards.

**SJS 2013 Calendar**

The 2012 school calendar will be on sale at our Christmas performances for just £4… what a marvellous Christmas present for the children to give to their grandparents!!!

**Y4 Bishops’ House**

Each Year 4 class will be visiting Bishops’ House this week. Bishops’ House is a real Tudor house that is over 500 years old! Y4AL will visit today, Y4JM on Tuesday 4th December and Y4AC on Friday 7th December. Please ensure that your child’s permission slip is returned asap.

**British Sausage Day**

On Tuesday 11th December we are having a British Sausage Day. If your child does not usually have school dinners but would like to for this special occasion, please send £1.98 to the school office in a clearly named envelope no later than Wednesday 5th December.

**Christmas Dinner**

Letters have been sent home giving children the opportunity to sign up to have a Christmas dinner on Monday 17th December! If your child still has their slip and payment lurking in their school bag, please ensure it is handed to the school office tomorrow morning at the latest. The price for turkey with all the trimmings is £1.98. For vegetarians, Quorn roast with vegetarian sausages is available.
CLASS ASSEMBLY
As the children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas performance, we have decided to postpone Y4JM’s class assembly until the new year.

ANGELA SMITH MP CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION
We have been asked by Angela Smith, MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge, to pass on her thanks for the many entries to her annual Christmas card competition. She has had the tricky task of selecting designs out of the 500 entries for her Christmas cards – so much so that she has decided to make two different cards this year using work by 26 children. Children that entered are invited with their parents to view their artwork on display in Stocksbridge Library on Saturday 8th December. A prize giving will take place at 9:30 am.

COMMUNITY CAROLS
Members of the community are invited to St Matthias Church on Sunday 9th December (2pm – 4pm) for carol singing, the nativity and to meet Father Christmas. Entry is free.

TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION
The Town Council and Community Events Forum were so impressed with the high standard and number of entrants for the Town Council’s Christmas Card competition that it was very difficult to choose a winner! After much deliberation, the winner has been chosen as Sophie (Age 6) from Stocksbridge Nursery & Infants School. Sophie will be invited to switch on the Christmas Illuminations on 7th December 2012.
There were seven other entrants that they felt deserved recognition; three of which are SJS pupils! The Mayor is hoping to visit school to present a small prize to Olivia Knight, Cole Staley Howson and Karla Hiley for their efforts!

DADS’ CLUB
Stocksbridge Youth Club would like to invite dads, granddads and uncles who have children aged between 0 and 11 years old to a dads’ club. Every Saturday from Saturday 8th December (10am – 11:30am) come along for tea, toast and fun activities!

MISSING SWIMMING BAG
A swimming bag containing a towel and a pair of trunks has gone missing from the cloakroom in the mobile. We would appreciate it if parents of Year 4 children could check that it has not got mixed up with their child’s swimming or PE kit at home. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
This year, the children in Year 3 and Year 4 will be performing ‘Christmas Around the World’. To help with costumes, it would be appreciated if parents could provide their child with some clothes for their performances.

- Miss Mosley’s & Miss Mahler’s classes: Party clothes (i.e. boys - shirt and trousers, girls - sparkly dresses)
- Miss Cush’s & Miss Lockwood’s classes: Summer clothes (e.g. shorts, t-shirt, sunglasses, sun hat etc.)
- Mrs Burdin’s & Miss Caudwell’s classes: Black clothing
Please may parents send these in by Thursday 6th December in a clearly labelled bag? Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to seeing you at the performances!