



# St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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## Happy New Year 2019!

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Whilst it was a little hectic breaking up so late, wasn't it lovely having all that time after Christmas and the New Year celebrations before coming back to school? It is lovely to see the children and hear about how lucky they were!

This is probably one of the happiest newsletters I have ever started the year with: we have some rather special announcements from staff. We have not one, but two engagements to celebrate! Congratulations to Miss Cox and Miss Rumsey who were both the recipients of a marriage proposal and a sparkly diamond ring! We are thrilled for them both.

In addition, we have not one but two forthcoming arrivals later in the summer...Miss Smith is expecting twins! We are delighted to share this fantastic news!

We were able to send off some very generous contributions to three charities from fundraising at the end of term. Our nominated Christmas charities were MIND and SANDS with several collections from staff Christmas cards, the carol concert and the nativities. We raised £575.81. We thoroughly enjoyed Christmas Jumper day on 14<sup>th</sup> December. This raised £196.28 for Save the Children.

You might well have seen Mr Hill this week around school. It is great to have him back on the team. Again, I know that you will join me in welcoming him back to our community as Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo. In addition, we will also be welcoming Miss Hannah Wells, who is a student from the North Wiltshire School Centred Initial Teacher Training (NWSCITT), as she starts her second placement in 5R with Miss Rumsey as her mentor.

We have started off with a very busy week. We have had a visitor from the fire brigade, taking fire safety sessions with Years 2, 5 & 6. FS2 and Year 1 made a gingerbread man yesterday morning but when they went to get him out of the oven...he had run away! A hunt ensued and he was eventually tracked down and everyone had hot chocolate (and a gingerbread man!) to celebrate.

We also have a whole school treat planned next Wednesday morning for all the children - I won't give away the secret just yet but needless to say it should be good fun. Clubs start next week too; please don't forget to sign up via parentmail. We are really pleased to be able to offer a yoga club run by Annabel Wallis of Zen Yoga, specialising in some fun and beneficial yoga for children. The staff have had a session with her and it was brilliant. There is also the club for the Music Festival (a separate letter went out to Y2-6) about this. That is always a highlight in the school year.

All in all, we have hit 2019 running!

Jennifer Bayne

The value that we are exploring this term is, 'Trust'.