

SOUTHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024



What a fabulous month of December we have had and I am sure you will agree the highlight has been the Christmas performances. All of our children worked so hard and did a fantastic job remembering all their lines, where they needed to stand and they sang beautifully. I was extremely proud of them all. A massive thank you to all the staff for all their hard work helping the concerts be such a success.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support this term and for all of your kind Christmas wishes in cards and gifts. On behalf of myself, Staff and Governors we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming you all back next year which already promises to be full of exciting opportunities for our children.

Miss Luke, Headteacher

SCHOOL NEWS

- We raised £363.50 for our two chosen charities Stroke Association and Dementia UK - at the Phase 3 Christmas Concert, diolch!
- Everyone enjoyed themselves at the Robin Hood Panto at Elfed High School. Thank you to Friends of Southdown for paying this year as a special treat for the whole school.
- Christmas Dinner was delicious and went like clockwork. Thanks to Fiona, the school cook and her team and for all the staff who helped.
- The Choir have been busy singing at Marleyfield House Care Home and Bistre Nursing Home. They also had a special performance at Marleyfield where they sang with Making Maestros. Thank you to Miss Gardner, Mrs Maddox and Miss Phoenix for making this possible.
- Lots of fun was had at the Christmas parties and Santa was able to take some time out of his busy schedule to visit the children.
- It was lovely to see so many Year 5 parents and family members at their Space Exhibition. The children had worked so hard and they were very proud of themselves -we are too!
- The children enjoyed a performance of Bethlehem Rhapsody puppet show at Bistre Church on Thursday. Thank you to Rev. Chris and the church as always for supporting us.
- Thank you to everyone for your hard work and support with the Fancy Dress today. We saw some wonderful creations and everyone has had a great morning!

SANTA V THE GRINCH!

On behalf of the school, I would like to say a very big thank you to our dedicated Friends of Southdown who have run a number of successful fundraising events throughout the Autumn term. Your hard work and commitment is very much appreciated.

We particularly enjoyed our visit from Santa and also the Grinch on Wednesday – the children loved having their pictures taken and the hot chocolate/cookies were delicious! Your contributions helped raise £278.64 – thank you.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you for your support with the Christmas Raffle. The amount raised for the school was £1,409.50 and congratulations to the following winners:

£300 Cash	Isobel Year 3
£150 Cash	Andy (Kerry Williams)
£10 for Woodworks Garden Centre plus 20% discount voucher	Ste Walker
Eureka Science & Discovery Centre – Admission voucher	Reuben Year 1
Explore – Admission voucher for family	Mrs Goddard
David Williams Photography (photoshoot & 2 x frames 12"x10"	Mrs Young Mr Williams
Running Hare Meal Voucher	Mrs Melvin
Pen-Y-Bont Meal voucher (2 x main meals)	D Jones, Buckley
Glas Fryn Meal Voucher (2 x courses for 2 persons)	Mrs Norrington
Flip Out Trampolines – 2 x passes for £17.45 each	Molly Year 6
Theatre Clwyd panto tickets "Mother Goose" (January 2025)	Mr Webb
£50 meal voucher	Miss Bolton
Flint Mountain Golf Club – 4 ball golf game	Matteo Nursery
Chester Football Club – tickets to match day game	Mrs Warrington
Car cleaning hamper	Mrs Bellis
Gullivers World Theme Park – 2 x Admission tickets	J Andrews
Venue Cymru tickets for Panto "Jack & The Beanstalk"	Mrs Groombridge

DATES FOR NEXT TERM - 2025

- Monday 6th January School Closed: Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 7th January Back to School
- Thursday 20th February Finish for Half Term
- Friday 21st February School Closed: Staff Training
- Monday 3rd March Back to School
- Friday 11th April Finish for Easter

Further dates and information about all the Spring Term activities will be sent out in the new year.

See you all back in school on
Tuesday 7th January 2025!

