

15 December 2023



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

A very expensive Bentley had many pupils dreaming of their futures and staff reaching for their lottery tickets this week. The Director of Bentley's marketing had kindly lent it to the visitors who came to inspire our GCSE photographers and show where their creativity may lead. That creativity can be seen in many of the classrooms at the moment as the festive Christmas competition hots up with multi-coloured decorations adorning mentor bases. Today's Christmas Treasure Hunt, organised by the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, was fun for those who took part and Christmas boxes are also piling high for our Ethos Forum's Sawston Give campaign. Next week we can look forward to some more festive cheer and the Carol Concert on Tuesday night for which pupils have been busily rehearsing and sounding wonderful.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER End of term arrangements**

We will be closing early at 12.20 pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December to enable staff to prepare for next term and to celebrate together the successes of the term. Pupils will have lessons as normal at mentor time, period 1 and period 2. During an extended period 3, pupils will be in mentor bases to enjoy and compete in the Inter-house Christmas Quiz 2023. Break will be as normal with all catering facilities open but we will not be providing lunch for pupils. School buses will leave at 12.35 pm. School uniform as normal.

If it is not possible for your child to leave site until the end of the normal school day at 3.05pm, please let us know (contact the office) by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December and we will look to make supervised provision for this. There is no After-School Study Support Club on the last day of term and all school transport will have left at 12.35 pm. All pupils are expected to leave the site, which remains closed at all times to pupils during the holidays.

### **NEW Staff News**

We are delighted for Ms Friesner who has welcomed a new addition to her family. Mr Levine is covering her maternity leave. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mr Parker, Inclusion Tutor, who retires his post after Christmas but may do some occasional work for us still. Also, Mrs Roberts is stepping down from her part-time Music role and focusing on peripatetic work. She is replaced by Mrs Greaney. We thank both our leavers for the service they have given and wish them all the best in the future.

### **REMINDER Pupil Christmas lunch**

The [Christmas lunch](#) will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (also Christmas Jumper Day). The festive feast will be served in the Dining Hall, priced at £2.60. This year, no



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tickets are required. Instead, pupils should pay at the tills on their catering account. The other catering outlets will also be open and serving a range of food, including options from the 12 Days of Christmas [menu](#).

### **REMINDER FSM holiday vouchers**

The Local Authority is running their voucher scheme for the Christmas holidays. For each eligible pupil, they will be issuing a £30 supermarket voucher via Wonde (E-voucher). All families have been informed. Every eligible pupil will receive their voucher by the end of the day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **NICE TO KNOW U16 District Hockey Champions**

Congratulations to the Sawston girls hockey team on becoming the district champions of 2023. The team did not concede a single goal against three very strong and well drilled teams. Sunny Brown scored in the first three minutes of the tournament, which made everyone all forget that the rain was pouring. The communication, teamwork and supportive play meant that the other teams could not break through any of our positions. Faith Leader did not disappoint with a fantastic goal from just inside the D. On her debut performance for Sawston, our fourth goal of the tournament was from Imsy Butler-Burd who scored a highly anticipated goal through a short corner. Well done!

### **NICE TO KNOW Anglian Learning Chess Academy**

In the second round of the Cambridgeshire Schools Championship earlier this month, our two teams won all eight of their matches. With a squad of 15 players, teams were selected to ensure that everyone played in at least some rounds.

Eight players in the squad attend Sawston Village College: Akshayaa Balasubrmanian, Walt Dean, Ruben Emerson, Edward Griffin, Ray Lee, Ziyu Ong, Benjamin Tsang and Reuben Webster. Both teams are just under halfway in the League table, but with two further rounds in the New Year we have high hopes of getting into the top half. Congratulations to all involved.

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Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell