



# ST JAMES

## Preparatory School

### Year 5 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 13

#### This week in Year 5

All of a sudden, it's the end of the term! This final week has been lovely though, with Christmas activities scattered throughout. The highlight of course was the Prep School Carol Service yesterday morning. Anyone who was able to come would surely agree that the whole event was fabulous, and that the children, particularly those in the choir, were excellent. A number of staff have shared with me that they thought Year 5 stole the show with their delicately melodic rendition of *Silent Night* on the hand chimes, and without wanting to sound biased, I agree!

Having read *Kensuke's Kingdom* throughout this term, we had a treat and watched the film over the last two days of term. The children loved comparing and contrasting the two different versions, noticing that the film-makers used their creative licence liberally to make some major changes.

Yesterday, children in Year 5 and 6 competed in the annual Netball House Shield. Although Winchester won on the day, it was not enough to overturn the enormous lead earned by Canterbury in Year 3 and 4, who were the overall winners. Well done to all for taking part so sportingly! See the teams below:



Salisbury Sledgers



Canterbury Crackers



Winchester Wreaths



Salisbury Stockings



Canterbury Candy Canes



Winchester Wise Men  
(and Women!)

## Things to Remember

- Spring Term begins on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.
- We will not be swimming next half term, so no need to send your child(ren) to school with their swimming kit.

Wellbeing Update from Mr Jones:

- If your child wishes to apply to join our next group of **Wellbeing Ambassadors**, they should write a letter, using the template handed out this week. Deadline for applications is Friday 17th January.
- We invite all parents to complete the following Wellbeing survey. We are so keen to hear your thoughts once again on the wellbeing provision on offer at St James. Please use the following link: <https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/674dbf2243252>

Maths update from Ms Foster:

- The Power of Maths practice books link with our curriculum and teaching style. Children can complete 5A as this will cover our teaching throughout this term. Some families may wish to move onto B and C but please be aware that we are yet to cover some of these concepts yet:  
<https://whiteroseeducation.com/products?page=1&product=20>
- Oak Academy is an excellent resource for recapping and learning specific topics:  
<https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/key-stages/ks2/subjects>
- If you fancy a challenge, then have a go at DecemBAR! A set of challenges designed to encourage problem solving using drawings of bars to represent the mathematics. The questions get progressively more challenging:  
<https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources/decembar>
- Children should continue to attempt to make their 'heatmap' green in Garage mode. Children who have completed this can have a go at improving their studio time.
- Nrich is a fantastic site for reasoning and problem-solving challenges:  
<https://nrich.maths.org/parents/primary>