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Parent Communication 17.1.25

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Coming to the end of the second week, it feels like Christmas is a long way in the past! It has been a good second week here at SAIL with lots of great learning going on. We have also welcomed to the school our first Key Stage 1 class – Angelfish. It has been great to see our new starters begin to settle into the school and be welcomed by staff and students alike.

Bad Weather plan and what to do in the event of school closure

Although we hope that the worst of the weather is behind us, we have been told that there is the potential for a period of cold and stormy weather at the end of the month and therefore want to make sure everyone is prepared just in case. As sent out earlier in the year, if the weather forces the school to close, we will communicate this in the following way:

IF AN EARLY MORNING DECISION IS MADE: - Please, in the first instance, check the website as we would enable a pop-up message with details on it regarding any closure. This would be as soon as a decision is made to close the school. We would also send an email stating the same details, so please could you all ensure we have your up-to-date contact information. It may be prudent to also add the following email address to your favourites so that any email sent does not end up in your spam or junk folder – **no-reply@mail.arbor-education.com**

For those of you whose children come in using taxis via the Wiltshire Transport Unit, your driver or their taxi firm may have already made a decision due to unsafe road conditions and/or driving conditions. They should inform the Passenger Transport Unit (who man their emails from 7:30am in adverse weather) who, in turn, inform you or the taxi driver themselves or, the passenger assistant may contact you as we appreciate that some of you have early pick up times. If this is the case, then kindly email the school, **reception@sail-academy.org** (do not call as there may not be anyone here to answer it, but emails will be monitored). Please give the name of your child and their class and we can then mark the register accordingly.

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IF A DECISION IS MADE DURING THE DAY FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY: A message from the school will be put on the website and an email will be sent. We would also try and send a written letter home depending on how late in the day the decision is made. For those of you who use the taxi service, the school will let the Transport Unit know so that they can inform the companies, drivers and passenger assistants.

IF A DECISION IS MADE DURING THE DAY TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL EARLY: - Again, a message will be put on the website and an email sent. Taxis would be contacted (via the Transport Unit) to see if they could come early but for those children, they may have to remain at school until the end of a normal day, unless you can come and collect them yourself or arrange alternative transportation home.

Appren-T-Fest Salisbury

Next Wednesday all of our Year 10s and 11s are going out in the morning to be part of the Appren-T-Fest at Salisbury Sixth Form College. This visit is planned to support our Year 10s and 11s in finding out and considering what opportunities they would like to pursue after leaving school.

Taster courses at Sparsholt College

Prior to our planned Year 9 taster evening at the end of this term we are taking interested Year 9s to Sparsholt College, who run a 14-16 program for City & Guilds level qualifications which they will have an option to take part in as one of their option choices. We hope they have an interesting visit!

Fire service visitors into school

On Monday next week we will be having visitors from the Fire service into school to talk to groups of our students and both share what they do and support students understanding of fire safety.

Southampton University Students at SAIL

Next week on Wednesday and Thursday we have a range of visitors into school from Southampton University. They will be spending some time in classes, finding out what we do and helping out. We look forward to welcoming them!

Rewards and Recognition

We are very keen to recognise the great things that your child is doing in school. As a result, we have re-launched the Ready, Respectful, Safe points. These are no longer being logged on Dojo but on Arbor. We will be using these points to recognise great behaviours within each tutor or class group working towards a half termly reward.

We are also recognising the students who have made the best development in any specific week. This week they are:

Angelfish – Joe

Turtle – Tyler

Starfish – Shayne

Penguin – Jack and Ricky

Dolphin – Ashliegh

Swordfish – Tommy

Seal – Jamie

Octopus – James

Orca – Kian

Atlantic – Toby

Well done to all those students who have made great steps this week, particularly those students identified above.

Safeguarding Update

This week in school we have seen an increase in racial language and slurs. After investigating where the children are hearing this, several have said they have picked this language up or seen it on the gaming forum Discord. Discord has an age rating of 13, therefore if your child uses this platform, please can you check how they are using it. At SAIL, we take the use of racist language very seriously and will always follow this up as a serious issue.

Key dates

January

- **Monday 20th January** – Fire service visitors to school
- **Tuesday 21st January** – Year 9 Sparsholt College Taster Day
- **Wednesday 22nd January** – Year 10/11 Apprenticeship awareness morning at Salisbury campus of Wiltshire College.
- **Monday 27th January** – Holocaust Memorial Day

February

- **Whole Month** – LGBT Awareness/History month
- **Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th February** – Children’s Mental Health Week

March

- **Monday 3rd March** – World Wildlife Day
- **Saturday 8th March** – International Women's Day (to be looked at in school w/b: 3rd March)
- **Sunday 22nd March** – World Water Day (to be looked at in school w/b: 23rd March)