



# THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish

20/12/17

## Headline

What a term we have had! I've had so many children come to see me with their wonderful work over the past few weeks, I've barely had time for any paperwork (which is no disappointment at all). What is most heartening to see is the way children are throwing themselves into their work, taking risks and not being afraid of making mistakes which, after all, is how we learn.

The shepherds and the wise men eventually found their way to the stable, guided by the star and surmounting countless obstacles with a variety of vehicles including a hang glider. The advent candle has burnt right down and we welcomed baby Jesus (a few days early) with happy hearts.

I wish all of our Soho Parish families a happy and peaceful Christmas. The children have all earned a restful and joyous holiday. We look forward to seeing you again, fully recharged and ready for another term of learning and laughter.

Louise 



*The staff of Soho Parish wish you a very merry Christmas.*

## Workshops for Parents:

### *The Importance of Play and Sleep in Child Development*

In this one hour workshop on the 11<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15 in the BBHall we will discuss the importance of play and sleep in child development. Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination and is essential to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around

them. We will also look at the importance of sleep, as evidence shows that night time sleep is just as important as healthy eating and exercise for children to develop.

This workshop will offer parents who attend meaningful strategies and ideas to support their children around these crucial areas. There will be lots of room for questions during the workshop, as well as to share observations and ideas. This session will be led by Alex Haswell, an educational psychologist who works closely with the school.

## Phonic and Writing workshop

Steven and Rosie will be running a phonic and handwriting workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9 a.m upstairs in the white hall. This is aimed at our Reception parents and any parents in Year 1 or would like a refresher. They will demonstrate how phonics is taught at Soho Parish and how through this your child will become a happy and successful reader and writer.

## A term in review

Looking back on this term and thinking about the learning that has taken place, it is always clear that the teaching and learning taking place is so deep-rooted to our Soho Parish Values. Here are some highlights from the term that all demonstrate imagination, respect, challenge, individuality and family





## December

20<sup>th</sup> December 2017      School closes for Christmas 1.30 p.m. No play club.

## January

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018      *School Re-opens*  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2018      *Diversity workshops*  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2018      Year 6 Westminster Junior Citizenship Scheme  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2018      Importance of play/sleep workshop 9.15 a.m.  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2018      Yr 4 Cake Sale  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2018      Phonic Workshop – 9.00 a.m.  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2018      Year 3 Class Assembly

## February

1<sup>st</sup> February 2018      Year 4 Class Assembly  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018      *Yr 3 Cake Sale*  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2018      *School closes for half term*  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2018      *Book Week*

## Additional Dates

Feb/March 2018      PSA AGM - TBC  
5<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018      Yr 5 & 6 Magdalen Residential Trip  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2018      Yr 2 Cake Sale  
4<sup>th</sup> May 2018      Yr 1 Cake Sale  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2018      Reception Cake Sale  
29<sup>th</sup> June 2018      Yr 6 Cake Sale

*Please check these dates every newsletter as they may change.*