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It has been quite a fortnight at Sefton Park. First, I want to warmly congratulate and celebrate the appointment of Mr Alex Powell to the position of Headteacher starting in April. Many of you will know Mr Powell and some of you may not have had much chance to cross his path. Alex is first and foremost a lovely person and he has the best interests of children at the core of his being. The children in school adore Mr Powell as he relates impressively with them. His expertise in technology and his self-deprecating humour means that children across the school are delighted for him. The staff are pleased and reassured in equal measure and the school will continue to flourish under Alex's leadership. He cares deeply about Sefton Park and I know you will welcome Alex into his new role with the support you have shown myself over the past few years. I also wanted to commend the Governing Body and Corrie Bell, the Chair of Governors in particular, for the thorough and professional job they provided for the recruitment process. I wanted to let you, the parent community know, that the Governors have represented the school stakeholders expertly.



In additional staffing news, we are delighted for Miss Connie Bennett, Cherry Class teacher in Reception, who is pregnant with twins! Connie plans to work up to the Easter Holidays before taking maternity leave. We wish her so much love and support over the coming months and we know you will too. A replacement for Connie will take over the teaching of Cherry in terms 5 and 6. We will inform parents about who that person will be in term 4.



Our school Advent decorations adorn the school once again. I am going to take this opportunity to explain why the artwork is precious. Today, in the Simson family household, we will decorate our tree (bought from the PTA Xmas tree sale) and all our familiar decorations will appear once again. Amongst those decorations are six that were made when my own children were in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. My children, now aged 12 and 14, laugh at their younger selves, us parents smile as we reminisce about how magical time is and happy memories return. Your child's work represents a moment when children were children and their individuality was celebrated. It is why we must continue to provide

opportunities like this. If you haven't had the chance to see your child's artwork, please do so soon, because it is more than a piece of art.

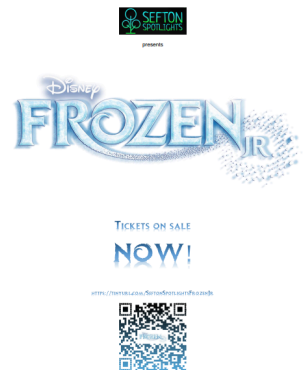
A huge thank you to all those parents who visited the **Year 4's Roman Museum** and delighted in the wonderful work produced. It has been an excellent topic for our Year 4's who have engaged and learnt so much.

Looking forward to next week, we wish those taking part in the **swimming gala on Sunday** the very best of luck. Miss Georgia Pirret is leading the event for the school (herself a national champs swimmer) and thank you to parent volunteers also for your time with this. **Year 3 go on a trip to Cheddar Gorge** next week too. Again, a big thank you to those who are supporting staff.

A reminder that the current PTA team are hosting their final event for the school with an **Xmas Tree Sale**, Hot dogs, Mince Pies, Wreath purchasing, Mulled Wine drinking and more at the Scout Hut tonight from 5-7pm. A massive thank you to the whole PTA team led by the indefatigable Zoe. You have been a great support for all the children at Sefton Park over the past 4 years.

Finally, the costumes have arrived and in anticipation of a wonderful event at the MacKinnon Theatre at Bristol Grammar School, a snippet of one of our cast singing the lead song is now available by clicking the following link. [Frozen](#). Buy your tickets now! We cannot wait to see it and you. Have a wonderful weekend.

Dan Simson and the Team at Sefton Park





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Disney FROZEN JR.

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