



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

**Newsletter (11) Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

## **Update**

I have some further news to share with you all around staffing after the Easter Break.

Miss Brannan (TA in Ruby Class) will be leaving us to take up a new role at a school closer to where she lives. It will be sad to see her go but we obviously wish her well. Ruby Class will be supported by Mrs Benjafield. We will update parents as to Mrs B's intervention schedule after the holidays – some will be picked up by class staff and others will continue with Mrs B.

Ms Hancock (Teacher in Ruby Class) will be reducing her working days from four to three. Mrs Selway will be taking on the class teacher role on Thursday and Fridays.

Collective Worship will be moving to the end of the teaching day. This is to allow for phonics and reading to be taught at the same time across the school, thus ensuring that all children have access to the level of reading support they require. These lessons will begin at 9am so it is vital that all children are in school and ready to learn from 9am, the time from 8.45am to 9am is used for settling into the day and for basic skills activities.



## **Collective Worship Reflections**



This week we continued our build up towards Easter by looking at the story of the Widow's coins (an elderly widow showed sacrificial giving and a generous heart). The focus from this story was that Jesus encourages a spirit of generosity and compassion. We reflected on if there is someone we could be kind and helpful to this week and in our Friday assembly, Ruby's Olivia shared "I want to be helpful to all the teachers because they're amazing and they are always there for us, helping us with our problems" and Emerald's Patti said "I will help and be kind to my friends and family because they might need it".

## **Muddy Church**

Lots of children had fun in Forest School on Wednesday after school. We re-enacted the story of Jesus calming the storm in the boat in the play area. Down in Forest School children enjoyed a choices/trust running game, some mindful colouring linked to our theme and making origami boats to take home. They enjoyed the campfire to finish, even if Mr Webb did forget the marshmallows this month.



## **Worker of the Week**



## **Diamond**

**Nelly** for amazing perseverance and focus with her Billy Goats Gruff writing and colouring.

**Harvey Stt** for trying really hard all week with his phonics and handwriting.

## Emerald

**Isla S** for her fantastic learning attitude across the curriculum. Isla always works hard and shows enthusiasm for all of our subjects.

**Whitney** for her brilliant reading focus. Whitney has worked hard to sight-read her target words and to read her home and school books with increasing fluency and understanding. Well done!

## Ruby

**Amelia** for showing how hard she has worked over the past few weeks and doing really well in her end of term assessments - well done Amelia!

**Layla** for making a well-designed and decorated Kalimba in Design Technology this week.

## Topaz

**Year 5** for persevering with assessments this week, everyone gave 100%. Well done to all of you!

**Hayden** for showing a real care for his learning this week, and for always having a very positive learning attitude. Well done Hayden - keep up the great work.



Congratulations go to **Ava** from Ruby Class for achieving her Silver Templecombe Token certificate this week.

## Outside of School Achievements:

Congratulations to Martha from Emerald Class for achieving her Level 1 Learn to Swim Award, to Amelia from Ruby Class for achieving her Level 4 and to Darcey V, also from Ruby Class, for achieving her Level 5.

### A big well done to all of you!

*If your child achieves an award, medal or trophy through participating in an outside-of-school club or activity, we would love to hear about it and congratulate them at our weekly Friday worship. Please bring certificates etc to the school office.*



## Easter Experience – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Next Thursday morning we will be once again going to the Church for an Easter Experience led by our Year 6 children. This will happen throughout the morning in the Church and classes will travel to and from the Church with their class staff. Although this isn't a parent event, if you wish to watch the workshops taking place you are very welcome to join us in Church. The class timings are: Diamonds 9.10-9.55am / Emerald 9.55-10.40am / Ruby and Topaz Year 5's 11.00-11.45am.

**A reminder that School will finish at 3pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March for the Easter break.  
Please collect your child promptly.**

## Breakfast and After Fun Clubs

Booking forms for both these clubs are available on the school website or from the school office. If you require bookings for the first week back after the Easter break, please complete the form in the usual way and return it to the school office today.

## ParentMail - Online Payments

We have progressed with this quite significantly since last week's newsletter and can now let you know that as long as all goes to plan with set up and training during the first week back after Easter, parents will be sent a registration email on the 19<sup>th</sup> April to provide further information on how to use this new payment system. It is envisaged that bookings and payments for Hot lunches, Breakfast Club, After Fun and school trips will all be available for parents on this new system.

## 2024/5 Academic Year – Term Dates

You will find attached to this newsletter our term dates for the next academic year, including INSET Days. You will notice a midweek training day – this is a Trust wide training day where all schools from across BWMAT (potentially around 50 schools by June next year) will join together for training.



## Sapphire Class

This week in Sapphire class, the children have finished making their Kalimbas. They used a glue gun to attach the keys and African inspired designs to decorate them. They then evaluated their designs, thinking carefully about the challenges they faced and what they would do differently if they had the chance to make their Kalimbas again. They have also created some African-inspired art using different mediums and bright colours.



**Movie 'n' Munch – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Please return your completed booking form by today if you wish your child to see the movie on Tuesday - please post your form in the PTA postbox near the School Office.

We hope you all have a great weekend.  
 Mr Webb

Enc: Term dates

**Sticky Fingers Pre-School**  
**EASTER Hamper Raffle**

1st Prize - XL Chocolate Hamper  
 2nd Prize - Peter Rabbit & Chocolates  
 3rd Prize - Easter Bunny & Biscuits

£1 per strip or 6 strips for £5  
 All proceeds go to Sticky Fingers Pre-School

**Easter Holiday Junior Activities**  
 at Wincanton Sports Centre

Day	Activity	Time
Monday 1st April	Inflatavillage	9.00 am - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 2nd April	Inflatavillage	9.00 am - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 3rd April	Badminton x3 courts available   £5 per family	10.00 am - 3.00 pm
	Table Tennis	10.00 am - 3.00 pm
Thursday 4th April	Badminton x3 courts available   £5 per family	10.00 am - 3.00 pm
	Table Tennis	10.00 am - 3.00 pm
Friday 5th April	Inflatavillage	9.00 am - 3.00 pm
Saturday 6th April	Inflatavillage	9.00 am - 3.00 pm
Sunday 7th April	Inflatavillage	9.00 am - 3.00 pm
Monday 8th April	Inflatavillage	9.00 am - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 10th April	Badminton x3 courts available   £5 per family	10.00 am - 3.00 pm
	Table Tennis	10.00 am - 3.00 pm
Thursday 11th April	Badminton x3 courts available   £5 per family	10.00 am - 3.00 pm
	Table Tennis	10.00 am - 3.00 pm
Friday 12th April	Inflatavillage	9.00 am - 3.00 pm

**WELLS CATHEDRAL**  
**Family Holiday Activities**  
 EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Book online at [wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays](https://wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays)

**Spring into life**  
 April 2024

Celebrate Easter and Springtime with our family trail (available throughout the holiday) and our themed craft activities!

**Treasure Hunt** Tuesday 2 April  
 Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads to make your own cross necklace.

**Easter Gardens** Wednesday 3 April  
 Follow our Easter story trail then make your own Easter garden to tell the best part of the story.

**Get Growing** Thursday 4 April  
 Decorate a mini pot and get planting!

**Spring into life** Friday 5 April  
 Celebrate new life with our spring themed crafts.

Scan to book:  
 Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)  
 £2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals, accompanying adults FREE.  
 Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities.

## DIARY DATES - 2023/24 Academic Year

If text is highlighted in green this is a change / addition to the diary dates

### MARCH:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Movie 'n' Munch – booking forms need to be in by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.05am End of Term Awards

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Experience in Church

**3pm School Closes for the Easter Break**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> **GOOD FRIDAY – school closed**

### APRIL:

**1<sup>st</sup> APRIL to 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL – EASTER BREAK**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> **INSET Day – school closed**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Yr3/4, Yr5 & Yr6 Residential – deadline for final payment

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

### MAY:

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 Residential to New Forest

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> **Bank Holiday – school closed**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Yr3/4 Residential

13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> SATS Week

20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 Residential

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> **3.30pm School closes for half term**

**27<sup>th</sup> MAY to 31<sup>st</sup> MAY – HALF TERM**

### JUNE:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> **INSET Day – school closed**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> PTFA Summer Disco

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs

### JULY:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Swap a class afternoon **To Be Confirmed**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> School Sports Event

PTFA Summer Fayre

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> PTFA Movie 'n' Munch

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Yr6 Trip

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Whole School Fun Day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.05am End of Term Awards

2pm Leavers Service in school

**3pm School Closes for the Summer Break**

**Please note:** all activities/events mentioned above are subject to postponement or cancellation at short notice in line with any change in Government guidelines/internal school staffing pressures.