



# Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (12) Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



## Collective Worship Reflections



It always shocks me how quickly Christmas comes around but here we are, yet again, reflecting on the role Mary and Joseph played in the birth of Jesus. Trusting Mary and obedient Joseph have many things to teach us in how we interact with one another and with God. We asked the children to reflect on how we can try and do the right thing, even when we are in tricky situations? During our Friday reflection time, Ruby's Alice shared, "Be kind, smile at people, give to charity and try to sort things out." and Topaz's Emily said, "You can do the right thing by thinking about how our actions will affect others".



## Worker of the Week



### Diamond

**Grace** for your brilliant work in Art this week, creating a winter scene from 'Percy the Park Keeper'.  
**Hope** for your brilliant effort in Art this week, making a collage using newspaper. You had great patience and showed brilliant care and attention!

### Emerald

**Tamsin** for her incredible reading recently. Not only has Tamsin worked hard in her assessments she has also shown a wonderful passion for the books she is choosing to read at home and school!  
**Georgia** is always a wonderful, kind and enthusiastic member of the class. She has been showing a great deal of love and respect to others this week.

### Ruby

**Daisy-Mai** for trying her absolute best in her tests during assessment week and persevering even when she found some parts difficult - well done Daisy-Mai!  
**Jacob D** for working extremely hard during assessment week, trying to get every single question correct and showing how much progress he has made this term - well done Jacob!

### Topaz

**Year 5** and **Year 6** for all their great work this week doing their assessments.



Templecombe  
Token  
Certificates



Congratulations go to Isla S, Sienna and Violet from Emerald Class, Ava from Ruby Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

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

### Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- Olivia from Emerald Class for achieving her Level 2 Learn to Swim Award.
- Ada from Emerald Class who received a medal and certificate for participating in the RiversMeet Gymnastics Inter-House Competition.
- Grace from Ruby Class for moving up in Swim School and achieving Stage 9.

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



Over the past 2 weeks, the Year 2 pupils have worked together to make paper tortoise sculptures which were inspired by Michelle Reader, an artist who creates animal sculptures from recycled materials. They then used a range of different papers to decorate them using papier-mâché. All of the Year 2 pupils are rightfully proud of their creations!



### Plans for the last two weeks of term

Please see the dates list at the end of this newsletter so that you know about all the events that are happening at school in the run up to Christmas.

### Church Gatherings over Christmas





### Christmas Fayre

The deadline for booking to see our special visitor at the Christmas Fayre has now passed however there are still a few slots available which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for forms which are handed into the school office by 3.30pm on Monday. If you need another copy of the form, please contact the school office.

Raffle tickets (£1 a strip) and tokens (50p each) will be on sale in the lower playground after school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week or you can purchase at the Fayre on the day. All games stalls are payable by tokens, but you will need cash for the outside stalls, café, raffle tickets and tokens.

A “plate for cakes” is coming home with your child today. If you are able to make or buy cakes to go into our Café for sale during the afternoon, please bring them to school on the morning of the Fayre – if they are homemade, please provide ingredients list for any allergy sufferers.

We always appreciate volunteers who come and help make our Christmas Fayre a success! If you can offer some time on the afternoon of Fayre Day (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December) to help set up and/or could help to run a stall during the Fayre (3.30-5.30pm), please email the team at [ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com](mailto:ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com). If you or someone you know would like to have a stall at the Fayre, please do ask them to get in touch on the same email.

### Trees & Wreaths

A reminder that the deadline for ordering Christmas Trees and Wreaths from The Market Garden is this Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you need another copy of the form, please contact the school office.

### Movie ‘n’ Munch

As you will have seen from the dates list at the end of this newsletter, we are holding our next Movie ‘n’ Munch night on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – booking forms have come home today. It’s a great opportunity for you to do some Christmas shopping without the children!

We hope you have a good weekend.

*Mr Webb*

**Charity  
Christmas  
Quiz**

All proceeds will go to the  
**Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance**

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023**

Doors open at 6:30pm  
**Quiz starts @ 7pm**

**At Oxley Sports Centre**  
Bradford Rd, Sherborne DT9 3DA

**£5 per person**  
Teams of up to 6

Tea, Coffee and Cake will be available throughout the event  
for donations

Tickets available from Oxley Sports  
Centre (cash only) or, for card  
payments, follow the QR code to  
our Just Giving page!

**RAFFLE**  
Great prizes  
to be won!

**Prize**  
for the best  
Christmas  
Outfit or  
Jumper!

**Scouts  
2nd Templecombe Scout Group**

**BINGO**

**Christmas**

**Saturday 9th December 2023**

At Templecombe village hall

**Doors open 6.30pm**

**Raffle**

*Come along for a fun nights entertainment*

Full Christmas 2 course meal £10  
Pre book by calling 01963 370583

Please leave a message if answer phone kicks in

Name, contact number, amount of meals you  
would like, Thank you

**Henry Christmas**  
Charity No. 1172723

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## DIARY DATES - 2023/24 Academic Year

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

### DECEMBER:

<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr3/4 & Yr5 Residential deadline for payment of deposit
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Nativity performances to YrR/Yr1/Yr2 parents at 9.15am or 2.15pm
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	PTFA Christmas Fayre Deadline for ordering Christmas Trees and Wreaths
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	PTFA Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Hot Lunch followed by Class Christmas Parties (non-uniform day)
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children 9.05am End of Term Awards 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church <b>3pm School Closes for Christmas</b>

### 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER to 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

### JANUARY:

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	School re-opens
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA Dare to be Different day – more details to follow

### FEBRUARY:

<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Yr3/4, Yr5 & Yr6 Residential – deadline for 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only) PTFA Spring Disco – booking form to follow

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Day 3 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3.30pm School closes for half term</b>
<b><u>12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY to 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - HALF TERM</u></b>	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens
<b>MARCH:</b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day fundraiser at lunchtime
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.05am End of Term Awards
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Experience in Church
	<b>3pm School Closes for the Easter Break</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY – school closed</b>
<b>APRIL:</b>	
<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> APRIL to 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL – EASTER BREAK</u></b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
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
<b>MAY:</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Residential to New Forest
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
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>	<b>3.30pm School closes for half term</b>
<b><u>27<sup>th</sup> MAY to 31<sup>st</sup> MAY – HALF TERM</u></b>	
<b>JUNE:</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
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
<b>JULY:</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swap a class afternoon <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
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
	<b>3pm School Closes for the Summer Break</b>

**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.

