



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (8) Friday 3rd November 2023



Collective Worship Reflections



We continue our new theme of Mr Men Faith. Using well known Mr Men and Little Miss characters, we are exploring what the Bible says about the characteristics they show; this week we continued with Mr Strong, considered who is our rock and who do we rely on when things get a bit tough? During our Friday reflection time, Topaz's Iesha shared, "My rock is my friends and my family because they make me laugh and smile and they help me when I am hurt" and Ruby's Pippa told us "When I'm not strong my 3 best friends are always there for me".



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Jack for showing a mature and independent attitude to learning. You have been writing excellent sentences in your English!

Amaya for coming into school with a smile on your face every day!

Emerald

Reggie for his fantastic work in Science this week. Reggie enjoyed learning about the different animal groups and challenging himself to find similarities and differences between the animals in each group.

Bodhi has impressed Miss Wicks with his reading this week. He has found a genre he enjoys and is reading lots at home and at school. Bodhi is always able to explain the story to her and his love of reading this week has been fantastic.

Ruby

Tommy for fantastic learning resilience in everything he does.

Darcey V for being such a caring and kind friend. You are a super-rock!

Topaz

Rebecca for always having a wonderful smile on her face and a great attitude towards everything she does.

Holly for having good focus and always taking pride in her learning.



Templecombe
Token
Certificates



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

A big well done to all of you!



Ruby Class – Art/DT

If you have any empty kitchen roll tubes (no toilet roll tubes please), children in Ruby Class could make good use of them in their upcoming Art/DT lessons. Please send them into school in the early part of next week.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be visiting us on Wednesday next week to take individual school photos. Sibling photos will be taken during the morning and if you have a child attending Sticky Fingers that day, we can arrange for them to be brought over to school too. Unfortunately, children who are younger than Pre-School age cannot be included this year. Order forms will come home with the children for online ordering.

Years 3/4 and Year 5 Residential Parent Meetings

Apologies that we had to postpone these two meetings this week. New dates have been arranged for next week and these are Wednesday 8th November for the Year 5 meeting in Topaz Class and Friday 10th November for the Year 3/4 meeting in Ruby Class, both straight after school.

A reminder to Year 6 parents that today is the deadline for payment of the deposit for the Year 6 Residential.

Templecombe Messenger

As part of our ongoing work with the local community, children will be bringing home the November edition of the Templecombe Messenger which contains lots of information and details of events planned in and around the village. The Messenger is no longer being delivered to homes in Templecombe.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Together with the usual poppy, we will be selling poppy items to raise funds for the Royal British Legion next week. There isn't a huge amount of merchandise so we will limit it to one item per child, while stocks last. These will be available from Monday 6th November. Suggested donations are 50p for reflector keyring and £1 each for the wristbands/slapbands/zip pulls.

Free School Meals

A quick reminder to all families about Free School Meals - if your circumstances have changed there is support available by way of Free School Meals. If your child qualifies for free school meals, not only will they receive a healthy meal on every school day, it also means the family will receive financial support with trips and residential. It is easy to find out if you qualify - complete the confidential checker at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>.

Somerset Parents Carers Forum have been able to find funding to run some parent coffee sessions in Henstridge at Grassroots Garden Centre Cafe. This is great for our area as most are in Yeovil or Bridgewater.

Henstridge Group

Tuesday	7th	November	10:00 to 12:00
Tuesday	5th	December	10:00 to 12:00
Tuesday	2nd	January	10:00 to 12:00
Tuesday	6th	February	10:00 to 12:00
Tuesday	5th	March	10:00 to 12:00

If you have a child with additional needs and or disabilities 0-25 come along for a cuppa and chat with other parent carers.

The groups are a place to make new friends and share experiences and ask any questions you may have.



Panto time!

Everyone really enjoyed our visiting Pantomime "Cinderella" on Wednesday morning. Mrs Mintern and Mr Ferrari took center stage too and we thank them for being such good sports! Experiences like this are prohibitively expensive for school budgets so we say a very big thank you to the PTA team for organising (and to all parents for supporting) all the fundraising events throughout the year, which then make such memorable treats like this possible.



Christmas Cards

Deadline for return of designs and orders is today!

PTA Christmas Fayre

We are holding a planning meeting on Monday 6th November at 6.30pm in school. We look forward to welcoming you. If you or someone you know would like to have a stall at the Fayre, please do ask them to get in touch via the PTA email: ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com

There will be a **Non-uniform day** on Friday 1st December in exchange for chocolate for the Tombola Stall at the Fayre. Thank you for all your support which is hugely appreciated by the team and all the children in school who benefit from the funds raised.

We hope you have a good weekend.

Mr Webb



Is your child starting primary school in September 2024?

Please come for a tour of our School and meet our staff

You are warmly invited to visit our school and see it 'in action'. You will be welcomed by our Head Teacher and have the opportunity to meet our Early Years Staff. We hope to be able to answer any questions that you may have related to the school and applying for a place. We will also be able to share our Parent's Guide which provides more information.

The tours will take place on:

Wednesday 18th October at 9.45am

Thursday 2nd November at 9.45am

Wednesday 15th November at 9.45am

Please contact Michelle Greene (01963 370481) to let us know which tour you would like to join. If these dates are not convenient, please do contact the school office to book an informal tour at another time.

We hope to see you soon

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

RAFFLE
Great prizes to be won!

Prize for the best Christmas Outfit or Jumper!

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!

the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

the national sleep helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

DIARY DATES - 2023/24 Academic Year

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

NOVEMBER:

Friday 3 rd	Yr6 Residential deadline for payment of deposit Deadline for PTA Christmas card/gift orders
Wednesday 8 th	Tempest Photography – individual photographs 3.35pm Yr3/4 Residential meeting for parents in Ruby
Friday 10 th	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial 3.35pm Yr5 Residential meeting for parents in
Sunday 12 th	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Wednesday 15 th	9.45am School Tour for September 2024 intake
Friday 17 th	Children in Need fundraiser at lunchtime

DECEMBER:

Friday 1 st	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola Stall
Wednesday 6 th	Yr3/4 & Yr5 Residential deadline for payment of deposit
Friday 8 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow
Tuesday 12 th	PTFA Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow
Thursday 14 th	Christmas Hot Lunch followed by Class Christmas Parties (non-uniform day)
Friday 15 th	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children 9.05am End of Term Awards 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas

18th DECEMBER to 1st JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

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

FEBRUARY:

Friday 2 nd	Yr3/4, Yr5 & Yr6 Residential – deadline for 2 nd payment
Monday 5 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 6 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only) PTFA Spring Disco – booking form to follow
Friday 9 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

12th FEBRUARY to 16th FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 19 th	School re-opens
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MARCH:

Friday 15 th	Red Nose Day fundraiser at lunchtime
Tuesday 26 th	Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow
Wednesday 27 th	9.05am End of Term Awards
Thursday 28 th	Easter Experience in Church 3pm School Closes for the Easter Break

Friday 29 th	GOOD FRIDAY – school closed
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APRIL:

1st APRIL to 12th APRIL – EASTER BREAK

Monday 15 th	INSET Day – school closed
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Tuesday 16 th	School re-opens
Friday 19 th	Yr3/4, Yr5 & Yr6 Residential – deadline for final payment
Monday 22 nd	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

MAY:

1 st /2 nd /3 rd	Year 5 Residential to New Forest
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday – school closed
7 th /8 th	Yr3/4 Residential
13 th to 16 th	SATS Week
20 th to 23 rd	Year 6 Residential
Friday 24 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

27th MAY to 31st MAY – HALF TERM

JUNE:

Monday 3rd	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 4 th	School re-opens
Tuesday 11 th	PTFA Summer Disco
Monday 17 th	Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs

JULY:

Wednesday 3 rd	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed
Friday 5 th	School Sports Event PTFA Summer Fayre
Monday 15 th	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Tuesday 16 th	PTFA Movie 'n' Munch
Monday 22 nd	Yr6 Trip
Tuesday 23 rd	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 24 th	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.