



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (1) Friday 5th January 2024

Message from our Chair of Governors

As we begin the new year, it's a time for new beginnings. As of the 1st January our school has transferred to academy status (as part of the Bath & Wells Academy Trust), which could be looked upon as a new beginning too.

There will be some changes to the administration of the school, but there will be no difference to the quality of care and education your children receive. The purpose of my letter is to share how blessed we are to have such dedicated and professional staff looking after our children. Aside from the preparation for academy status and changes to the national curriculum structure, our team have guided our school through the disruption of the pandemic and continue to support those children who have been affected by the long-term impact of the pandemic.

Through the love and care showed to your children by the teaching staff, our school is a safe and nurturing environment where every child can achieve their best. Your children are not just given excellent educational opportunities but are being nurtured with Christian values that will be the foundation to their lives.

We owe a great deal to Mr Webb, his vision and creativity in steering the school and its staff to where we are at the moment has been amazing. Also, we should never underplay how fortunate we are to have staff so devoted to your children's well-being and growth. You trust our staff to look after the most precious thing in your lives and that is a huge responsibility that we all take very seriously.

This is an exciting time of change, but our commitment to your children will remain absolutely the top priority of us all.

Vicky Hukins

Chair of Abbas and Templecombe Church School's Local Governing Committee



Trust Visit

It was lovely to welcome Rachel Morgan (Deputy CEO) and Paula Shore (Assistant Director of Education) to school on Thursday morning. They joined us for our singing assembly with Mrs Morgan introducing the Trust to the children and giving us a teddy bear wearing a Trust t-shirt. Each Trust school has one of these bears and schools take the bear to any special events (trips, residential, PTA events, etc.). Photos of the bear's adventures are sent to the Trust and selected ones are shared with schools in the monthly Trust newsletter to staff and the termly Trust newsletter to parents. After the assembly we spent an hour visiting children in their classes. Both Trust representatives were very impressed with how settled and focused all the children were, the excellent relationships staff clearly had with the children and, of course, they very much enjoyed the children's singing.



Collective Worship Reflections



In our collective worships we have been discussing New Year's Resolutions and being Agents of Change; basically doing something positive in our lives or the lives of others. During our Friday reflection assembly many of the children shared what they are going to take up, 'raise money for charity, help my sister with her times tables, help Mum with the dog, pick up litter at the park, phone my Gran every week, read before bed each night, go to bed when I'm asked, tidy my room' and many, many more.



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Marcie for always trying your best in everything you do. You have been working really hard in our rhyming challenges this week. Well done!

Emmet for your brilliant perseverance in writing this week, where we have been applying our knowledge of Phase 3 sounds in our writing. You have worked really hard and challenged yourself too! Well done!

Emerald

Jackson for a fantastic first week. Jackson has come in with confidence and has settled well into the classroom rules and routines!

Ruby

Ava for working hard in English to create some fantastic similes and being very active in class discussions this week.

Layla for persevering when making her monkey out of clay. Showing attention to detail and producing a really excellent model.



Templecombe
Token
Certificates



Congratulations go to Ada, Marcie, Isobel and Harvey Stt from Diamond Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

A big well done to all of you!



A reminder that we have a **Bag2School** fundraising collection arranged for Tuesday 23rd January. As usual, bags containing clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories should please be left by the wall going up the hill, to the left of our front gates by 9am on that morning.

We are also planning our “Dare to be Different Day” which is on Friday 26th January – more details will follow in due course.

We hope you have a good weekend.

Mr Webb

DIARY DATES - 2023/24 Academic Year

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

JANUARY:

Tuesday 23 rd	PTA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am
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
Wednesday 7 th	Bikeability Day 3 (Yr6 and 5 only)
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 29th	GOOD FRIDAY – school closed
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APRIL:

1st APRIL to 12th APRIL – EASTER BREAK

Monday 15th	INSET Day – school closed
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

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 4th	School re-opens
Tuesday 11th	PTFA Summer Disco
Monday 17th	Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs

JULY:

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