



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (13) Friday 8th December 2023



Collective Worship Reflections



This week, in our Christmas themed Collective Worship, we were focusing on the shepherds and their extraordinary visit from the angels. We asked the children to reflect on Jesus coming to earth for us all even, in Jesus' times, the lowly shepherds. During our Friday reflection time, Ruby's Daisy B shared, "We must treat people the same because it's fair and it's respectful" and Lucy said, "The shepherds were so shocked because they thought they were not special, but everyone is special".

Christingle Service – Sunday 10th December @4pm

This Sunday the Church will be hosting its annual Christingle Service – if you haven't attended a Christingle Service before, this is a special festive children's service that will involve making a Christingle and joining in with some Christmas hymns.



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Whole of Diamond Class for your amazing effort in our Nativity - well done!

Jacob for your brilliant singing voice in the Nativity, well done!

Emerald

Grace for a fantastic week. Grace is settling in well and beginning to understand the classroom rules and routines.

Martha for her fantastic acrostic poem this week. Martha stunned us all with her beautiful ideas and amazing handwriting. Well done!

Ruby

Pippa for writing a brilliant story based on 'The Dream-Giver' making sure she used lots of expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials in her work to make her story entertaining to the reader.

Rupert for working really hard this past week in all subjects. He has shown how he can persevere when some areas of learning are tricky and always trying his best - well done Rupert!

Topaz

Lilly for much improved focus in Maths. This week Lilly has taken confidence from the results of her assessments last week and is really applying herself and taking risks.

Cameron for commitment to reading. Cameron is a great reader both at school and at home. He is beginning to read books outside his favourite genres to improve his range of reading and has also been very responsible when choosing and changing books. An excellent role model for the class!



Templecombe Token Certificates

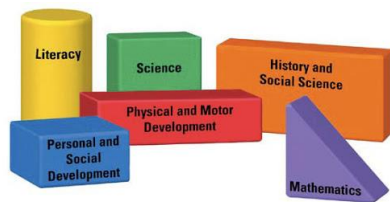


Congratulations go to Jacob, Harper, Florence, Amaya from Diamond Class, Tamsin, Patricia, Martha, Rita-Rae, Lacey and Austin from Emerald Class and Lucy from Ruby Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to Simeon from Emerald Class for getting the trophy for man of the match on Sunday.

A big well done to all of you!



Our Curriculum



KS1 Nativity

Our Year Reception, One and Two children “We Three Kings” to their families this week and they were all amazing! Well done to all the children and a big thank you to the class staff for all their efforts with rehearsals and costumes.



Updates

Christmas Events:

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 14th December

Children can wear party non-school uniform, but please ensure they have suitable footwear and a coat for outdoor breaktimes.

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children – Friday 15th December

Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas Jumpers next Friday in exchange for a £1 donation each, to go towards Save the Children. The Christmas Jumper should be worn over their normal school uniform please.

Breakfast Club/After Fun Bookings for Spring Term

Forms are available from the office for booking these clubs for next term. Please return forms with payment no later than Wednesday 13th December if you need provision in the first week back in January.

Church Gatherings over Christmas



A reminder of our festive events and deadlines in the run up to Christmas:

Friday 8 th	<p>PTA Christmas Fayre There will a range of stalls and games at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th December, with the raffle being drawn at 5pm</p> <p>Christmas Trees & Wreaths Deadline for ordering is today.</p>
Tuesday 12 th	<p>PTA Movie 'n' Munch An opportunity for children to stay after hours and enjoy a movie and snacks with their friends. Please complete and return the booking form and make payment by BACS by Monday 11th December</p> <p>Christmas Cards Children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards but please be aware that these must be in their class post boxes by Tuesday 14th December, so we have time to sort and deliver in the last week of term. Any cards received after the 14th will not be delivered.</p>
Wednesday 13 th	<p>Muddy Church – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Children are welcome to attend this festive themed event unsupervised by a parent. Mr Webb will be running the event supported by volunteers from our local church. If you would like your child to attend please email Mrs Greene to give your permission by the end of school Tuesday. This month's Muddy Church will be taking place in the church but please collect your children from the school hall at 4.30pm.</p>
Thursday 14 th	<p>Christmas Song Showdown Classes performing Christmas songs to each other – it isn't a competition but it certainly feels like one...</p> <p>Christmas Hot Lunch Thank you for returning your order forms. Where possible children will all eat their Christmas lunch together. Pupils having packed lunch will still sit with their peers for this festive meal.</p> <p>Christmas Parties Children will take part in class parties, with games and fun Christmas-themed activities during the afternoon. Children may wear party clothes for the day but with sensible footwear and must bring a warm coat to wear at break/lunchtimes.</p>
Friday 15 th	<p>Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser On the last day of term we will be fundraising for Save The Children by donating a £1 each to wear our Christmas jumpers over our school uniform. Please don't feel you have to buy a Christmas jumper especially for this, but normal school jumpers should be worn if no Christmas jumper is available.</p> <p>End of Term Awards An opportunity to celebrate in school successes with the end of term Head Teacher awards and Templecombe Token House competition. I'm afraid that families are not able to attend.</p> <p>Christmas Service in St Mary's Church, 2pm Our traditional End of Term Service led by our eldest children; featuring singing, readings and dramas. We look forward to welcoming parents to join us at the church.</p>

children communication committee
fundraising PTA school
pupils staff parents
rewarding events organisation ideas
teachers



Christmas Fayre

It's Fayre day! We are looking forward to all the fun at our Christmas Fayre and would like to say a HUGE "thank you" to all who have donated their time and effort into making this a success. We look forward to announcing the total amount raised in next week's newsletter...

We would like to thank all the local businesses and personal donations for providing prizes for our raffle: Riversmeet- family swim voucher, Kindlekids- 8 week course online, Godminster Cheese- little hamper, Dolphin Hotel- £30 voucher, Hair of the Dogs- wash and brush voucher, Green Door Ltd- brooch and watch, Sweet Bizz- sweet bag, Old Brewery Cafe- £15 voucher, Orchard Park- £15 voucher, Neals Yard- bag of goodies, WincanTan- 30 minute session, Bath and West Show- family ticket, Yeovil Railway Centre- family ticket, Haynes Motor Museum- family voucher, Thatchers Cider- 12 ciders, Nothe Fort- family voucher, Farmer Palmers- family voucher, Christmas mulled wine, Dike & Son Ltd- £25 voucher, Moors Valley Country Park- 2 car park vouchers, Abbotsbury Swannery- family voucher, Barbers Cheese- black wax cheddar, Morrisons- box of chocolates, Westlands- 4 Cinderella tickets, Bird feeder, Jasmine and Bay- hot drink and cake, Pevling Stables- riding voucher, Wykes Cheese- hamper, Bridge Fish and Chips- 2 fish suppers, Yeovil town football club- 2 tickets, Child's scooter, Grassroots Cafe- £5 voucher

Trees & Wreaths

A reminder that the deadline for ordering Christmas Trees and Wreaths from The Market Garden is TODAY. 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 12th 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

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

Charity No: 1172723

Sticky Fingers Pre-School



Saturday 16th December 2023

Templecombe Village Hall

doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm



6 BOOKS FOR
£10
OR £2 EACH



No children under 6

CAKES, TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

FUNDRAISING FOR STICKY FINGERS PRE-SCHOOL

DIARY DATES - 2023/24 Academic Year

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

DECEMBER:

Friday 8 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre Deadline for ordering Christmas Trees and Wreaths
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
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 7th Bikeability Day 3 (Yr6 and 5 only)

Friday 9th **3.30pm School closes for half term**

12th FEBRUARY to 16th FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 19th School re-opens

MARCH:

Friday 15th Red Nose Day fundraiser at lunchtime

Tuesday 26th Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow

Wednesday 27th 9.05am End of Term Awards

Thursday 28th Easter Experience in Church

3pm School Closes for the Easter Break

Friday 29th GOOD FRIDAY – school closed

APRIL:

1st APRIL to 12th APRIL – EASTER BREAK

Monday 15th INSET Day – school closed

Tuesday 16th School re-opens

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

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

MAY:

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

Monday 6th Bank Holiday – school closed

7th/8th Yr3/4 Residential

13th to 16th SATS Week

20th to 23rd Year 6 Residential

Friday 24th **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.