



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (9) Friday 10th November 2023



Collective Worship Reflections



We continue our theme of Mr Men Faith. This week we looked at Mr Brave, looking at the story of Peter and how it is hard to be brave and stand up for the truth when we are challenged. In our reflection times we focused on what can help us to be brave or times that we have been brave. During our Friday reflection time, Topaz's Chloe shared, "I had to be brave when we did our Yr5/6 production of the X-Factory. I was really happy with how it went" and Tabitha said, "I find courage in myself when I'm around my friends and family".



Remembrance

Today we travelled to the War Memorial in St. Mary's Churchyard for an act of Remembrance with the Last Post - a time of silence and the laying of our School's wreath. All the children were fantastic and so respectful of the time.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the poppy collection, all money collected will go directly to the Royal British Legion.



In Forest School many of the children have been making poppies from twigs and red wool.

Muddy Church

Next Wednesday, 15th November (3.30pm-4.30pm) sees our next Muddy Church event in our Forest School area. It's a time of fun, faith-based outdoor activities for all the family. This is run by Mr Webb and volunteers from our local Church. Siblings and Pre-School Children are very welcome. Children do need to be accompanied by an adult.



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Harry B for making great choices and joining in with activities in the classroom!

Florence for coming into school with a smile on your face and showing great perseverance in your learning!

Emerald

Martha for her fantastic focus in Maths this week. Martha has worked hard consolidating all of her addition and subtraction learning from the past few weeks.

Violet for her enthusiasm in Art. Violet worked hard with both art challenges this week, weaving a beautiful poppy and creating a clay sculpture of an animal. Well done Violet!

Ruby

Alice for always working exceptionally hard in each and every lesson. Always showing a positive attitude towards her learning even when she finds things tricky. Keep working hard Alice!

Phoebe for working extremely hard in English this week to create some excellent expanded noun phrases in her writing - well done Phoebe!

Topaz

Alisha for working really hard in Maths and English despite finding some work a challenge. Alisha has a great learning attitude and is a great role model for all.

Sophia for working really hard in Maths on our first week of fractions. Sophia has really impressed us with how she is making links with previous learning (multiples/times tables) to help her with this week's activities.



Congratulations go to Lola, Harry, Chloe, Gabriel, Harrison and Eliza from Diamond Class, Nala from Emerald Class and Isaac from Ruby Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Out of School Achievements

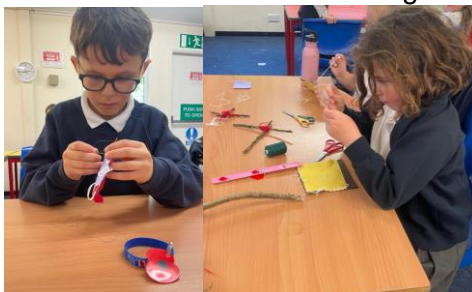
Well done to:

- Evelyn from Ruby Class for achieving her Explore Core Skills Level 2 in gymnastics.
- Ada from Emerald Class for achieving her Level 1 Learn to Swim award.

A big well done to all of you!



In Design Technology the children in Ruby class have been continuing to work towards their final outcome of making a festive stocking. This week they have been practicing sewing using different types of stitches, including running stitch, over stitch and a blanket stitch (which was the trickiest one). As you can see the children have tried really hard and they can't wait to start using the skills they have learned to create their stockings.



Netball

A massive well done to our Year 5/6 pupils who represented our school at the local area netball tournament yesterday afternoon, run by pupils from King Arthur's School. All the children competed brilliantly and showed excellent sportsmanship; winning four, drawing one and losing two of our games.



Updates



Children in Need – Friday 17th November

The children have asked to raise money for Children in Need. This is a great opportunity to have fun but also remember those children less fortunate than our own. We are requesting a donation of £1.50 per child (to come into class teachers by Wednesday 15th November please).

The following activities will be taking place next Friday:

- **PJs** – All children and staff are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the day (facepaints and Pugsy-themed paraphernalia are also allowed).
- **Games** – At lunchtime our Year 6 pupils will be running a great selection of fayre-style games for children to enjoy.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography took individual photos on Wednesday and children came home with a form for online ordering. Please order as soon as possible to ensure delivery in time for Christmas.

Parking

A reminder for parents of both School and Sticky Fingers to be considerate when parking in the area around school, with a special request that the gated access to the Church is never blocked.

Nativity

Diamond and Emerald Class children have started rehearsing their Nativity songs and the performances are now arranged for Thursday 7th December at 9.15am and 2.15pm. Letters will be coming home soon regarding allocation of parts and costume requirements (if any).

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.



PTA Christmas Fayre

The PTA Team met on Monday evening and plans for our Christmas Fayre are well under way but, we need your help! If you can offer some time on the afternoon of Fayre Day (Friday 8th 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. 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.

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



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!



Young Somerset

PARENTS AND CARERS WELLBEING HUB

Do you fancy a cup of tea and a safe place to talk and chat?

The Wellbeing Support Practitioners from Young Somerset are here to support your mental health and well-being

We can also offer guidance and support in areas that your child/children might be finding difficult and experiencing such as sleep difficulties, routines and toileting.

Find us at:

Yeovil Foyer
Peter street, Yeovil
BA20 1PN

From 3rd October - Tuesday
9.30 - 11.00

(We have no creche facilities, therefore, we are unable to accommodate children in these sessions)

For more information, please email:
wellbeing@youngsomerset.org.uk

DIARY DATES - 2023/24 Academic Year

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

NOVEMBER:

Friday 10 th	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial 3.35pm Yr3/4 Residential meeting for parents in Ruby
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
Thursday 7 th	Nativity performances to parents at 9.15am or 2.15pm
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 2nd INSET Day – school closed

Wednesday 3rd School re-opens

Tuesday 23rd PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

Friday 26th PTA Dare to be Different day – more details to follow

FEBRUARY:

Friday 2nd Yr3/4, Yr5 & Yr6 Residential – deadline for 2nd payment

Monday 5th Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)

Tuesday 6th Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)

PTFA Spring Disco – booking form to follow

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.