



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (9) Friday 12th November 2021

It could hardly have escaped anyone's notice that this week has been a very challenging week for our whole school community. Covid has rapidly spread through our youngest class, children and staff, and is now affecting our other classes too. You know that I take our responsibility to protect your families and our staff very seriously and I have been in constant contact with Public Health England since last Sunday to ensure that all possible protective measures are being followed; at times I have had to bow to their public health knowledge over what is best and they strongly believe that through our measures in school, backed up by staff and children taking part in regular testing (LFD and PCR), we can prevent an even wider outbreak.

One change we are making to our published guidance, in consultation with PHE, is that where a child tests positive for Covid, their siblings are requested not to attend school for the duration of the isolation period, even after receiving a negative PCR result. Over this week we have seen that siblings are testing positive 2-3 days after the original positive PCR result.

Thank you for your support and bearing with us, it does mean a lot during these challenging times.



Collective Worship Reflections



Collective Worship

We have continued our theme of Mr Men Faith. This week we considered Mr Busy and whether we stop, reflect and give time to important things such as those that have suffered in the past for our freedoms today. On Thursday we took part in the national Act of Remembrance at Templecombe Memorial – the children were brilliant in how they respected the time. During our reflection assemblies today, Emerald Class shared “We thought about how we could reflect on Remembrance Day and Emily had the idea of making hearts to wear. On the hearts, we wrote the names of soldiers who died over 100 years ago who lived around Templecombe and Wincanton. It felt like we were holding a real and special person in our heart, even though they died a long time ago” and Topaz’s Nathan said “I thank the soldiers who fought and lost their lives in wars to keep us safe”.



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Jessica for remembering the grown-up words for our materials topic and explaining what they mean.

Georgia for not giving up when writing her name and numbers this week.

Emerald

Daisy-Mai and **Amelia** for working so well together on surveying materials found in our classroom. Great team work!

Cameron for writing an excellent thank you letter to Gary. Fantastic effort with your handwriting.

Ruby

Chloe for her fantastic acrostic poem about Remembrance Day.

Molly for working extremely hard all week in Sapphire class.

Topaz

Kimmie for her amazingly creepy scary story. Kimmie has put so much effort into the planning and editing of her story – we are so pleased with what she has produced!

Philip After initially preparing an introduction to his Clocktower narrative, he then improved it independently to make an amazing start to his writing.

A big well done to all of you!



Congratulations go to Martha from Topaz Class as she has achieved her Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week. Well done!



Updates



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased poppy related items to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. We will let you know what we have raised when we are informed (we don't open the collection tin).

Panto – Snow White

On Tuesday we were able to go ahead with our annual pantomime visit from M&M productions with some children watching it live and others having it live streamed to their classrooms. Either way, the children were enthralled and loved the show. A massive thank you to everyone who has donated to a PTA event because without their fundraising efforts these very special extras would not be able to take place.

Flu Vaccinations – Whole School

These will be taking place on Tuesday 7th December. If you haven't already, please complete the online consent form (one for each child regardless of whether you wish your child to receive the vaccination or not) <https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/flu/2021/east>.



**School
Council**



School Council – Children in Need – NEXT FRIDAY 19th November

Our School Council have once again selected Children in Need as their charity for this term. We still plan to go ahead with this event as it is class based - we are requesting a donation of £1.50 per child (to come into class teachers by Wednesday 17th November please), the following activities will take place:

PJs - All children and staff are invited to wear their pyjamas to school (facepaints and headgear are also allowed).

Class Games - During the day the councillors will be running a games session for children, in their classrooms. There will be a host of games inspired by Children in Need for all the children to take part in – with lots of great prizes to be won. Everyone will also receive a raffle token and be entered into a grand prize draw.

As you can see, the School Council have lots of plans and it promises to be a great day.



Christmas Trees

Once again our PTA are partnering with The Market Garden to bring Christmas trees and wreaths to your doors... We'll receive 10% of the value of your order and they deliver to your home. In previous years, parents have always been pleased with the quality of what they have received. Order forms will be sent home next week.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Webb

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2021/22 Academic Year

Any dates/events added to this list after first publication or have been updated are highlighted in green for ease of identification

NOVEMBER:

Sunday 14 th	Remembrance Sunday – Act of Remembrance at the Recreation Ground
Wednesday 17 th	Deadline for donations to be in school for Children in Need (see below)
Friday 19 th	Children In Need – donation of £1.50 to wear PJs and take part in games
Wednesday 24 th	Tempest Photography – individual photographs

DECEMBER:

Friday 3 rd	Yr6 Residential deadline for £20 deposit to be paid
Tuesday 7 th	9.30am Nativity Dress Rehearsal (including parents with children under 5) Whole school flu vaccinations
Wednesday 8 th	2.45pm Nativity performance to parents No Brass this week
Thursday 9 th	2.45pm Nativity performance to parents Yr 5 Residential deadline for £20 deposit to be paid
Friday 10 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow
Wednesday 15 th	PTFA Movie 'n' Munch – details to follow
Thursday 16 th	9.15am End of Term Awards
Friday 17 th	Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas

18th DECEMBER to 3RD JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Tuesday 4 th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 11 th	PTFA Bags4School Clothes Collection – please drop off donations along lower playground wall before 9am

FEBRUARY:

Thursday 10 th	KS2 Tag Rugby 8-a-side Competition @ KA's 12.30-3pm
Friday 11 th	Yr6 Residential deadline for 2 nd payment to be paid Yr 5 Residential deadline for 2 nd payment to be paid
Friday 18 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

19th FEBRUARY to 27th FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

MARCH:

Wednesday 9 th	KS2 Netball 7-a-side @ KA 12.30-3pm
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APRIL:

Thursday 7 th	9.15am End of Term Awards Yr6 Residential deadline for final payment Yr5 Residential deadline for final payment
Friday 8 th	2pm Easter Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School Closes for the Easter Break

9th APRIL to 24th APRIL – EASTER BREAK

Monday 25 th	INSET Day – school closed
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MAY:

Monday 2 nd	Bank Holiday – school closed
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9 th to 13 th	SATS Week
Thursday 19 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr5 & Yr6)
Friday 20 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr5 & Yr6)
24 th to 27 th	Yr6 Residential to Foxlease
25 th to 27 th	Yr5 Residential to Foxlease
Friday 27 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

28th MAY to 5th JUNE - HALF TERM

JUNE:

Wednesday 8 th	Tempest Photography – class groups & Yr6 leavers photos
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JULY:

Wednesday 6 th	Swap a class afternoon
Friday 8 th	School Sports Event
	PTFA Summer Fayre
Monday 11 th	2pm Topaz Production – dress rehearsal (TBC due to Year 6 transition days)
Tuesday 12 th	PTFA Bags4School Clothes Collection – please drop off donations along lower playground wall before 9am
	2pm Topaz production to parents (TBC due to Year 6 transition days)
Wednesday 13 th	6pm Topaz production to parents (TBC due to Year 6 transition days)
Friday 15 th	Reports sent home
Wednesday 20 th	Whole school fun day
Friday 22 nd	9.10am 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.