



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (3) Friday 22nd September 2023



Collective Worship Reflections



Collective Worship

As is usual, we begin the year with a focus on our four primary school values: love, perseverance, respect and inspire. This first week we have focused on the value of respect through the story of Jonah. The children have been reflecting on how they can show respect to our planet and in everyday life. During our Friday reflection time we shared pupils' reflections. Chloe from Topaz Class shared, "It is important to respect our world because it will make the world a much better and happier place". Ruby's Evelyn said, "I respect my family by listening to them".



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Matilda for contributing with fantastic ideas during story time this week! Well done!

George for your brilliant perseverance in your reading and writing this week, well done!

Emerald

Whitney for her fantastic and imaginative descriptive writing about a rainforest. Whitney thought of some wonderful creative ideas.

Austin for his brilliant Maths work this week. Austin has worked hard to complete his layers and challenge himself!

Ruby

Ronnie for working really hard this week and having an excellent attitude towards his learning.

Darcey for working really hard in Maths this week and challenging herself to complete as many layers as possible in each lesson.

Topaz

Bella for coming into Year 6 with a great learning attitude. She has been really engaged in all lessons and persevering when work is challenging. We are really proud of how she has started the term.

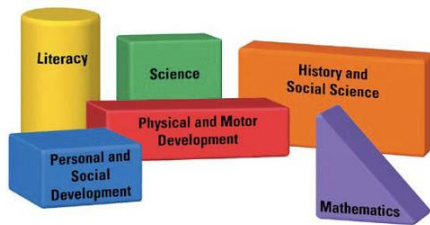
Emily for great work with our learning on rainforests this week, demonstrating her knowledge of the topic with excellent contributions in both English and Geography lessons.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to Sophia, Jessica and Lilly from Topaz Class, Amelia H from Ruby Class, Ada J, Lacey and Isla S from Emerald Class and Nelly, Isobel, Scarlett, Jack, Jacob J, Abigail, for participating in the Summer Reading Challenge "Ready, Set, Read" through our local Library. Each child was presented with a certificate and a medal.

Congratulations to **Fred** from Topaz Class for achieving his Level 6 Learn to Swim award this week.

A big well done to all of you!



Our Curriculum



In Science this week the Year 2 Pupils investigated a range of materials to answer the following questions:
 Is all metal magnetic?
 Which materials can be transparent?
 Which materials are absorbent?
 The children focused on learning the new vocabulary to describe the material properties and then investigated and recorded their ideas independently.



Updates

Data Collection Forms

These forms are coming home with your child today. The school has a legal and statutory duty to ensure that your data is up to date and accurate. Please check that the information shown is correct or complete any missing or incorrect details, sign and return to the school office in a sealed envelope as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 29th September**.

Diary Dates

On last week's Diary Dates list some of you will have spotted that an Outdoor Disco was listed in error. We are not running an outside disco this term but we are looking forward to the Glo-Disco on the 18th October - booking forms will be sent home nearer the time.

Also, please note that the last day of the Autumn Term is Friday 15th December when we will be holding our End of Term Awards and Christmas Service. This date was omitted from last week's list.

Secondary Schools – Open Evenings

For the parents of Year 5 and 6 children please do consider visiting our local secondary schools ahead of making decisions around which schools to apply for:

- King Arthur's, Wincanton ~ Monday 25th September, 4.30pm to 7pm
- Gryphon School, Sherborne ~ Tuesday 3rd October, 5pm to 7.30pm
- Gillingham School ~ Thursday 5th October, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Illness guidance




1	My child feels unwell with one or more of these symptoms:	Do not come to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the school by 9am
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough • High / low temperature • Shivering • Loss of taste or smell • Exhaustion • Aching body • Headache • Sore throat • Loss of appetite • Feeling / Being sick • Diarrhoea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay at home – work will not be provided as your child is ill • If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they should not attend school until 48 hours have passed since the last bout of illness • Return to school when your child feels well enough <p>If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school. If we are concerned, school staff will contact you to discuss their illness.</p>
2	My child is unwell with symptoms not associated with COVID-19 eg. Spots / Rash / Swollen glands	<p>Do not come to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the school by 9am • If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they should not attend school until 48 hours have passed since the last bout of illness • Return to school when your child feels well enough – work will not be provided as your child is ill
3	My child has tested positive for COVID-19.	<p>Do not come to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the school of the test result • Self-isolate for 3 days minimum – work will be provided (if your child is well enough to attempt school work) • If they feel unwell, your child should only return to school once they are completely well
4	Someone in the household tests positive for COVID-19.	<p>Child can continue to attend school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If they start to feel unwell then follow step 1 or 2 depending on symptoms

Whole School Flu Immunisations

An email was sent to all parents last week containing details of the upcoming vaccinations which will take place during the school day in early October. Parents must please complete the decision form (one for each child) using the online link in Somerset Saint's letter as soon as possible. **The link for the form will close at 12 mid-day on Wednesday 11 October.** If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, please contact Somerset SAINT for assistance on Tel: 0300 3230032.



**PARENTS -
WE NEED YOU!**

WHERE: THE PTFA AGM ,SCHOOL HALL
WHEN: TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER AT 7PM
WHY: WE NEED NEW FACES AND NEW IDEAS TO HELP RUN THE PTFA

KEY JOBS: ATTEND THE HALF TERMLY MEETINGS TO BRING NEW IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING AND DISCUSS THE ORGANISATION OF FUTURE EVENTS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS.....THAT'S IT!!

WE NEED OUR PTFA NOW MORE THAN EVER!! IT'S FUNDRAISING IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR SCHOOL.....PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Bag2School collection this week, which raised £75.

AGM

Our PTA does amazing work organising events and raising money to purchase equipment and resources for all pupils to benefit from, we simply wouldn't be able to provide these due to our funding levels. For these events to take place a very dedicated team of volunteers meet regularly to discuss ideas, plan and agree spending with school staff. As the PTA is a registered charity it must meet annually for an **AGM** to appoint key positions, report on the past year and plan for the year ahead. This meeting is taking place

on **Tuesday 17th October at 7pm** in school. A letter is coming home today with a nomination slip and we would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the PTA team. Please complete and return the slip to the school office by **Friday 6th October**.

The PTA need your help if they are to continue with their vital work. Please do come to this meeting, meet the team and consider how you might be able to support, in whatever way you can – without a growth in this leadership team, many events will simply not be able to take place this year.

We hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Webb

Abbas and Templecombe
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Primary School



*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

DIARY DATES - 2023/24 Academic Year

SEPTEMBER:

Monday 4th

Tuesday 5th

Wednesday 13th

Wednesday 20th

INSET Day – school closed

School re-opens

Brass weekly tuition begins for Year 4

PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am

Friday 29th Muddy Church in Forest School 3.30-4.30pm
Deadline for return of Data Collection Forms

OCTOBER:

9th October 9.15am Harvest Service in Church **To Be Confirmed** - parents welcome to attend
11th October Pop Up Shop 3.20pm-3.40pm in lower school playground
Thursday 12th Whole School Flu vaccinations – check email to confirm date
Tuesday 17th PTFA AGM in school 7pm
Wednesday 18th PTFA Glo-Disco – booking form to follow
Thursday 19th Yr6 Maths Visit – details to follow
Wednesday 18th 9.45am School Tour for September 2024 intake
Friday 20th **3.30pm School closes for half term**

23rd October to 27th October - HALF TERM

Monday 30th **INSET Day – school closed**

Tuesday 31st School reopens

NOVEMBER:

Wednesday 1st 9.15am Pantomime at school
Thursday 2nd 9.45am School Tour for September 2024 intake
Wednesday 8th Tempest Photography – individual photographs
Friday 10th Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial
Sunday 12th Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Wednesday 15th 9.45am School Tour for September 2024 intake

DECEMBER:

Friday 8th PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow
Thursday 14th Christmas Hot Lunch followed by Class Christmas Parties (non-uniform day)
Friday 15th 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

FEBRUARY:

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

Tuesday 6th Bikeability Day 2 (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:

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

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

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

Monday 22nd

Yr6 Trip

Tuesday 23rd

Whole School Fun Day

Wednesday 25th

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.