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Collective Worship

In our reflection times this week we have been focusing on the stories of Jonah and Naaman. These stories both explored ways of dealing with problems we are faced with.

In our Friday reflection time Diamonds decided that moaning doesn't make things better, you need to think of something you can do yourself. Ruby class's Rose added "I wanted to find out how to put the tack on my horse. I thought I could do it myself but I couldn't so my Mum helped me". Andrew in Topaz class said, "Jonah wanted to run away but God told him what to do – when you are told to do something you should just do it – you shouldn't moan". Emerald Class discussed how sharing a problem can make it easier to solve; Lillian said "I would share a problem with my pet, Granny or my friends".

Worker of the Week

This week our 'Workers of the Week' are...

Diamond Class: Bodhi - for making excellent progress with his reading and writing by trying hard and always being willing to give it a go.

Emerald Class: Jessica – for the amazing progress she has made with her writing - her Rosa Parks work this week was excellent.

Ruby Class: Megan – for her fantastic biography about 'Alexander the Great'.

Topaz Class: Topaz Class – for behaving with maturity and kindness in what has been a very difficult week for all.

Extra Special mention this week from Miss Wadlow: Mason – for exceptionally kind and caring behavior this week at lunchtimes.



Clubs

A quick reminder that after school clubs have now finished for the term. If you need provision after school, our After Fun Club can be booked (forms are on the school website). Please note that school finishes at 2pm on Friday 18th

December so there will be no After Fun provision that day.

Booking forms for Breakfast and After Fun clubs for the spring term are now available on the school website. If you wish to book for the first week back after Christmas, please ensure your form with payment is sent to the school office by Monday 14th December.

Hot Meals/Christmas Dinner

Today is the deadline for ordering hot meals for your child to have in the first week back in January and also for booking Christmas Dinner. (Please note that when we come back to school after Christmas, on Tuesday 5th January, we will be on week 4 of the rolling menu).



Christmas Trees & Wreaths

Today is also the deadline for orders to be received for Christmas Trees and Wreaths to be delivered by Three Counties Landscaping Ltd in Castle Cary.

Christmas plans

Please remember that Christmas cards must be in school by Monday to be delivered in the class Christmas postboxes so we can quarantine them before sorting and delivering in the last week of term. Any cards received after the 7th will not be delivered.





Christmas party day – Friday 11th December

We are looking forward to our Christmas party day next Friday. There will be no hot meals that day but party food will be served in class bubbles for the children to enjoy. Given the current circumstances we are unable to receive donations of party food as in past years. Instead we are asking for a donation of £1 per child towards the cost of supplying party food for the children to enjoy – please send in your donation to the class teacher by Tuesday 8th December. Children may wear party clothes for the day but with sensible footwear and must bring a warm coat to wear at break/lunchtimes. Topaz class will still be doing their PE lessons that day but they don't have to wear their school PE kit – they can wear "party PE kit" but clothes/shoes must be suitable for them to participate in their PE lesson.

Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children – Friday 18th December

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 - normal school uniform should be worn if no Christmas jumper is available.



On days where we have Christmas activities and during the last week of term we are very happy for your children to add some festive accessories to uniform. These could be a Santa hat, festive hairband or Christmas socks. Please remember that anything the children bring should be named and they need to be fully responsible for it.

Finally...

It has been quite a week, but I do have some good news to share with you all. Mr Webb is now out of hospital and at home recovering. The doctors are very happy with him and hope he can be back with us all in the new year. Thank you to all of you who have sent him best wishes.

DATES FOR THE DIARY ~ December 2020

DECEMBER:

Friday 4th	ORDER DEADLINE for hot meals for January/Christmas Dinner/PTFA Trees & wreaths
Monday 7th	DEADLINE for Christmas cards to be received in class postboxes
Wednesday 9th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – closing date for raffle & online games
Friday 11th	Christmas Party Day – non-uniform day with party food lunch (details to follow) 4pm PTFA live raffle drawer/online games winners announced
14-18 December	Christmas week – various activities planned in school
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Lunch No Brass lesson this week
Thursday 17th	9.10am End of Term Awards – in classes on Teams
Friday 18th	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children charity fundraiser <u>2pm School Closes for Christmas. No After Fun provision.</u>
Thursday 24th	Church Christmas Carol Service, 4pm on Zoom (details to follow)

MONDAY 21st DECEMBER to FRIDAY 1st JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 4th INSET Day – school closed

Community Christmas Project

As this year has been a difficult one for many, Templecombe is running a small Christmas project which is aiming to help residents in need. We would like to hear from you if you are worried about being able to provide Christmas for your children. Don't be shy, we're here to help, but we can't if we don't know who needs a bit of support this Christmas. Text 07779 483678 in confidence. This is a community initiative funded by your local community.

PTFA Update

Our Virtual Christmas Fayre!



Our Virtual Christmas Fayre is continuing on the PTFA Facebook page ("The Abbas and Templecombe School PTA"). Just leave a comment under each event (Raffle, Cash for Christmas Candy Cane, Guess the name of the teddies and guess how many sweets in the jar) and the PTFA team will get back to you. Or alternatively email us on Templecombeschool.pta@hotmail.com. Winners will be announced at a live streamed finalé. All payments should please be made by BACS.

Santa is coming for Christmas

Amazing news – Santa has agreed to record personalized messages from his grotto. He will deliver a personal message to family members or friends far and wide, giving an extra special personal touch to Christmas this year. The PTFA will email you the video clip for you to either send on or show your family. All this for only £5 per message, payable to the PTFA by BACS. Please email details of the message you would like, e.g. names, present ideas, etc. or anything specifically you would like Santa to say to templecombeschool.pta@hotmail.com. **Closing date for personalised videos is December 11th.** Santa is a busy man after that!

Emails

The PTFA now have their own email (templecombeschool.pta@hotmail.com) and would like to use this to arrange bookings and publicise their events/activities directly to parents. Due to GDPR regulations parents need to opt-in so if you are happy to do so, please drop them an email containing your name as well as your child's name, class and year group.

"Thank you" from the PTA team.

We hope you all have a good weekend.



Mrs Brazier