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Collective Worship

In our reflection times this week we have been focusing on the story of Daniel and the Lions in KS2 and The Nativity in KS1.

In our Friday reflection time Emeralds were thinking about why Jesus was born in a stable and not somewhere cleaner and more comfortable. Here are some of their drawings:



Diamond Class dressed in costumes as they learnt about the nativity story:



Ruby class, thought about the story and Chloe added - 'It is important that you listen to the right people and make your own decisions about things, not just do something because someone tells you to.' Topaz class,

Worker of the Week

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

Diamond Class: Ozzy M, for always trying his best. He has a fantastic learning attitude!

Emerald Class: Bella D - for the excellent sentences and punctuation in the letter she wrote explaining the nativity. Fab handwriting too Bella!

Ruby Class: Tabitha - for her amazing attitude towards her learning throughout the whole week.

Topaz Class: Rosie R – for being brave in class this week and giving challenging work a go, and for showing kindness towards classmates on the playground.



Congratulations also go to Charlie S for achieving his green belt with blue strip, with an overall grade of A, in Taekwon-Do. Taekwon-Do has helped Charlie to focus and he is now only 5 belts away from gaining his black belt and a single belt from being classed as a senior martial artist.

Christmas Party Day – Friday 11th December

The children had great fun today enjoying their Christmas party. Each class received a surprise video message from Santa along with a gift for every child. A big thank you to the PTFA for arranging these surprises and also to Santa for taking time out of his very busy schedule at this time of year.



Breakfast & After Fun Clubs

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. Please note that school finishes at 2pm on Friday 18th December so there will be no After Fun provision that day.

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. Please send in your £1 by next Wednesday, 16th December.

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.

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.

And Finally...

The final week of term is here and we have some very exciting Christmas activities planned for the last week. However, in the lead up to the Christmas break it is more important than ever that we all adhere to national and local guidance and minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus. The following actions will really help to reduce the chance of us all facing disruption over the festive period, as I am sure that you will agree we all deserve a fabulous Christmas. So I would ask you all to read and follow the below steps outlined by Public Health England:

- Anyone displaying the symptoms of coronavirus should not attend the setting and should isolate at home with their household
- Individuals identified as a close contact of a confirmed case (either household or otherwise) should complete their isolation period before coming back to the setting.
- Try to minimise mixing between groups as far as possible – this includes during any festive celebrations that are planned. We would recommend that these are held within your existing bubbles to avoid social mixing.
- Maintain social distancing between pupils outside of the school setting

PTFA Update

Our Virtual Christmas Fayre!



Our Virtual Christmas Fayre has been a great success and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported this new online venture in fundraising for our school. We have raised just over £1000 which is a fantastic amount. The winners of our Christmas Raffle and all the games were announced live on facebook at 4pm today. Please contact the school office as soon as possible next week to collect your prize before school closes at 2pm on Friday 18th December.

Emails

Thank you to everyone who has returned the reply slip so we can add you to our PTFA emailing list. If you have yet to return the slip but would like to opt in and be kept informed of upcoming PTFA events and activities, please email your information (your name/your email/child's name, class & year group) to templecombeschool.pta@hotmail.com.

"Thank you" from the PTA team.

We hope you all have a good weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MB' with a flourish underneath.

Mrs Brazier

DATES FOR THE DIARY ~ December 2020

DECEMBER:

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
