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It's been a great final week; the children have all enjoyed taking part in Christmas activities arranged by our amazing school staff and wonderful PTFA. A huge thank-you to all for your efforts to give the children a great festive experience, even in these strange times.



Clay Decoration competition

	Diamond Class	Emerald Class	Ruby Class	Topaz Class
Overall winner	Victoria 	Alfie T 	Summer 	Toby 
2nd prize:	Olivia & Bodhi	Olivia F & Patrick	Elisa & Alfie	Lily May & Marcus
3rd prize:	Darcey & Tommy	Sapphire & Cameron	Daisy & Seth	Phoebe & Andrew



Christmas Lunch

We all enjoyed our Christmas Hot Lunch on Wednesday and would like to say a big thank you to Donna Russell for organising all the orders and to Piskula Catering for supplying the delicious food.



Diamond Class Bears

Some of you may remember Mrs Bate who used to bring Chloe the reading dog into school. Mrs Bate has very kindly knitted a bear for each of Diamond Class and as they have been quarantined in school, the bears were able to go to their new homes yesterday. As you can see, all of the children were very pleased with their gift. Thank you Mrs Bate!

Breakfast Club

Thank you for returning your booking forms nice and early so we can plan for the first weeks back after Christmas. As a result, Wednesdays are full for the first five weeks of the spring term and Tuesdays and Thursdays only have one or two spaces available. Please contact the school office to check on availability before booking.



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

The children all looked great in their Christmas jumpers today and thank you to everyone for sending in their donations for Save The Children. A total of £107 was raised which is fantastic.

A Message from St Mary's Church:

Are you worrying about Christmas?

Christmas is a joyful time, but it can also be stressful, especially this year. We don't want people in our community to worry about food or heating this Christmas. Help is available for anyone who needs it, with an email to Rev Kevin on revkrogers@gmail.com or phone 01963 363832 with your grocery list or heating needs. No questions, just a discreet response to make things a little easier over the Christmas holiday season.

Carols by Zoom on Christmas Eve at 4pm via Zoom

Come to your screens dressed in your nativity outfits and Christmas regalia, mulled wine or hot chocolate in hand, and sing along to all the favourite Christmas Carols led by our local singers, and hear the Christmas story told by our local readers, volunteers from all our village schools, our village communities and our village churches. To join, click on the link below and follow your computer prompts (no downloading needed): Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82950107897?pwd=eVdxVklmd1pPak5EN2tjVWZKKzAyZz09>
or access it manually with Meeting ID: 829 5010 7897 and Passcode: 817432.

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



Thank You!

The PTFA would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has been involved in the fundraising this year. Everyone who volunteers their time or gives a donation, however small, when all combined create a fantastic effort and have boosted funds incredibly in these difficult times. We look forward to planning further events in the new year when government guidelines permit.

amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

Don't forget you can still fundraise while you shop if you use AmazonSmile. If you have an Amazon account, please sign up to "AmazonSmile" and search for "Friends of Abbas and Templecombe Primary School" then with every qualifying purchase you make on Amazon, they donate 0.5% to us. This is a great scheme, is simple to set up and with more of us shopping online in this current climate, it is a great way to make funds from Amazon.

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.

And finally...

We wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

Mrs Brazier

HOHO
PEACE
JOY HOPE
SNOWFLAKES
HOLLY JOLLY
SANTA & TOYS
WONDERLAND
GINGERBREAD
THANK YOU

DATES FOR THE DIARY ~ 2020/2021

DECEMBER:

Friday 18th Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children charity fundraiser

2pm School Closes for Christmas. No After Fun provision.

Thursday 24th Church Christmas Carol Service, 4pm on Zoom (details above)

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

JANUARY:

Monday 4th **INSET Day – school closed**

Tuesday 5th School re-opens for the Spring Term