



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (6) Friday 14th October 2022

Templecombe Together Food Larder

Thank you to all those that have supported the new food larder. Templecombe Together are emphasising that this initiative is a way of sharing food so that it doesn't go to waste - please do go along to the Church (Tuesdays and Fridays between 1.30pm and 4.30pm) to check it out.



Collective Worship Reflections



Collective Worship

We have begun a new series looking at the many heroes in the Bible – each of them did a special thing for God and for us. Across the coming weeks we will be looking at particular characters from the Bible, learning that heroes come in all shapes and sizes and from every walk of life; we can learn from their experiences and that we can all be heroes – helping those in our lives and those in need around the world.

During our Friday reflection time we shared pupils' reflections. Diamond Class's Rupert shared "I think God is a hero because he is kind", Sapphire Class's Hayden wrote, 'God forgives us when we do bad things because he wants us to live a better life and learn from our mistakes'. Ruby Class's Layla said, "I can be a hero by; helping people if they hurt themselves, helping people who struggle to walk, helping people who get stuck on questions and helping people who don't have any food or homes".



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Harrison for trying really hard with reading this week, blending our sounds together.

Georgia for contributing brilliantly in the classroom and giving all learning a go with a positive attitude.

Emerald

Bodhi for his amazing enthusiasm and attention to detail in D&T. Bodhi worked hard on his sewing and then offered help to those around him. He was even inspired to create his own hand puppets at home!

Isla for working on her individual targets in English, Isla has impressed us with her handwriting and letter size. Great job!

Ruby

Isaac S for always contributing in lessons and showing that he is remembering previous learning. Isaac had some great ideas about how to complete our Science investigation.

Alisha for using some fantastic words to extend her writing this week. She has worked really hard to create an interesting diary extract.

Sapphire

Sophia for working extremely hard to create a well presented and informative leaflet about the life of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun - well done Sophia!

Mason for his English work on fronted adverbials and for making excellent progress in his reading already this half term - keep up the good work Mason!

Topaz

Joel for a much-improved learning attitude and great focus over the last few weeks in all subjects, especially Maths.

Isla for being an excellent role model to her classmates. Isla has shown great perseverance with her writing and Maths over the last few weeks, producing work of a very high standard.

School Council Congratulations to our new School Councillors for this year: Ada, Reggie, Darcey V, Tamsin, Olivia T, Isaac, Holly, Bella D, Annabelle, Bethany, Declan and Tyler D.

A big well done to all of you!

If your child achieves an award, medal or trophy through participating in an outside-of-school club or activity we would love to hear about it and congratulate them at our weekly Friday worship. Please bring certificates etc to the school office.



Topaz Class have been learning lots about forces this half term in Science. To conclude this concept, we have been investigating gears, pulleys and levers. Over the last two weeks our Year 6 children built models from K'Nex and carried out experiments using the machines they had made; specifically a counterweighted crane, door window mechanism, wheelbarrow and crank fan.



New contact email addresses

Please be aware that our contact email addresses have now changed (this was due to a County wide change). The office can now be reached on office@abbastemplecombprimary.co.uk and my new email is jwebb@abbastemplecombprimary.co.uk. As you can see, staff's emails are now firstinitialsurname@abbastemplecombprimary.co.uk. For a short period of time emails will be forwarded on but I strongly recommend moving over to the new emails now.

Flu Vaccinations – Whole School

Please ensure you complete the online consent form (one for each child regardless of whether you wish your child to receive the vaccination or not) <https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. The portal will close at midday on Thursday 17th November. Our school code is **SM123775**.

Outside improvement works

Over the coming weeks we will be having a lot of our outdoor play areas improved. This will involve general repair works or replacements to large play equipment, resurfacing under the play equipment, a new path down to Forest School, tarmac works near Sapphire classroom and the foundations being laid for an outdoor classroom at the top of Forest School. These works will be funded from three different sources; Somerset County Council, Tilia Homes and our PTA outdoor improvement fund. The majority of the (noisy/disruptive) works will be taking place during half term, but workmen will be on site from Monday and play areas will begin to be closed to children. We are planning on using the lower half of Forest School as an additional play space, when possible, so please do send wellies into school to protect children's shoes.

Medicines

A reminder that school staff are able to administer medication during the school day if your child requires it, but please do not give medication to class staff. Any medicines/creams etc must be brought to the school office for safekeeping and parents need to complete a consent form to confirm dosage/timings etc. Without this form being completed, we are unable to administer medication.

Appointments during the school day

If you need to collect your child during the school day ie. for a medical appointment, please telephone the school office so they can alert staff. There is a chance that an email may not be seen so it is always best to phone and speak to someone on the day.

Ad Hoc MDSA vacancies – we're still looking...

We are looking to recruit ad hoc Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants to ensure we can cover when other supervisors aren't available. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Parent Consultations – 11th and 13th October

Thank you to everyone who attended their parent meetings this week. If you were unable to attend please contact the class teacher to arrange a convenient appointment.

Pop Up Shop

Thank you for the donations towards our Pop Up Shop. Over the coming weeks we will put these out at pick up time for people to take.



PTA

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to those who attended the PTA's AGM on Tuesday evening and signed up to be members of the committee for this academic year. The following specific roles were elected: Emma Hughes and Sophie Lomax (Joint Chair), Karen Selway (Secretary), Emma Hughes (Treasurer).

Christmas Fayre

Work now begins on preparations for our Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December and we are holding a planning meeting on Tuesday 15th November at 7pm in school. We look forward to welcoming you. If you or someone you know would like to have a stall at the Fayre, please do ask them to get in touch via the PTA email: Templecombeschool.pta@hotmail.com. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 2nd December in exchange for chocolate for the Tombola Stall at the Fayre and we are arranging for Christmas Cards to be designed by your children again this year, so please look out next week for their design coming home, together with details on how to order before the deadline of Friday 4th November. Thank you for all your support which is hugely appreciated by the team and all the children in school who benefit from the funds raised.

We hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Webb



Join us in the library this half term for some squirrely fun:

- Treasure Hunt
- Craft Activity
- Colouring and more

Saturday 22nd October 9am – 12.30
Tuesday 25th October 9am – 12.30 and 2 – 4.30pm
Friday 28th and Saturday 29th 9am – 12.30

Milborne Port Library, East Street Car Park,
East Street

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2022/23 Academic Year

Entries highlighted in green are new this week!

OCTOBER:

Wednesday 19th 9.45am School Tour for September 2023 intake

Friday 21st **3.30pm School closes for half term**

24th October to 28th October - HALF TERM

Monday 31st School reopens

NOVEMBER:

Wednesday 2nd 9.15am Pantomime at school

Thursday 3rd 1.45pm School Tour for September 2023 intake

Friday 4th **Deadline to order your child's Christmas Card design**

Wednesday 9th Tempest Photography – individual photographs

Friday 11th Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial

Sunday 13th Remembrance Sunday – Church Service

Tuesday 15th 9.45am School Tour for September 2023 intake

Friday 18th **7pm PTA Christmas Fayre planning meeting in school**

Friday 18th Whole school flu immunisations

DECEMBER:

Friday 2nd **Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for Tombola Stall at Christmas Fayre**

Monday 5th 1.30pm Nativity – dress rehearsal

Tuesday 6th 2.30pm Nativity – performance to parents

Thursday 8th 9.30am Nativity – performance to parents

Friday 9th PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow

Thursday 15th 9.15am End of Term Awards

Friday 16th Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser

2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church

3pm School Closes for Christmas

19th DECEMBER to 2nd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Tuesday 3rd INSET Day – school closed

Wednesday 4th School re-opens

Thursday 19th PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

FEBRUARY:

Friday 10th **3.30pm School closes for half term**

13th FEBRUARY to 17th FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 20th School re-opens

MARCH:

Monday 27th Bikeability Day 1 (Yr5 & Yr6)

Tuesday 28th Bikeability Day 2 (Yr5 & Yr6)

Wednesday 29th 9.15am End of Term Awards

Thursday 30th 2pm Easter Service in St Mary's Church

3pm School Closes for the Easter Break

Friday 31st INSET Day – school closed

APRIL:

Tuesday 25th PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

3rd APRIL to 14th APRIL – EASTER BREAK

Monday 17th INSET Day – school closed

24th/25th Yr3/4 Residential to Hooke Court

MAY:

Monday 1st Bank Holiday – school closed

3rd/4th/5th Year 5 Residential to New Forest

8th to 11th SATS Week

22nd/23rd/24th/25th Year 6 Residential to Bournemouth

Friday 26th **3.30pm School closes for half term**

29th MAY to 2nd JUNE - HALF TERM

JUNE:

JULY:

Wednesday 5th Swap a class afternoon

Friday 7th School Sports Event

PTFA Summer Fayre

Friday 21st 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.