



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (11) Friday 2nd December 2022



Collective Worship Reflections



This week saw the start of Advent, a time of preparation for celebrating Jesus' birth. We have continued our series looking at the many heroes in the Bible, this week focusing on Mary and Joseph: surprising heroes in many ways who fought against the conventions of their time to bring Jesus into the world. In our reflection time today, some classes shared about Mary and Joseph, Topaz's Daisy said, "Mary trusted God by believing in him and caring for him. Joseph was obedient when the angel came and he told Joseph that Mary was having God's child". Others reflected on the candle themes of Advent: Ruby class's Pippa shared, "I can show hope by believing in people and I can hope for the bad wars to end".



Worker of the Week



Diamond

George for making amazing progress in your reading and eagerness to try new things.

Khalisee for being a keen and enthusiastic role model in Diamond Class.

Emerald

Phoebe for her amazing attitude towards the Nativity rehearsals. Phoebe has been a very focused and enthusiastic actress and we're looking forward to her sharing her skills with the audiences next week!

Theodore for his amazing reading. Theodore reads regularly at home and it is wonderful listening to him read at school. His confidence and fluency have improved massively this year.

Ruby

Victoria for a big improvement in her presentation and completing more layers in her Maths.

Olivia for using a range of sentence starters and making good word choices, to create a persuasive piece of writing this week.

Sapphire

Elisa for having a fantastic attitude towards her learning this week and working really hard to master equivalent fractions - keep up the good work!

Tabitha for producing an excellent power point presentation on the river Thames and working exceptionally hard in class all week - well done!

Topaz

Charlie Sm for a brilliantly written historical recount on The Battle of Britain and excellent contributions in class this week.



Templecombe Token Certificates



Congratulations go to Simeon, Jessica, Freddie E, Patricia, Jaydee, Reggie, Phoebe and Ada from Emerald Class, Olivia F, Oscar and Alfie from Ruby Class and Molly from Topaz Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Congratulations go to Bethany and Charlie Sm from Topaz Class for achieving their Silver Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Outside of School Achievements

Well done to Jacob H who received the Best Effort Award for his goalkeeping at football this week.

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.



On Thursday morning, Yr4 and 5 were invited to visit the Tilia Homes construction site. We were shown the different stages of building a house and were given a demonstration of the intricate manoeuvres that one of the larger diggers could perform. The highlight of the visit, was being shown around the newly completed show home, where everyone enjoyed choosing their favourite bedroom. The Minecraft theme was a big hit!



Staffing update – Sapphire Class

As I'm sure many of you would have seen in the news over recent months, like many other areas of life, schools' financial positions are incredibly challenging at present. Due to this we have had to

take the sad decision to end Ms Bishop's teaching in Sapphire Class on Fridays. In January Miss Hancock will return to working Fridays, with her day off moving to a Monday when I will be teaching Sapphire class. Please be aware that no decision is without consequence: from January, I will be in class two days a week (Topaz and Sapphire classes), meaning my availability will be reduced to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Christmas Lunch and Hot Lunches for next term

Last call for orders for Christmas Hot Lunch. Orders received after today will not be processed and a packed lunch needs to be provided from home on the day (15th December).

Booking forms for hot lunches will be sent out early next week. Forms needs to be back by Monday 12th December. If you are happy to continue with your lunch choices as they are this term and don't need to make any changes, please email Mrs Russell (DRussell@abbastemplecombeprimary.co.uk) to confirm.

Cold weather

As the weather has turned cold, if possible we would ask you to send your child into school with a suitable cold weather attire, for example, warm hat, scarf and a pair of gloves to wear at break and lunchtimes. Please ensure items are clearly named.

Breakfast and After Fun Clubs

Booking forms for both these clubs are now available on our website and in paper form from the school office. If you need to book for the first week of term, please return your form(s) no later than Tuesday 13th December.

Academisation

Over the last two years the Government has made it clear that it expects all Local Authority schools to join a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) in the near future. Therefore, over the last 18 months our Governing Board has been working hard to get to know the Trusts in our area and make a decision as to the best Trust for us to join. This process of fact-finding has included training from the Diocese, lots of research, presentations from two local MATs, visits to multiple MAT schools and many lengthy conversations to ensure that the right decision is made, not only for our current families and staff but those in the future too.

At last week's Governors' meeting we voted to join Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust <https://www.bwmat.org/index.asp>. What comes next is a period of due diligence from the Trust and many legal processes in the coming months, including a formal consultation process with parents. I would like to offer the opportunity for parents to hear more about what academisation means for our school so I am offering a presentation style session on Monday 12th December at 3.35pm in the school hall. I know that this time will not be accessible for all so there will also be a Teams presentation at 6pm on the 12th December, accessible by clicking [here](#) at the time of this meeting. Please do engage with these sessions as there is a lot of misinformation circulating around the academisation agenda and I would very much like to share what will happen at our school and the impact this decision will have on your child's education. As well as these presentations you can always speak to me on the gate or make contact via the office.

A reminder of our festive events and deadlines in the run up to Christmas:

Monday 5 th	Nativity dress rehearsal to whole school
Tuesday 6 th at 2.30pm and	Diamond and Emerald Class Nativity We are pleased to return to live performances to parents for our Nativity this year. Letters came home on Monday to book tickets so we know numbers for each performance. Please return the booking slip as soon as possible. Costumes are all in hand within the school's wardrobe so no need for any purchases or frantic home-making!
Thursday 8 th at 9.30am	Christmas Cards Children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards but please be aware that these must be in their class post boxes by Tuesday 13th December , so we have time to sort and deliver in the last week of term. Any cards received after the 13 th will not be delivered.

Friday 9 th	<p>PTA Christmas Fayre There will a range of stalls and games at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December, with the raffle being drawn at 5pm</p>
Tuesday 13 th	<p>Christmas Song Showdown Classes sharing songs in the hall, 2pm</p> <p>PTA Movie 'n' Munch An opportunity for children to stay after hours and enjoy a movie and snacks with their friends. More details and a booking form are coming home today.</p>
Thursday 15 th	<p>End of Term Awards An opportunity to celebrate in-school successes with the end of term Head Teacher Awards and Templecombe Token House competition. I'm afraid that families are not able to attend on this occasion.</p> <p>Christmas Hot Lunch Thank you for returning your order forms. Where possible children will all eat their Christmas lunch together. Pupils having packed lunch will still sit with their peers for this festive meal.</p> <p>Christmas Parties Children will take part in class parties, with games and fun Christmas-themed activities during the afternoon. Children may wear party clothes for the day but with sensible footwear and must bring a warm coat to wear at break/lunchtimes.</p>
Friday 16 th	<p>Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser 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, but normal school jumpers should be worn if no Christmas jumper is available.</p> <p>Christmas Service in St Mary's Church, 2pm Our traditional End of Term Service led by our eldest children; featuring singing, readings, drama and digital media. We look forward to welcoming parents to join us.</p> <p>3pm School Closes for Christmas</p>

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Abbas and Templecombe Primary School
 PTA Christmas Fayre
Friday 9th December
 3.30pm - 5.30pm
 Raffle £1 a ticket
 50p a token
 Spin the wheel
 Sprout or ball
 Adopt a teddy
 And much more...
 Cafe
 Tea, coffee and cakes
 Stalls
 Crafts, jams and more...



PTA Christmas Fayre

Booking to see Santa We have had a number of queries on whether younger or older siblings who don't attend our school can be added to the booking forms to see Santa at our Christmas Fayre. For insurance reasons, we cannot accommodate non-pupils during the school day. Times between 3.30pm and 5.30pm are now sold out but we can accommodate more bookings during school time in the afternoon for school pupils only. Please return your booking form by Friday at the latest.

We have lots of stalls planned but we do need parent volunteers to help run them! Please get in touch if you are able to offer some time – even if it is just for half an hour. 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.

Thank you for all your donations of chocolate for the Tombola Stall. The children enjoyed not having to wear their uniforms today!

As ever, 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.

Movie 'n' Munch ~ Tuesday 13th December

We are holding a Movie 'n' Munch after school on Tuesday 13th December – booking forms are coming home today. Make good use of a couple of hours of child-free Christmas shopping and return your booking form as soon as possible!

Christmas Trees and Wreaths – DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS TODAY!

Once again our PTA are partnering with The Market Garden to bring Christmas trees and wreaths to your doors... We'll receive 10% of the value of your order and they deliver to your home. In previous years, parents have always been pleased with the quality of what they have received.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Webb

BENEFICE OF ABBAS & TEMPLECOMBE, HENSTRIDGE AND HORSINGTON

Services for December 2022 at St Mary's Church, Abbas & Templecombe

Sunday 4th December, 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th December, 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th December, 4pm Christingle Service
6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve, 4pm Crib Service at Henstridge
11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion at Henstridge

Christmas Day, 10am Holy Communion

The Church building is also open on Tuesdays and Fridays between 1.30pm and 4.30pm



DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2022/23 Academic Year

Entries highlighted in green are new this week!

DECEMBER:

Friday 2nd

Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for Tombola Stall at Christmas Fayre
Deadline to order Christmas trees and wreaths

Monday 5th

1.30pm Nativity – dress rehearsal

Tuesday 6 th	2.30pm Nativity – performance to parents
Thursday 8 th	9.30am Nativity – performance to parents
Friday 9 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Monday 12 th	Academisation presentation – 3.35pm (School Hall) / 6pm (Online - Teams)
Tuesday 13 th	PTFA Movie ‘n’ Munch – details to follow
Thursday 15 th	9.15am End of Term Awards
Friday 16 th	Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary’s Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas
IN ST MARY’S CHURCH:	
Saturday 17 th	Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday 18 th	Christmas Tree Festival 4pm Christingle Service 6.30pm Carol Service

19th DECEMBER to 2nd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Tuesday 3 rd	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 4 th	School re-opens
Thursday 19 th	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

FEBRUARY:

Friday 10 th	<u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u>
<u>13th FEBRUARY to 17th FEBRUARY - HALF TERM</u>	
Monday 20 th	School re-opens

MARCH:

Monday 27 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr5 & Yr6)
Tuesday 28 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr5 & Yr6)
Wednesday 29 th	9.15am End of Term Awards
Thursday 30 th	2pm Easter Service in St Mary’s Church 3pm School Closes for the Easter Break
Friday 31 st	INSET Day – school closed

APRIL:

Tuesday 25 th	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please <u>3rd APRIL to 14th APRIL – EASTER BREAK</u>
Monday 17 th	INSET Day – school closed
24 th /25 th	Yr3/4 Residential to Hooke Court

MAY:

Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday – school closed
3 rd /4 th /5 th	Year 5 Residential to New Forest
Monday 8 th	Additional Bank Holiday – school closed
8 th to 11 th	SATS Week
22 nd /23 rd /24 th /25 th	Year 6 Residential to Bournemouth
Friday 26 th	<u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u>

29th MAY to 2nd JUNE - HALF TERM

JUNE:

JULY:

Wednesday 5 th	Swap a class afternoon
Friday 7 th	School Sports Event
	PTFA Summer Fayre
Friday 21 st	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.