



# Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



## Newsletter (12) Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

As always, around the Christmas period there is a lot going on in school and this year is no exception, even with Covid measures meaning we have to adapt. Please check the festive reminders and diary dates listed at the end of the newsletter so that no one misses out.

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

<p>Virtual stream: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 11am Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 4pm</p>	<p><b>Diamond and Emerald Class Nativity</b> Virtually streaming on Teams - a link to each stream event will be emailed direct to parents today.</p>
<p>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 3pm (Reserve date is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 3pm)</p>	<p><b>Christmas Songs on the Playground</b> Years 4/5/6 performing a range of Christmas songs on the top playground for family members (standing only event - audience should please wear face coverings (where possible) and socially distance from other family groups. Younger pupils will not be attending or taking part in this event but family members are welcome to attend if they would like to get into the spirit of Christmas. This is a new event and is because we are not inviting families to attend our Christmas Service. You will see that we have a reserve date of the 14<sup>th</sup> just in case the weather is too wet – we will notify all parents on the Monday morning if we are moving the event to the reserve day.</p>
<p>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Christmas Hot Lunch</b> This is the only hot meal being provided today. If you did not order, please send your child in with a packed lunch.</p> <p><b>PTA Movie 'n' Munch</b> 3.30-5.45pm. Booking is now closed – please collect your child promptly.</p>
<p>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>End of Term Awards</b> I'm afraid that families are not able to attend on this occasion.</p> <p><b>Christmas Song Showdown</b> Class song competition during the school day.</p> <p><b>Christmas Party Day</b> There will be no hot meals today, but party food will be served in class groups for the children to enjoy. If you have not done so already, please send in your £1 per child donation towards the cost of supplying party food. Children may wear party clothes for the day but with sensible footwear and must bring a warm coat to wear at break/lunchtimes.</p>
<p>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser</b> On the last day of term, fundraising for Save The Children - donate a £1 each to wear a Christmas jumper over 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><b>Christmas Service in School Hall</b> Our traditional End of Term Service led by our oldest children; featuring singing, readings, drama and digital media. Unfortunately, this will be a child only event this year and will be taking place in the hall to allow for the flexibility of live streaming to the classrooms. For our younger children, if our case rates should increase again.</p>



# Collective Worship Reflections



We have been focusing on the Christmas story during our collective worship times this week; with particular attention on Mary and Joseph and how they trusted God and were obedient to him. The children considered how they could share one of these lovely feelings with someone else. Ruby class shared Joseph's initial thoughts, for example, "furious, puzzled and unsure", then they shared how he felt later in the story, for example, "blessed, amazed and happy". Topaz class reflected on the risks Mary and Joseph took and Nathan shared, "I took a risk when I co-piloted a plane, but I ended up flying it perfectly".



## Worker of the Week



### Diamond

**Whitney** for persevering with her Maths activities this week. Whitney worked hard on her independent counting activities and showed good progress from the beginning of the week!

**Rita-Rae** for her amazing reading progress this week. Rita-Rae has worked hard on her blending for reading and has cracked it! She is now able to read words independently and should be very proud of herself!

### Emerald

**Victoria** for being such a brilliant angel in the Nativity. Your voice is clear and you've known all of your lines from the first rehearsal.

**Freddie S** for fantastic effort when writing your letter from the Nativity stable.

### Ruby

**Hayden** for his well thought out reflections about the miracle story of 'Jesus calming the storm'.

**Harley** for trying his best in Maths and making excellent progress this week.

### Topaz

**Nathan** for some extremely impressive calculating if fractions this week!

**Olivia** for using a good range of vocabulary in her biography writing and showing great resilience when completing her work on area this week.



## Templecombe Token Certificates



Congratulations go to Lucy, Evelyn, Simeon, Khalisee, Jessica, Ada, Rita-Rae, Isla P, Rupert, Georgia and Martha from Diamond Class, Rupert, Matthew, Victoria and Ava from Emerald Class, Casey, Darcey, Holly and Ruby-Mai from Ruby Class and Hanna and Ruby from Topaz Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Well done everyone!



## Updates

### Ruby Class – Junk Modelling

Plea for some clean junk modelling for Ruby class: We are going to be making musical instruments after Christmas in art and any shoe boxes, toilet rolls, bottles with lids for shakers would be great. Thank you in advance.

### Breakfast & After Fun Clubs

Booking forms for the new term for Breakfast and After Fun clubs are attached to this email and are available on the school website under Clubs.

### Friday After School Clubs

Booking forms will be coming home on Monday for our new Friday after school clubs – Mr Ferrari will be running football club for Years 1 to 3 and Mr Smith will be running a film club for Years Reception to 6. As previously, the football club will be free to parents, being subsidised by our Sports Premium funding, and film club will be the usual £3.

### Logo Lift Off – European Space Agency Competition

Did you know that from 2022, rockets will be launching into space from spaceports in the UK for the very first time? The European Space Agency is celebrating this exciting news with a competition for children aged between 4 and 11 years old. They are asking children to design a logo which will go on rockets launched from the UK next year! Click on this [link](#) to find out more and how to enter your child's design.



### Christmas Fayre

All the children had a lovely time this afternoon enjoying their Christmas Fayre with one commenting "I've had the best day!". A huge thank you to our PTA for all the effort that went into making a lovely memory for every child to enjoy.



Thank you also to everyone for donations and for taking part in the virtual fayre – please remember the live draw is being streamed on the PTA's Facebook page at 4pm today.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Webb

## DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2021/22 Academic Year

Any dates/events added to this list after first publication or have been updated are highlighted in green for ease of identification

### DECEMBER:

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	11am Diamond & Emerald Nativity virtually streaming
	3pm Yrs4/5/6 Christmas Songs on the playground – families invited to attend
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	4pm Diamond & Emerald Nativity virtually streaming
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Hot Lunch – letter with booking form came home 26/11/2021
	PTFA Movie 'n' Munch – details to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am End of Term Awards – no parents
	Christmas Song Showdown – class competition
	Christmas Party Day – no hot lunches
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser
	2pm Christmas Service in school – no parents
	<b>3pm School Closes for Christmas</b>

### **18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER to 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK**

### JANUARY:

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Bags4School Clothes Collection – please drop off donations along lower playground wall before 9am

### FEBRUARY:

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Tag Rugby 8-a-side Competition @ KA's 12.30-3pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Residential deadline for 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment to be paid
	Yr 5 Residential deadline for 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment to be paid
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3.30pm School closes for half term</b>

### **19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY to 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - HALF TERM**

### MARCH:

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Netball 7-a-side @ KA 12.30-3pm
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### APRIL:

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am End of Term Awards
	Yr6 Residential deadline for final payment
	Yr5 Residential deadline for final payment
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Easter Service in St Mary's Church
	<b>3pm School Closes for the Easter Break</b>

### **9<sup>th</sup> APRIL to 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL – EASTER BREAK**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
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### MAY:

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3/4 Residential to Kilve Court
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS Week – End of Key Stage 2 National Testing week
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr5 & Yr6)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr5 & Yr6)
24 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Residential to Foxlease

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

Yr5 Residential to Foxlease

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

**3.30pm School closes for half term**

**28<sup>th</sup> MAY to 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE - HALF TERM**

**JUNE:**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Tempest Photography – class groups & Yr6 leavers photos

**JULY:**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Swap a class afternoon

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

School Sports Event

PTFA Summer Fayre

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

2pm Topaz Production – dress rehearsal (TBC due to Year 6 transition days)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

PTFA Bags4School Clothes Collection – please drop off donations along lower playground wall before 9am

2pm Topaz production to parents (TBC due to Year 6 transition days)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

6pm Topaz production to parents (TBC due to Year 6 transition days)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Reports sent home

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Whole school fun day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

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.