



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (2) Friday 15th September 2023



Collective Worship Reflections



Collective Worship

As is usual, we begin the year with a focus on our four primary school values: love, perseverance, respect and inspire. This first week we have focused on the value of perseverance through the story of the lost sheep; the good shepherd persevered in looking for the lost sheep, never giving up. The children have been reflecting on how they have persevered in the past or how they might persevere in the year ahead. During our Friday reflection time we shared pupils' reflections. Hayden from Topaz Class shared, "I have persevered with my Maths work, I used to struggle with it but now I can do it." Ruby's Alice said, "I'm going to persevere with helping to clean my room when it is messy".



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Abigail for making an incredible start to Year 1! You are showing great independence and giving every piece of work your best effort, especially in writing where you are getting used to using our new sound mats. Well done!

Lola for making a fantastic start to Reception! You are completing sticker challenges with excitement and eagerness and showing fantastic sharing skills with your friends. Well done!

Emerald

Theodore for using the classroom displays and the available dictionaries and sound mats to independently improve his spelling during his writing this week.

Rupert for his fantastic continent knowledge during Geography. Rupert has been challenging himself to learn interesting facts about each of the seven continents.

Ruby

Isaac for working really hard in English all week. Showing excellent listening skills and participating in class discussions really well - keep up the great work!

Amelia for consistently trying to write using her best handwriting, not only in her English book, but in all of her writing - well done Amelia!

Topaz

Tabitha for settling into Year 6 really well, displaying a super positive learning attitude at all times and generally being fab!

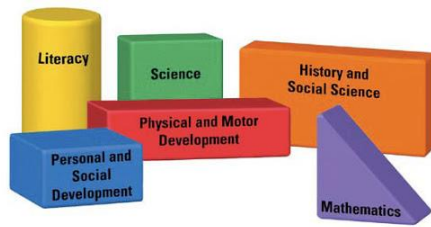
Fred for excellent determination and focus in Maths this week. Great work with linking his learning to be able to solve worded challenges. Great work!

Out of School Achievements

Well done to **Harrison** in Diamond Class for achieving his 5 meters swim award and to **Amelia** in Ruby Class for achieving her Learn to Swim Level 3 award. Congratulations also go to **Layla** in

Ruby Class for gaining the RAD Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Dance: Grade 1 (Ballet) with High Merit.

A big well done to all of you!



Our Curriculum



Diamond Class have had a very busy and exciting week with our new Reception friends! We have been exploring the classroom and made a start on our phonics! Everyone has settled in brilliantly, making a great start to the year.



Updates

Diary Dates

Please see the list of planned diary dates at the end of this letter and update your calendars so you don't miss out. As we go through the year, new events will be added to this list (highlighted in yellow) so do check each week for any new additions.

Illness guidance

	What to do if...	Action needed
1	<p>My child feels unwell with one or more of these symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough • High / low temperature • Shivering • Loss of taste or smell • Exhaustion • Aching body • Headache • Sore throat • Loss of appetite • Feeling / Being sick 	<p>Do not come to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the school by 9am • Stay at home – work will not be provided as your child is ill • If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they should not attend school until 48 hours have passed since the last bout of illness • Return to school when your child feels well enough <p>If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school. If we are concerned, school staff will contact you to discuss their illness.</p>

	• Diarrhoea	
2	My child is unwell with symptoms not associated with COVID-19 eg. Spots / Rash / Swollen glands	<p>Do not come to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the school by 9am • If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they should not attend school until 48 hours have passed since the last bout of illness • Return to school when your child feels well enough – work will not be provided as your child is ill
3	My child has tested positive for COVID-19.	<p>Do not come to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the school of the test result • Self-isolate for 3 days minimum – work will be provided (if your child is well enough to attempt school work) • If they feel unwell, your child should only return to school once they are completely well
4	Someone in the household tests positive for COVID-19.	<p>Child can continue to attend school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If they start to feel unwell then follow step 1 or 2 depending on symptoms

We have had a case of chicken pox in school this week. Please be alert to your child showing symptoms and keep them away from school. Whilst they may seem well in themselves, chicken pox is easily spread in the school environment and we wish to avoid unnecessary absences and disruption to children’s education as best we can. Please be aware that we can all catch chicken pox multiple times.

Whole School Flu Immunisations

An email was sent to all parents this week containing details of the upcoming vaccinations which will take place during the school day in early October. Parents must please complete the decision form (one for each child) using the online link in Somerset Saint’s letter as soon as possible. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, please contact Somerset SAINT for assistance on Tel: 0300 3230032.



Bag2School

We have booked our Bag2School collection dates for this academic year and the first one is on **Wednesday 20th September**. Please bring donations to the lower playground gate by 9am that day.

AGM

Our PTA does amazing work organising events and raising money to purchase equipment and resources for all pupils to benefit from, we simply wouldn’t be able to provide these due to our funding levels. For these events to take place a very dedicated team of volunteers meet regularly to discuss ideas, plan and agree spending with school staff. As the PTA is a registered charity it must meet annually for an **AGM** to appoint key positions (Chair/Treasurer/Secretary), report on the past year and plan for the year ahead. This meeting is taking place on **Tuesday 17th October at 7pm** in school. A letter is

coming home today with a nomination slip and we would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the PTA team. Please complete and return the slip to the school office by **Friday 6th October**.

The PTA need your help if they are to continue with their vital work. Please do come to this meeting, meet the team and consider how you might be able to support, in whatever way you can – without a growth in this leadership team, many events will simply not be able to take place this year.

We hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Webb

St. Mary's,
Templecombe
Muddy Church

Come along to
Muddy Church in the Forest School Area
at Abbas and Templecombe Primary School
3.30pm-4.30pm on Wednesday 20th September 2023

Join us in the great outdoors for a fun time of faith-based stories, crafts and much, much more!

Children will need to be accompanied by an adult and it is hoped that everyone will enjoy a social time around the fire and have fun.

Siblings and Pre-School children are also very welcome to attend.

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Is your child starting primary school in September 2024?

**Please come for a tour of our
School and meet our staff**



You are warmly invited to visit our school and see it 'in action'. You will be welcomed by our Head Teacher and have the opportunity to meet our Early Years Staff. We hope to be able to answer any questions that you may have related to the school and applying for a place. We will also be able to share our Parent's Guide which provides more information.

The tours will take place on:

Wednesday 18th October at 9.45am



Thursday 2nd November at 9.45am

Wednesday 15th November at 9.45am

Please contact Michelle Greene (01963 370481) to let us know which tour you would like to join. If these dates are not convenient, please do contact the school office to book an informal tour at another time.

We hope to see you soon





YEovil DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



JOIN US!

Do you love to swim and want to progress further?
Do you want to be coached by qualified coaches?
Do you want to stay fit and be more healthy?
Want to be part of a fun, competitive club?

It's the start of the swimming season and we are looking for keen swimmers aged 7+ to join our highly successful swimming club.

We have limited spaces on our **FREE ONE HOUR TASTER SESSIONS** on the following dates:

Saturday 23rd September Goldenstones (Yeovil) 8am - 9am	Sunday 24th September Oxley Sports Centre (Sherborne) 8:30am - 9:30am
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YDSC swim at various pools around the area and we hope that these free taster sessions give you an idea of what it would be like to swim with the club. Ideally, the swimmer should be swimming around stage 4/5 or above, at around age 7-16 with the following criteria:
7-10 year olds must be able to swim 15m
10-13 year olds must be able to swim 25m at freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke
13-16 year olds must be efficient at all 3 strokes and swim consistently for 15-20 minutes or more

Do not delay, these free sessions fill up fast. Please email membership.ydsc@gmail.com to book your space. Please see ydsc.co.uk for more information.





Tiddlers and Toddlers Market

Sunday 1st October
10:00-12:00

Mere Lecture Hall

Free entry
(donations to our playgroup welcome)

Quality pre-loved items from bump to 8 years old

Pre-loved tables £8-10
Business tables £13-15



For more info contact Jen on 07739 898997
or email meretiddlersandtoddlers@gmail.com

DIARY DATES - 2023/24 Academic Year

SEPTEMBER:

Monday 4th

INSET Day – school closed

Tuesday 5th

School re-opens

Wednesday 13th

Brass weekly tuition begins for Year 4

Wednesday 20th

PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am
Muddy Church in Forest School 3.30-4.30pm

OCTOBER:

9th October

9.15am Harvest Service in Church **To Be Confirmed** - parents welcome to attend

11th October

Pop Up Shop 3.20pm-3.40pm in lower school playground

Thursday 12th

Whole School Flu vaccinations – check email to confirm date

Tuesday 17th

PTFA AGM in school 7pm

Wednesday 18th

PTFA Glo-Disco – booking form to follow

Thursday 19th

Yr6 Maths Visit – details to follow

Wednesday 18th

9.45am School Tour for September 2024 intake

Friday 20th

3.30pm School closes for half term

23rd October to 27th October - HALF TERM

Monday 30th

INSET Day – school closed

Tuesday 31st

School reopens

NOVEMBER:

Wednesday 1 st	9.15am Pantomime at school
Thursday 2 nd	9.45am School Tour for September 2024 intake
Wednesday 8 th	Tempest Photography – individual photographs
Friday 10 th	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial
Sunday 12 th	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Wednesday 15 th	9.45am School Tour for September 2024 intake

DECEMBER:

Friday 8 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow
Thursday 14 th	Christmas Hot Lunch followed by Class Christmas Parties (non-uniform day) 9.05am End of Term Awards 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas

18th DECEMBER to 1st JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Tuesday 2nd	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 3 rd	School re-opens
Tuesday 23 rd	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

FEBRUARY:

Monday 5 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 6 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Friday 9 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

12th FEBRUARY to 16th FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 19 th	School re-opens
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MARCH:

Wednesday 27 th	9.05am End of Term Awards
Thursday 28 th	Easter Experience in Church 3pm School Closes for the Easter Break
Friday 29th	GOOD FRIDAY – school closed

APRIL:

1st APRIL to 12th APRIL – EASTER BREAK

Monday 15th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 16 th	School re-opens
Monday 22 nd	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

MAY:

1 st /2 nd /3 rd	Year 5 Residential to New Forest
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday – school closed
7 th /8 th	Yr3/4 Residential
13 th to 16 th	SATS Week
20 th to 23 rd	Year 6 Residential
Friday 24 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

27th MAY to 31st MAY - HALF TERM

JUNE:

Monday 3rd	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 4th	School re-opens
Monday 17th	Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs

JULY:

Wednesday 3rd	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed
Friday 5th	School Sports Event PTFA Summer Fayre
Monday 15th	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Monday 22nd	Yr6 Trip
Tuesday 23rd	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 25th	9.05am 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.