



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (13) Friday 17th December 2021

It has been an incredibly busy week in school and we know the children have had lots of fun and laughs along the way. Although we still haven't been able to do all we would 'usually do', we have managed so much more of what makes this time of year special. Diamond and Emerald classes performed brilliantly in their nativity and the Christmas songs sung on the playground by Ruby and Topaz classes were beautiful.

The children and staff enjoyed their Christmas meal all together and their party food, followed by the delights of their Christmas parties which included a special virtual visit from Father Christmas before they opened class gifts left by him for them to enjoy together.

A really special moment this week was the class Christmas Song Showdown which saw children and staff performing together; from Diamonds singing a very cute version of a Spanish Christmas song, Ruby class having Father Christmas appear midway through their song to Topaz re-writing the Twelve days of Christmas to a 'What my Teacher Said to Me' version which had staff in fits of laughter and finally, to our winning class, Emerald who sung beautifully and even had Miss Bishop rocking out on 'air guitar'.

Our week ended with the Year 6 children leading our annual Christmas Service which featured songs, a drama, prayers and a Christmas cartoon which you are welcome to watch by clicking on this [link](#). Lots of the school took part in our Christmas Jumper Day (raising £85) for Save the Children, which reminds us all that unfortunately some children don't have a brilliant time at Christmas, which brings me to the closing prayer of my seasonal message that is for all our community.

"May the joy of the Angels, the eagerness of the Shepherds, the perseverance of the Wise Men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas. Amen."



Awards



On Thursday we held our End of Term Awards – well done to everyone for all your hard work, but some special congratulations go to Patricia, Austin, Alice-Rose and Bodhi from Diamond Class, Lillian and Freddie E from Emerald Class, Tabitha and Mason from Ruby Class and Alfie, Kimmie and Taylor from Topaz Class.



Templecombe Token Certificates



Templecombe tokens – Willow House Winners

Well done to Willow House for winning the overall Templecombe Token House Award this term. Beech collected the most Love tokens, Willow the most Inspire, Willow the most Respect and Chestnut the most Perseverance. If you are unsure which House your child is in, please do ask their teacher or contact the school office.

Templecombe tokens - Certificates

Congratulations go to Darcey, Lacey, Austin and Isla S from Diamond Class and Charlotte and Harley from Ruby Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Congratulations also go to Millie from Ruby Class and Martha from Topaz Class for achieving their Silver Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Well done everyone!



POP-UP SHOP

Climate change is a priority for everyone and as a small school we try and play our part in helping our planet.

Next year we would like to trial a new initiative of recycling clothing by way of a swap-shop. Any unwanted clothing you have that doesn't match our seasonal requests, can still be donated to our Bag4Schools collections.

The idea is that our 'Pop Up' shop will be seasonal. Ahead of each opening we will be asking for donations of specific items of children's clothing that you no longer need/your children have grown out of.

The best bit is it's a 'moneyless' shop, financial donations are accepted but not expected - this is merely an opportunity for us as a community to recycle/reuse children's clothing.

For this season's shop we will be asking for:

- Coats
- Hats
- Gloves
- Onesies
- Pyjamas
- Shoes (size must be visible)

We do ask though, that all clothing is washed and in good, wearable condition. If possible please remove / cross through any name tags.

Items are to be dropped off at the KS2 shelter on the **6th & 7th January** – before and after school.

The shop will be open on the **11th and 12th January** 3:10pm – 3:40pm, accessed via the top gate, in the KS2 shelter.

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We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas time. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 5th January 2022. None of us know what January will bring, but please rest assured that I will be in touch if any of our current arrangements need to change.

Mr Webb

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2021/22 Academic Year

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

DECEMBER:

Friday 17th **3pm School Closes for Christmas**

18th DECEMBER to 3RD JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 3rd **Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 4th

INSET Day – school closed

Thursday 6th

Drop off at KS2 shelter at the beginning and end of today for donations for our Pop Up Shop

Friday 7th

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Tuesday 11th

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

3.10pm-3.40pm Pop Up Shop open in KS2 shelter (accessed via top gate)

Wednesday 12th

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FEBRUARY:

Thursday 10th

KS2 Tag Rugby 8-a-side Competition @ KA's 12.30-3pm

Friday 11th

Yr6 Residential deadline for 2nd payment to be paid

Yr 5 Residential deadline for 2nd payment to be paid

Friday 18th

3.30pm School closes for half term

19th FEBRUARY to 27th FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

MARCH:

Wednesday 9th

KS2 Netball 7-a-side @ KA 12.30-3pm

APRIL:

Thursday 7th

9.15am End of Term Awards

Yr6 Residential deadline for final payment

Yr5 Residential deadline for final payment

Friday 8th

2pm Easter Service in St Mary's Church

3pm School Closes for the Easter Break

9th APRIL to 24th APRIL – EASTER BREAK

Monday 25th

INSET Day – school closed

MAY:

Monday 2nd

Bank Holiday – school closed

3rd to 4th

Yr3/4 Residential to Kilve Court

9th to 12th

Year 6 SATS Week – End of Key Stage 2 National Testing week

Thursday 19th

Bikeability Day 1 (Yr5 & Yr6)

Friday 20th

Bikeability Day 2 (Yr5 & Yr6)

24th to 27th

Yr6 Residential to Foxlease

25th to 27th

Yr5 Residential to Foxlease

Friday 27th

3.30pm School closes for half term

28th MAY to 5th JUNE - HALF TERM

JUNE:

Wednesday 8th

Tempest Photography – class groups & Yr6 leavers photos

JULY:

Wednesday 6th

Swap a class afternoon

Friday 8th

School Sports Event

PTFA Summer Fayre

Monday 11th

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

Tuesday 12th

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 13th	6pm Topaz production to parents (TBC due to Year 6 transition days)
Friday 15th	Reports sent home
Wednesday 20th	Whole school fun day
Friday 22nd	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.