



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (5) Friday 21st May 2021



Collective Worship Reflections



This week we focused very much on the theme of friendship with the stories of when Jesus chose his disciples (or special friends) and when a paralyzed man's friends lowered him through a roof, for him to be healed by Jesus. Diamond class reflected on who their special friends were with Lucy sharing "My family because they look after me", Matthew said "My doggy because he's always happy" and Tommy shared "Jacob because he is fun and funny".



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Nala for excellent effort and focus in her number work.

Jacob for his brilliant attitude to reading and Maths.

Emerald

Darcey for working incredibly hard to improve her handwriting on her "Jack and the Beanstalk" story.

Sophia for designing a brilliant fitness course around the school field.

Ruby

Isla for her fantastic Newspaper report.

Tyler D for trying hard in every single lesson this week.

Topaz

Kimmie for working really well this week in all subjects, but especially impressing us with her efforts in Maths and English.

Livia for a very informative and engaging tour of the digestive system.



Templecombe
Token
Certificates



Cameron, Jacob, Pat, Fred and Darcey from Emerald Class, Molly, Rose, Bella, Annabelle, Bethany, Ruthi, Amelia, Megan, Chloe and Daisy from Ruby Class and Nathan and Toby from Topaz Class have all achieved their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Sapphire and Grace from Emerald Class and Rosie, Layla, Ruby, Mali, Marcus, Giovanna, Isabella, Martha and Evelyn from Topaz Class have all achieved their Silver Templecombe Token certificate this week. A big well done to all of you!



Updates

After Fun

We have reviewed our current after school provision and based on numbers attending and our current staffing capacity, we will not be able to extend the provision at this time. We hope that in September, numbers will return to pre-pandemic levels and it will once again be economically viable to run to a new finish time of 5pm Monday to Thursday and 4.30pm on a Friday. I am sorry to those parents that would have liked us to extend our timings sooner but it simply isn't possible at present.

We have also conducted a review of our club pricing structure and in order that we can keep offering before and after school activities (they cannot be a drain on school resources) we will be raising our charges from September:

Breakfast club - £3 a day

After fun – 3.30pm to 4.30pm £3 / 3.30pm to 5pm £4.50

After school clubs – run by a TA £3 / run by a teacher free

Forest School

In the coming weeks we will be sharing plans for an expansion to our Forest School area, supported by Morgan Sindall, a generous grant separately sourced through the PTA and the Carymoor Environmental Trust – we are hoping everyone can join in planning for this exciting new phase in our outdoor education facilities.

A massive thank you to the PTA 'Dads' group for making two amazing new mud kitchens to go into the newly revitalized Forest School area.



Following the amazing success of the Smarties Challenge two years ago, we are once again doing the challenge - tubes of smarties will be coming home on Friday 28th May for eating and then collecting coins. Please return the tubes to the class teacher on Wednesday 9th June so they can be isolated ahead of a special count up event on Friday 11th June.

Collections of empty crisp packets and laundry products (ie. softener bottles, dishwasher tablet packets, liquid tabs boxes with the Terracycle symbol as well as any wipe/baby wipes packaging) continue for sending off to Terracycle. Thank you to those PTFA volunteers who are emptying our collection bins and keeping these collections running smoothly.

A PTA meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 25th May at 6pm in the school hall.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Webb

2nd Templecombe Scout Group - May 2021

The Scout Group have begun to hold section meetings again after a very quiet year.

We are reaching out to the local community to see if any of your children are interested in joining the Scout Group at Templecombe.

Currently our Cubs and Scout sections are open and are meeting face-to-face every two weeks, with some meetings via Zoom. Cubs meet on a Wednesdays and Scouts on Thursdays. We are working towards holding weekly section nights from September.

The age range is from 8 to 10 for the Cub Section and from 10 to 14 for Scouts. The activities we cover include cooking, games, Backwood skills, whilst encouraging team work and teaching hiking and camping skills. All of which are part of the Scout Association's programme.

We have organised a pre-booking system where you can book a place at a meeting of your choice.

In keeping with government and the Association guidelines, there is a Risk Assessment in place to ensure cleaning, hand sanitizers and that "best practices" for the children's safety are conducted within in the Group.

As a group we are making no charge for taster sessions. A uniform will not be needed, but clothes you don't mind getting a bit messy should be worn.

If you think you child would be interested in joining or re-joining us for a taster session or you would like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our Group Scout Leader Bryan (brian.gay1611@btinternet.com) - he would be happy to help and will put you in contact with the section leaders.

I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Elaine Crook
Committee Secretary