



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (11) Friday 3rd December 2021

As always around the Christmas period there is a lot going on in school and this year is no different, 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.



Collective Worship Reflections



We have been focusing on the beginning of the season of Advent. During this time of preparation for Christmas, the Advent candles are lit in churches every Sunday. Each week a new candle is lit and they stand for hope, love, joy and peace. The children considered how they could share one of these lovely feelings with someone else. From Diamond class, Nala said "I hope people who are poor get to have a nice Christmas and celebrate" and Ruby's Tabitha shared "I hope that families and friends get reunited and enjoy their time together".



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Nala for her amazing vocabulary. Nala is excellent at sharing her knowledge on our word of the day with the class.

Molly for her amazing confidence with adults this week. Molly has completed every learning challenge when asked.

Emerald

Jacob D for excellent information writing about Mary Anning, the famous fossil hunting scientist.

Olivia F for learning her spellings and, most importantly, remembering to spell her words correctly in her writing.

Ruby

Elisa for thorough researching and planning which has led to a fantastic start to her Boudicca (also known as Boadicea) biography - well done.

Tyler D for completing more layers in Maths, working independently and explaining his thinking - well done.

Topaz

Evelyn for showing real confidence in her math ability this week by 'teaching' the class and for her excellent writing skills this week.

Declan for working really hard, completing more layers in Maths and being able to explain what is happening to the numbers.



Congratulations go to Tamsin, Bodhi, Phoebe, Nala and Theodore from Diamond Class, Lilly, Isabella and Tyler L from Ruby Class and Zack from Topaz Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Well done everyone!



School Photographs

A reminder that the deadline for online ordering is **6th December** to ensure receipt of photos before the end of this term. Anything ordered after the 6th will not arrive in time for Christmas, this includes the group caught up this week.

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.

Rotary Club Young Writer Competition

The Rotary Club are inviting children to participate in their Young Writer Competition which aims to encourage young people to use their writing skills and to write with imagination and creativity to produce a written or typed story or poem. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, up to a maximum of 550 words or for poetry entries, up to a maximum of 40 lines. The theme this year is "Environment". No pictures/drawings are to be part of the entry. If your child wishes to participate, please hand in their entry to the school office by **Monday 6th December**.

Flu Vaccinations – Whole School

These will take place on Tuesday afternoon. If you have given permission for your child to have the vaccination please could you inform the school office if any of the below applies to your child:

- if your child is wheezy on the day of vaccination, or has been wheezy in the three days prior to this date
- is asthmatic and has had to increase his or her asthma medication since you returned the consent form
- if there are any other changes in your child's health since you returned the consent form

- if your child has already received the flu vaccine via their GP recently, it is **really important** that you inform the school otherwise your child may be immunised again because Somerset SAINT may still hold a consent form for them

If you have yet to complete a consent form please use the following link: <https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/flu/2021/east>. This link closes today.

Hot Meals

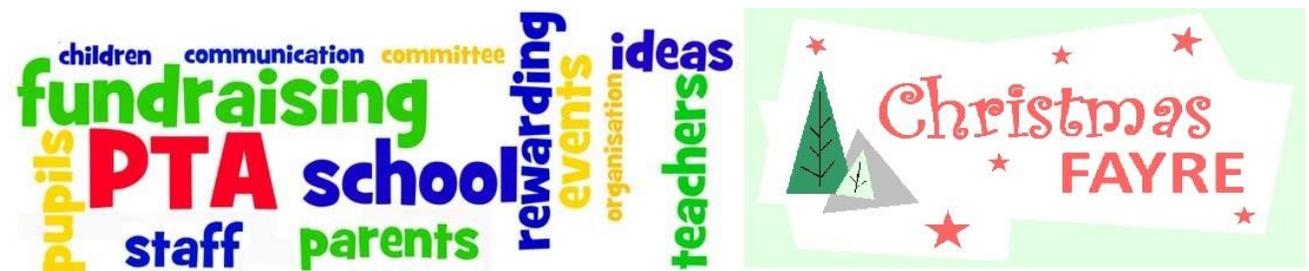
Menus have come home this week for booking hot meals in the new year. Please note we will be on week 3 when we come back to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

After School Clubs (Lego & Football)

A reminder that today is the last session for both of these after school clubs.

Breakfast & After Fun Clubs

Booking forms for the new term for Breakfast and After Fun clubs will be available early next week.



Christmas Fayre

A reminder that the in-school fayre will take place next Friday – can we have any remaining donations on Monday so that final preparations can be made.

PTA Online Christmas Fayre Competitions



We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Webb



Christmas @ St. Mary's Church

Come and make your Christingle (socially distanced activity) as part of our afternoon celebration from 4pm on Sunday 5th December. All ages welcome. There will be refreshments, music, prayers and a collection in aid of the Children's Society. To help us plan for numbers please click on the QR code to RSVP. Many thanks.



Get involved and have your say



These are just some of the ways you can get involved and help to make sure services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities are the best they can be and meet our children's needs.



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

Thursday 9 th	<p>Christmas Cards Children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards but please be aware that these must be in their class post boxes by Thursday 9th December, so we can quarantine them before sorting, and delivering in the last week of term. Any cards received after the 9th will not be delivered.</p>
Friday 10 th	<p>PTA Christmas Fayre (for pupils) As with our Summer Fayre, the PTA we will be running an in-school fayre for the children – some of the stalls will be outside on the playground and some in a well-ventilated hall.</p> <p>PTA Virtual Christmas Fayre (for families) There will a range of competitions posted on the PTA Facebook page in the week running up to the Fayre, with a live-streamed raffle draw at 4pm on Friday 10th December. More details about both these events will come out to you in the coming days and weeks.</p>
Virtual stream: Monday 13 th 11am Tuesday 14 th 4pm	<p>Diamond and Emerald Class Nativity This will be recorded the week before and streamed virtually on Teams. A link to each stream event will be emailed direct to parents the week before – you do not need to download Teams to view this and should just click on the link. All cameras and microphones will be switched off, as will the record function. Streaming permission forms for children taking part will be coming home soon. If we do not have parental permission, children will not be featured on screen. You are welcome to share the link with close family members.</p>
Monday 13 th 3pm Reserve date is Tuesday 14 th 3pm	<p>Christmas Songs on the Playground Years 4/5/6 will be hosting a performance of a range of Christmas songs on the top playground for any family members that wish to attend. This will be a standing only event and we ask that our audience 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 14th 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>
Wednesday 15 th	<p>Christmas Hot Lunch An order form will be coming home tomorrow – where possible children will all eat their Christmas lunch together. Even if your child usually doesn't have a hot meal please do encourage them to take part, if possible. Pupils having packed lunch will still sit with their peers for this festive meal.</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 will be coming out in the coming days.</p>
Thursday 16 th	<p>End of Term Awards An opportunity to celebrate in school successes with the end of term Head Teacher awards, Writing prizes and Templecombe Token House competition. I'm afraid that families are not able to attend on this occasion.</p> <p>Christmas Song Showdown Class song competition.</p> <p>Christmas Party Day Children will take part in class parties, with games and fun Christmas-themed activities. There will be no hot meals that day, but party food will be served in class groups for the children to enjoy. Like last year we are unable to receive donations of party food. Instead we are asking for a donation of £1 per child towards the cost of supplying party food for the children to enjoy – please send in your donation to your child's class teacher by Tuesday 7th December. 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 17 th	<p>Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser</p>

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.

Christmas Service in School Hall

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.

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:

Sunday 5 th	Christingle Service, 4pm St Mary's Church
Monday 6 th	Deadline for ordering individual school photos from Tempest Photography
Tuesday 7 th	Whole school flu vaccinations
Wednesday 8 th	No Brass this week
Thursday 9 th	Christmas cards to be in class postboxes by today Yr 5 Residential deadline for £20 deposit to be paid
Friday 10 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – In-school for children only. Virtual fayre running online 6-10 th December – letter coming home on 29/11/2021 with further details.
Monday 13 th	11am Diamond & Emerald Nativity virtually streaming 3pm Yrs4/5/6 Christmas Songs on the playground – families invited to attend
Tuesday 14 th	4pm Diamond & Emerald Nativity virtually streaming
Wednesday 15 th	Christmas Hot Lunch – letter with booking form came home 26/11/2021 PTFA Movie 'n' Munch – details to follow
Thursday 16 th	9.15am End of Term Awards – no parents Christmas Song Showdown – class competition Christmas Party Day – no hot lunches
Friday 17 th	Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser 2pm Christmas Service in school – no parents 3pm School Closes for Christmas

18th DECEMBER to 3RD JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

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

FEBRUARY:

Thursday 10 th	KS2 Tag Rugby 8-a-side Competition @ KA's 12.30-3pm
Friday 11 th	Yr6 Residential deadline for 2 nd payment to be paid Yr 5 Residential deadline for 2 nd payment to be paid
Friday 18 th	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.