



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (1) Friday 8th September 2023

It is lovely to see everyone back after the summer break. All the children have been very keen and settled really quickly into being back in school.

A special welcome to our new pupils, not just in Year Reception, but across the school. We hope you have all had a good first week.



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 Love through the story of the Good Samaritan. The children have been reflecting on how others show love to them or how they can show love to others in their everyday lives. During our Friday reflection time we shared pupils' reflections. Diamond class's Hope shared, "My mummy makes me noodles because she loves me." Emerald's Edith said, "I showed love to my sister by helping her with her homework".



Worker of the Week



Diamond

All Year 1's for settling in so brilliantly to your new roles and responsibilities.

Emerald

Olivia for an excellent start to Year 2. Olivia has shown a fantastic attitude to her learning this week.
Nala - what an excellent start to the new school year! Nala's enthusiasm and learning attitude have been fantastic this week.

Ruby

Evelyn for having a brilliant start to the new school year and working extremely hard in every lesson - well done and keep up the fantastic work.

Matt for having a really positive attitude towards his learning and trying his absolute best with his writing all week - well done Matt!

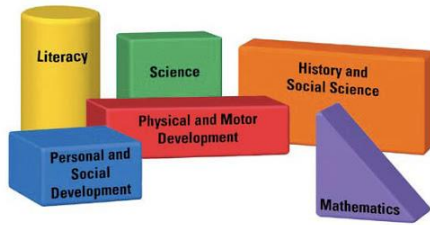
Topaz

Isha for settling in well and having a really positive start to the year.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to Abigail in Diamond Class and Lacey in Emerald Class for achieving their Level 2 Learn to Swim award.

A big well done to all of you!



Our Curriculum



Topaz Class very much enjoyed their first computing session of the year, building and then programming Lego rovers. Thank you to the PTA for purchasing these kits some years ago - it is great to see them still providing educational fun and enjoyment. In the picture you can see their rovers taking part in races at the end of our lesson.



Updates

Wellington Boots for Forest School

We have enjoyed the glorious sunshine for our first week back and it has been nice spending time in the shade of Forest School. So that our use of Forest School can continue when the weather is less kind, please can you send wellington boots in on your children's Forest School days or, if you have a second pair, they can remain in school.

Forest School Days:

Years Reception, One and Two
Friday

Years Three, Four, Five and Six
Thursday

Breakfast/After Fun Club – Payments

A quick reminder that if you are booking either of the above clubs please do not hand cash/forms to the club staff. Instead, please post your envelope into the metal postbox outside the office. This is a locked box so is secure.

Permission to Walk Home

Please remember to provide written permission (an email to the office is fine) if you wish your Year 5 or Year 6 child to walk home from school unaccompanied or for them to be released from their class to walk to meet you at another classroom.

Food and Drink in school

A reminder that we operate a "no nuts" policy due to concerns over undiagnosed nut allergies. We encourage healthy balanced meals with both our hot and packed lunches. In packed lunches we do ask that there are no glass bottles, cans of fizzy drinks, or chocolate bars/sweets/chewing gum. It is important to keep hydrated, i.e. not being thirsty, throughout the day as this is good for health and concentration levels. For this reason, children are encouraged to bring reusable "sports type" bottles of water with them into the classroom. All bottles should be clearly named. Your child can bring a fruit or vegetable snack for playtime, this should be brought into the classroom with them (please pack and label it separately from their lunch). Crisps should only be part of a packed lunch, not for snack time.



**PTA
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.

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.

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

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.

