



Dear parents, carers and children,

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

## No 12 Newsletter

### Nativity coming soon!

We had a very busy day yesterday filming both the reception class Nativity, Christmas Counts and the KS1 production, Hey Ewe. The children looked fabulous all dressed up, so thank you all for your efforts with these. It was also lovely to hear the children singing so beautifully as they were being filmed – we are all in for a treat when we see the final show 😊.



I recently emailed our plans for Christmas and in particular information about Nativity productions and KS2 singing in St John's Church. It will be so lovely to welcome families back to school whilst being mindful of Somerset's amber status and Covid-19 restrictions. I have now received updated guidance from government and Somerset's Winter Events advice. **I have written a specific risk assessment for the Nativity showings and will send this out to Acorn, Oak and Beech parent and carers today.** We thank you for your understanding and ask that you contact the school office if you have any questions. **To keep everybody safe we will not be able to admit anyone that has not provided evidence of a negative lateral flow test. Thank you.**

A separate risk assessment will be sent out next week for the KS2 church carols.

### St John's Christmas Festival

Today, members of year 5 visited our local church and decorated our Christmas tree for the tree festival. All families can visit the many trees from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30 pm – please see the attached flyer.



### Christmas decorations

Thank you to all the children who have made decorations for our school Christmas tree. We have been very impressed with the ingenious ways you have used recycled material or things that are natural or sustainable. Thank you.

### Writing competition

I have spoken to the children today about a writing competition involving these super characters. Thank you to Darcey and Belle for their decoration contributions; we loved them so much that we thought they needed stories written about them! Please tell us about all the possible adventures they could get up to by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Mrs Webb and the English team will be sharing and celebrating these in the last week.



### Farewell to Mr Russell

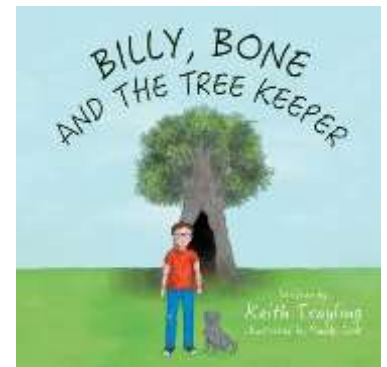
We sadly said goodbye to Mr Russell this week and we celebrated his time with us during a special assembly on Tuesday. Year 6 read him poetry from Michael Rosen, one of his favourite poets, and he was over-whelmed with all the kind messages from children, parents and staff. Thank you for your donations; he now has a gardening voucher to spend on his return.



### Author Visit: Billy Bone and the tree keeper



On Wednesday we were visited by Keith Trayling, a local author. He shared his book, Billy Bone and the tree keeper with members of year 1 and reception. His flyer is attached.



### Year 2 walk around the village

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone Monday's walk around the village for Year 2, we hope to rearrange this soon.





## Inter-house Hockey

We are hoping to have inter-house hockey tournaments on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for Y3,4,5 and 6 before the end of term. The games will be played with a tennis ball but the children are reminded to have appropriate kit.

## Parent/carer questionnaire:

Thank you for the completed questionnaires. We have now closed the raffle and I am pleased to announce that the £20 Barleymow's voucher has been won by Spencer and Ziggy's Mum. Please continue to complete the questionnaire as we are very keen to hear all of your suggestions and comments. Before the end of term, I will send out the full analysis. Thank you.

## Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

**Acorn Class:** **Ella** for holding our Nativity performance together with her fantastic singing. **Theo** for working really hard – especially in phonics.

**Oak Class:** **Alan** for participating so well in our Nativity, so proud of you. **Ava J** for always being a great 'team player'. A wonderful and helpful member of our class.

**Beech Class:** all **Year 2**, they performed so well during Nativity filming yesterday. **Leo** for having a positive week, eating his lunch in the marquee.

**Willow Class:** **Faith** for smiling all week and taking risks in maths and spellings.

**Hawthorn Class:** **Year 4** swimming for taking risks and giving new activities a go. You should all be very proud. **Ruby B** for keeping going and learning her number facts and bonds. **Finley P** for making and increased effort to improve his handwriting.

**Hazel Class:** **Hazel Class** for all of your hard work this term learning the recorder – we can't wait for your performance!

**Yew Class:** **Ben** for keeping going: persevering to punctuate his sentences accurately. **Jemima** for using the whole range of persuasive techniques we looked at to create a well-reasoned argument.

## Platinum Bags

**Acorn Class:** Ella

**Willow Class:** Zuza

## Reminders:

**Parent forum:** Our next parent forum meeting is set for 11 am Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We still have space for a representative from year 5 and year 6 classes. Thank you.

## 2022 tours:

Many families visited us recently for tours around the outside of our school in preparation for September 2022 school applications. Following public health recommendations at the time, we hope to hold an open morning including on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please remember, we have our virtual tour available on the website too: [Tatworth Primary School](https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk) Please share this with anyone who may be interested in the joining our school.

## Flu Vaccination Whole School

**Somerset Saint will be visiting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December when** the School Nurse Team will administer the whole school flu vaccination for all pupils with consent.

## Christmas Lunch

Please remember that the Christmas dinner will be served on 15<sup>th</sup> December; please make a meal selection asap as the deadline is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December if your child would like Christmas meal. Christmas class parties will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We hope to all wear our festive jumpers on the 17<sup>th</sup> too.



### **Spring Term Lunches**

If your child would like a hot lunch during the Spring Term, please make meal selections on parentpay asap as the deadline is tomorrow. Please select meals until Easter.

### **Covid-19**

**Please may I remind parents and carers that Public Health Somerset recommend us all to a face mask at drop off and collection at school. Thank you.** Unfortunately, with higher than national infection numbers of COVID-19 in the area, our procedures have had to be tightened and we have to return to some of the routines from the summer term. Additionally, we ask for social distancing when waiting in the playground and for families to move away from the gates once they have dropped and collected. Each morning, the gates are open for 10 minutes from 8.40 am and in the evening, children can be collected between 3.30 pm and 3.40 pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Peripatetic Music Opportunity**

There are still places available if your child would like a place in the rocksteady band sessions. Please use the web site on the letter to find out more. <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents>

**Finally, Inset day tomorrow - School is closed for inset on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.**

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart  
Headteacher

Attachments:

Billy Bone and the Tree Keeper  
Primary Forest School & Outdoor Education holiday clubs  
Light switch on

