



Dear parents, carers and children,

10th December 2021

No 13 Newsletter

It has been a wonderful week in school this week and so lovely to see all the excited faces when the children in Acorn, Oak and Beech classes shared their Nativities with their parents and carers. Thank you all for following our guidance and joining us on these showings.

Nativity Showings – we will be sharing the showings via remote learning teams early next week!

So far, we have raised £80.56 for Josephine's Star!

<https://www.josephinesstar.org.uk/donate> or you can also support Josephine's Star while shopping on Amazon, simply log into Amazon Smile and type Josephine in to the charity search then choose Josephine's Star and Amazon donate whenever you shop.



Donated tree

Members of School Council wrote a thank you letter today to Matthew Williams from Dalwood for donating us our Christmas tree. I am sure you agree, it looks splendid decorated with so many homemade decorations. Prizes went to Belle, Darcey and Ben. There are many more we



also want to share and celebrate. I wonder if any of these new characters will make their way into your character stories? Please could all stories be in school by Wednesday to allow Mrs Webb time to read them all.

KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) are hopefully singing carols and songs in St John's Church on Friday 17th December at either 9 am or 10 am. Each class only has **one** live performance:

Year 3 & Year 5 at 9am and **Year 4 & Year 6** at 10 am. This is a change of time due to an expectation to clean more thoroughly between services.

Please remember all children will only be able to have their two adults together at one showing.

A risk assessment has been written for our KS2 singing event. However, in light of receiving St John's risk assessment today, I will now need to cross reference and amend ours as necessary. I hope to send this to all KS2 families early next week.



Love learning, work together, **achieve** and shine.

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Festive Bag Craft Fundraiser £2 and Card Club

Thank you, Mrs Cox for a successful week of craft club evenings. Next week, we have two further Craft Club evenings at school for Reception on Thursday and Year 4 on Monday, 3.30 – 4.30 pm. Please sign up on parentpay.

Without the opportunity of holding a Christmas Fayre this year, we have decided to run our own craft activity during next week. Therefore, each child will be decorating a tote bag with festive screen printing. The cost of these will be £2 per child, which has added to parentpay. These will make great presents at Christmas 😊.

Friday 17th December is our Christmas jumper day and all children and staff can come to school in their school uniform along with their Christmas jumper. This can also be a jumper decorated in a Christmas style. All proceeds are again being collected this year for Josephine's Star and this day will be set up on parentpay for donations. Thank you.

Christmas party, disco and class visit from Father Christmas

On Friday 17th December, each class will have a Christmas party in the afternoon with a virtual visit from Father Christmas, party games and a class disco for years 1 -6. Mr Bowditch-Taylor will be setting up his decks in the library so that all classes can enjoy the music in their classrooms. Please can we ask that you send your child with an extra festive snack on this day to eat at the party. Thank you.

Christmas cards –Classes have been enjoying an evening craft session after school to allow them to make a Christmas card to take home. Sessions from 3.30-4.30pm for Reception (Thursday) and Year 4 (Monday) are available to book on parentpay.

Parent forum:

Thank you to all our parent forum members. We had an informative meeting this week where we discussed the parent questionnaire and questions raised by parents and carers across the school. As requested, we will be reviewing the test day for Spellingframe in the new term. The forum would very much like me to mention that we would love more members. Please contact me for an informal chat if you are interested.

Happy Healthy Holidays Somerset programme – Bookings are live

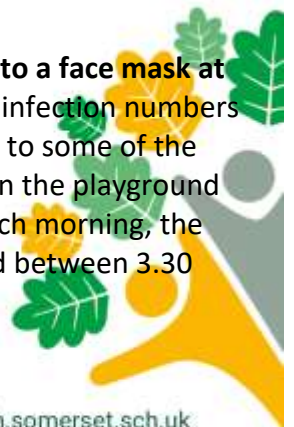
We shared information about this programme last week with families of children on benefits related free school meals. The bookings went live on 1st December. Despite the Government's decision to move to 'Plan B' in terms of the Covid-19 response, the HAF provision will continue throughout the Winter holiday. Families will need a booking code in order to book their holiday clubs over the winter school break.

Curriculum Evening Cancelled

I planned to hold a curriculum evening on 13th December to introduce our new curriculum, however I will rearrange this for later in the spring term in the hope of inviting parents/carers into school for the event.

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.



School Closure/Emergency Closure

In the Event of School Closure

Should it be necessary to close the school, for example in extremely bad weather conditions, parents/carers will be advised as follows:

Closure before the start of the school day – a message will be posted on the front page of the school website and a tweet/text sent as soon as possible. The website will be updated as the situation changes.

If the school has to close during the school day, a message will be posted on the website/twitter and every effort will be made to text/phone parents if we are able to use the phone line.

In both instances Somerset County Council and local radio stations will also be advised who, in turn, include this information on their websites/broadcast the information.

It is the policy of the Governors that the school will remain open if at all possible. However, occasionally conditions are too bad for staff to travel safely into school, necessitating a closure. These occasions are very rare.

In the Event of Disruption to Transport

If the roads are snowy and it is likely that our provider kitchen may be closed, pupils who have hot school meals are asked to come to school with a packed lunch.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: **Alfie** for his fantastic presentation and all-round effort in phonics. **Evie** for giving so much happiness to others.

Oak Class: **Arianna** for always being motivated and engaged, especially in phonics this week. **Amelia** for keeping going and ensuring her work is presented carefully. **Emma** for aiming high and working hard to find number bonds to solve problems in maths.

Beech Class: **Darcey** for continually trying to work independently. **Ziggy** for working really enthusiastically during art.

Willow Class: **Joseph** for staying motivated within lessons and producing great writing ideas. **Alana** for always taking on challenge and supporting others in lessons.

Hawthorn Class: **Lily** for taking responsibility to do her maths homework 😊 **Jimmy** for being such a supportive, kind, member of Year 4.

Hazel Class: **Josh T** for improved focus on his work this week – keep it up! **Rosie** for having a positive attitude and keeping going – well done 😊

Yew Class: **Jess** for carrying on with reading the end of Kensuke's Kingdom for us! **Leyland** for always being ready to lend a hand in class 😊

Platinum Bags

Acorn: Noah

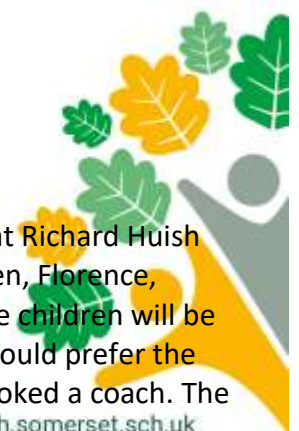
Willow: Amelia & Isabel

Spellingframe

Year 3 have won the participation challenge this week. Well done!

Y5/6 Dodgeball

The following children have been selected to take part in a dodgeball fixture away held at Richard Huish College on Monday 24th January 2022: Lewis, Buddy, Kyle, Tyler, Jemima, Brooke, Imogen, Florence, Leyland and Austin. We will leave school at 9.45am and return to school for 3.30pm. The children will be supervised by a member of staff. The results of our recent survey told us that parents would prefer the school to arrange transport for fixtures and as this fixture is a distance away we have booked a coach. The



cost of the coach is £152 and parents are asked to make a contribution of £10 per child, which is a subsidised cost of the transport, using www.parentpay.com. No cash will be accepted into school. Please ensure that your child has packed lunch and an extra drink & snack and appropriate kit: trainers. If they wear glasses, please take sport goggles, (unless parents have given us consent otherwise). Please make sure children bring enough warm clothing with them and coats. Please complete the permission and payment as soon as possible and at the latest by Friday 14th January to enable us to make the necessary transport arrangements. Please also let us know asap if your child is not taking part, as we will offer the place to another child after 14th January.

Reminders:

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 6th January 2022. Please remember, we have our virtual tour available on the website too: Tatworth Primary School Please share this with anyone who may be interested in the joining our school.

Flu Vaccination Whole School

Somerset Saint visited on Monday 6th December to administer the whole school flu vaccination for all pupils with consent. If your child was absent that day or if you have any queries please contact them direct on 0300 3230032.

Amazon Smile

If you shop with Amazon they will donate of the value of your order 0.5% to school if you log in here:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1035558-0>



Kindest regards

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