



Dear parents, carers and children,

17th December 2021

No 14 Newsletter

This week has been a wonderful week in school: we have shared our festivities and been finishing some fantastic half termly topics and pieces of work. Today has been particularly special with our carol concerts at St John's Church. Thank you to all parents, carers, grandparents, Reverend Philip and Jan from the church community, Mrs Ellis-Trott on the piano and the children, for three wonderful celebrations. Everyone played, sang and read so well; we are extremely proud of you all. I cannot believe that I can also share the total collection of £200 from today's services and the Nativities combined. I know this will make a massive difference to Josephine's Star, so a thank you to you all, on their behalf. Extra information can be found at: <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.

The children have brought home a copy of their Microsoft Teams set-up page, which was originally sent last year. This should give you details for logging in to the remote learning platform to access the Nativities and Carol Concerts. Thank you.



This afternoon we had a special visitor to school during class parties; everyone was very excited. Each class received a class present, which has been supported by PAFOTs. Year 2 have each been given a watch and we hope they enjoy wearing it and learning to tell the time 😊.



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This week, year 1 had an artist in to support their science work on seasons. Their impressive autumn tree can be seen from the path, looking into the year one classroom. Well done children.

I have included a photo of one of our Rocksteady bands as these have become very popular in school: the children are already sounding fabulous 😊!



Festive Bag Craft Fundraiser £2 and Card Club

Without the opportunity of holding a Christmas Fayre this year, we ran our own craft activity this week and the Each child has decorated a tote bag with festive screen printing. The cost is £2 per child, which has added to parentpay. These have been sent home tonight. Thank you.

Y2 Phonics Screening

Today, we sent home the year 2 phonics screening scores. This is a national test which looks to establish children's grasp of phonics and reading. We are very proud of all our children and congratulate them all on such marvellous results.

Goodbye to Mrs Waddon

On Wednesday, we waved farewell to Mrs Wadden. Jen has been a teaching assistant at our school for the last ten years and a valuable member of our team. We congratulate her on her step-up to running a nursery group for part of the week and know she will do a fabulous job!

Behaviour letters: this week, I have sent home 163 excellent behaviour letters: a super well done to all those pupils who received one!



Spring Clubs: Spring clubs are now live on parentpay. Please see attachment for info and if your child wishes to take part, sign up on parentpay.

Benefit-related free school meal holiday vouchers

Just to confirm, each family will receive £15 Tesco voucher per week per child, or any children on the benefit-related pupil premium register. These vouchers should arrive by 22nd December. Thank you.

Writing competition – Abi from Hawthorn Class won our writing competition.



Yew Class Residential

Forward notice of Y6 Residential dates at Magdalen Farm: 18th May – 20th May 2022. A letter with payment terms will be sent in January to all year 6 parents and carers.

Covid-19

Thank you for reverting back to wearing a face covering at drop off and collection at school. Unless guidance changes over the festive break, we will continue to keep all restrictions and covid practices in place for the spring term. 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.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Maisie for working hard and always trying her best. **Freddie** for working really hard in phonics.

Oak Class: Brooke for being a risk taker and performing a tune on the ocarina in front of the class. **Rosalie** for aiming high and explaining her answers clearly in maths. **Jacob** for keeping going when writing a letter to Santa – super use of your sounds.

Beech Class: Georgie for really supporting and helping a partner in maths. **Ava** for always showing kindness and care to her classmates.

Willow Class: Jayden for keeping going and producing great work this week. **Verity** for helping others and staying motivated in independent tasks.

Hawthorn Class: Kai R for taking a risk and reading in church. Well done Kai. **Erin** for being a caring supportive friend and reading so clearly in church.

Hazel Class: Mrs Ellis-Trott for being a fantastic team player in the church today – thank you! **Jacob** for being in church and playing the piano by himself! **Charlie B, Jacob, Frankie, Chloe, Tyler, Noah & Owen** for outstanding attitude to learning in science.

Yew Class: Meme for outstanding effort singing and reading in church throughout all practices and performances. **Lewis** for excellent perseverance and teamwork in a tricky maths challenge this week. **Kyle** for excellent perseverance and teamwork in a tricky maths challenge this week.

Platinum Bags

Acorn Class: **Thalia, Samuel, James & Theo.** Oak Class: **Amelia, Lola T, Declan, Daniel, Marley, Joel, Olivia.**

Gold Cards

Acorn Class: **Thalia.** Hawthorn Class: **Tyler, Grace, Aubree, Abi & Kai G.** Beech Class: **Olivia**

Reading Voucher:

Oak Class: **Jacob.**

Beech Class: **Orla.**

Willow Class: **Leon**

Hawthorn Class: **Skye.**

Hazel Class: **Lilly E.**

Yew Class: **Julia.**

Handwriting Pen:

Hawthorn Class: **Oliver.**

Hazel Class: **Ava B.**

Yew Class: **Ben.**

	Badge	Silver	Gold
Beech			Isla
Willow			



Hawthorn			
Hazel	Toby		
Yew		Demisha, Austin	Julia

Interhouse Hockey

Mr Bulbeck's report: On Wednesday we held our second Year 3 and Year 4 inter house event and this time it was hockey. Each house played against each other in some very close and skilful matches. There was lots of good team work and support on show which was lovely to see. The final result was Stonham in 1st, Brewer and Joslin in joint 2nd and Langdon in 4th. Well played to all the teams.

Reminders:

Y5/6 Dodgeball

We are taking part in a dodgeball fixture away at Richard Huish College on Monday 24th January 2022. 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. Letters went home last week and the item is on parentpay for the selected children.

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.

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Finally, may I wish you all a lovely break, where I hope you will be able to relax and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

Kindest regards



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Attachment:

Spring Term Clubs

Flu catch up sessions from School Nurse team.

