

1st December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Newsletter no 13

I have just come away from our first, absolutely fabulous 'Christmas Counts' Nativity, performed by Acorn Class, our youngest children. Thank you, children, for making our afternoon in school so special. Our first collection for Thorncombe First Responders raised £70.67! Thank you all. An additional 'thank you' to Mrs Anderson, Mrs Symes and Mr Elswood for serving mince pies and biscuits and for making so many cups of tea and squash for us all to enjoy.



Our choir took their singing voices to St John's this afternoon and joined the WI for their Christmas service. Again, all our staff and parents were treated to a fantastic afternoon of singing.



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We have also started our Christmas festivities in school, with the eco-warriors decorating our Christmas tree from home-made and recycled decorations. Once again, it was a tough job to decide who would receive the KS1 and KS2 prizes. Well done to Effie and Sebastian, and Libby and Tate. Thank you to everyone who made decorations: our tree looks great.

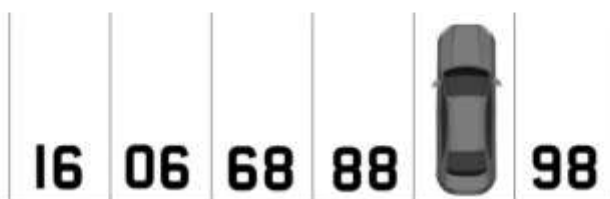


Thank you to Mr Richard Down and Tatworth and Forton Parish Council for their kind donation of our Christmas tree this year. Billy opened our first advent calendar window today too. Well done for your gold card today!

Wellington School Maths Challenge

On Saturday 26th November, four children from Year 6 travelled to Wellington School to take part in their annual Primary Schools Maths Challenge. Working as a team, they had to try to solve lots of very tricky maths questions, competing against teams from 60 other schools! Well done to the team: Charlie B, Dylan, Josh H and Owen who worked really hard and managed to score 12 points. Unfortunately, Tatworth did not win, but they did us proud and enjoyed the challenge. They have chosen two questions for everyone to have a go at:

Q13. What is the number of the parking space covered by the car?



- A. 06 B. 78 C. 83 D. 87 E. 90

Q15. Which of these is the odd one out?

- A. 15% of 140 B. 30% of 70 C. 35% of 60 D. 55% of 40 E. 70% of 30



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Reception and Year 1 - Journey through Christmas at St John's

On Tuesday we were really lucky to go on a trip to our local Church of St. John the Evangelist to take a 'journey through Christmas'. First, we were given special boxes to decorate, then we imagined what it was like at the wise men's camp when they saw the stars at night. We took a look at their gifts, which were rather unique for a baby! We then sat around the fire with the shepherd who was almost blinded by a bright light while tending his flock. We were given a little 'wool' to our boxes. We then made our way to the stable where the baby Jesus had been born - it was a very noisy place! Small strips of cloth in our boxes remind us of the manger where Jesus laid. When we open our boxes now, it looks like the baby Jesus wrapped up and lying in his crib.



Christmas Card Design Competition

Well done to all those that entered the Christmas Card design competition held by Councillor Connor Payne. I am delighted to tell you that Ruby B, Y5, won first prize and her design will be on his Christmas Cards this year.

Make a Christmas Card Clubs

If your child would like to attend this club and make a Christmas Card, please book places via ParentPay, at £1 per session.

- Reception Class: Monday 5th December, 3.30-4.30pm
- Year 1: Tuesday 13th December.
- Year 2: Thursday 8th December.



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- Year 3: Thursday 15th December.
- Year 4: Tuesday 6th December
- Year 5: Tuesday 6th December.
- Year 6: Monday 12th December.

Maths Workshops

This week we held our third maths workshop for parents/carers and children in Year 3. We worked through the formal written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication, and practised using the hundreds, tens and one's equipment to model our calculations. We also talked about the importance of children knowing number facts, in particular number bonds of all numbers up to 20 and the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Have a look at the game KS2 maths invaders on <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular> and, to work out times tables, look at <https://www.visnos.com/demos/times-tables>. Thank you to all who attended, we hope you found it useful.

Workshops for Reception and Years 4, 5 and 6 will take place in the Spring term.



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Y6 Christmas Cakes

This morning, Y6 worked with Mrs Aspinall and Mrs Fedina to make their own Christmas cake. They enjoyed weighing out, mixing, grating and stirring! They are looking forward to decorating their cakes next week and Y6 parents/carers will be able to buy them at the Fayre next Friday. On Thursday 8th, please could all Y6 children bring in a couple of small decorations for their cake, and if possible, a rolling pin.



Uniform Order

Please place any uniform orders via parentpay for any non-stock items such as polo shirts, coats or cardigans by **Friday 9th December** as we will be placing a final order this term ready for delivery in the new year.

Sporting Chance Holiday Club

Mr Bailey will be holding a holiday club over the Christmas break on Monday the 19th and Tues 20th at school, 9am until 3pm. See attached flyer to follow.

Safeguarding: NOS: What parents and carers need to know about Social Media and Mental Health.

Celebrations:

Attendance winners this week are **Yew Class** – well done!

Platinum Bag

Hawthorn Class: Isabel H & Elijah.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Andrew for working hard to demonstrate he is always ready for his learning.

Elliot for working so hard on his letter formation and making super progress as a result.

Oak Class: Flipper for amazing 'mouse' dance for the nativity and always keeps on going!

Freddie for beginning to take responsibility for his personal learning.

Beech Class: Rosalie for saying her nativity lines loudly and clearly. **Seb** for standing tall and singing confidently and clearly with a smile on his face during nativity practice

Willow Class: Orla for helping others and always aiming high in lessons. **Ezra** for always presenting her work to a high standard and being a risk taker in maths.

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Hawthorn Class: Adley for aiming high and taking risks in maths lesson by putting his hand up to share answers even when he is unsure of the answer. **Edward** for demonstrating clear and logical thinking in maths – explaining confidently to the class.

Hazel Class: Grace for showing pictorial representation of a range of equivalent fractions. Super maths all week, well done! **Ruby H** for always showing respect, kindness and care to classmate and adults.

Yew Class: Josh H and **Iestyn** for joining in during class discussions.



Sporting Spirits

					
Franki	Josh H	Evelyn R	Isabelle C	Effie	Finley

Reminders:

Inset Day - Friday 2nd December - A reminder that school is closed for inset on this day.

Spring Term Hot Lunches

If you missed Friday's deadline for booking meals, please book on parentpay asap this weekend. Pupils in receipt of FSM/UFSM will be ordered the main option if they usually have hot lunch.

Christmas Card Clubs

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Amazon Smile: Shop with AmazonSmile and Amazon will donate to PAFOTS to support school!

A parent has kindly let us know that it's much easier to use Amazon Smile within the Amazon app; you only need to activate it following the below instructions twice per year. Previously using just the website you had to remember to go through the Smile way.



Starting School 2023

The online form for starting school applications opened on 26 September 2022. A child can start school in the September after they turn four.

If your child is due to start school in September 2023 you are advised to carefully read the [Primary Admissions Guide](#) before making your application.

Apply for places with this link: <https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/applying-for-a-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/>

Kind regards

Tracey Hart, Headteacher

School Vacancies:

We have a few vacancies for a variety of roles in school; please see more information [here](#)

For positions within our lunch time team, our cleaning team or clerk to governors, please contact Mrs Parris on: claire.parris@tatworthschool.co.uk for more details or an informal chat on 01460 220565.

Attachments:

Nos: What parents and carers need to know about Social Media and Mental Health.

Spring Term allergens

Sporting Chance club flyer

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Dates:

Celebration assembly each Friday for anyone able to join us. Please enter school through the front office gate at 11.45 am and sign in at the office.

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

Dress rehearsal: Tuesday 6th December at 2.45pm (this date has moved from 5th)

Two performances: Tuesday 6th December at 6pm & Wednesday 7th December at 5pm.

Reminder for the evening performances children will need to come dressed in costumes. On Tuesday 6th children will need to be dropped off at school at 5:40pm and for Wednesday dropped off at 4.40pm. If you are not staying for the performance, please ask the collection time when you drop off.

Christmas Fayre

Friday 9th December 3.30 – 5.30pm.

Choir Events

Monday 5th December Wells Cathedral concert.

Tuesday 10th January 2023 Young Voices concert.

KS2 Brewhouse Theatre Visit: Tuesday 13th December.

Please consent and choose ice cream flavour on Parentpay **by 9th December**, tickets are £13.77 with the option for ice cream kindly paid by PAFOTS.

Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 14th December.

Music Assembly: Thursday 15th December (am) – a celebration of music taking place in school including the Rock Steady concert.

KS2 Carols at St John's Church: Friday 16th December – 9.45am & 10.45am. Please order tickets by December 9th.

Book Worms Club - A reminder that on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes we run 'Book Worms' club in the Library. This is a great opportunity for your child to read with an older child or adult. Children can go to the library from 1.30pm.

Residential Visits

Y5 Pixies Holt Residential 24th – 26th April 2023.

Y3/4 Magdalen Residential 5th & 6th October 2023 – for present Y2/3 children.

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