

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

### Newsletter no 14

Dear parents/carers,

There are certain weeks in school where I know I do the best job in the world. This week has been one of these. I was lucky to be with the choir on Monday evening at Wells Cathedral. I sat in admiration as each school performed, sang and played their musical instruments, and was overwhelmed with pride and emotion as our children sang out, Mary had a Baby.

Then, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oak and Beech classes performed their nativity following the story of Mr Potts the caretaker, who wanted all the children to know the true story of Christmas. Once again, all the children sang beautifully, said their lines with clarity and acted brilliantly, so that we all travelled with them on the journey to Bethlehem. Very well done to all of our children. Thank you to our congregations too, for their continued support with our local charity this year: Thorncombe First Responders. The Y1 & Y2 nativity productions raised a further £171.22 of donations, making our total so far £241.89!



**Key stage 2 classes** will take their turn next week, with the carol concert on Friday at St John's and all our musical talents sharing their music during the morning of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, in the hall.

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**Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church** - we visited St John's last week to decorate a Christmas tree for their Christmas Tree Festival.



Of course, Christmas celebrations are not all that has been going on this week. I would like to thank our PAFOTS team for all their efforts leading up to today and for everyone who has supported their fundraising, Christmas Fayre event. The fayre promises to be a fabulous event and we hope to see as many of you as possible to enjoy the games, stalls, food and music. All proceeds are used to support children at Tatworth with their learning, and to give them experiences to remember. Thank you PAFOTS team. For any families unable to attend the fair, your child's festive items can still be purchased by sending in cash in a named/sealed envelope on Monday. All class items are £1.00, with Y6 Christmas cakes £2.

There are a few additional events happening next week too; separate emails have already been sent out with details. These include: Christmas card making clubs; KS2 trip to the Brewhouse theatre on Tuesday to watch The Little Prince; Christmas dinner, Christmas parties and a visit from Father Christmas himself on Wednesday; ending the week with Christmas or festive jumper day and KS2 carols at St John's Church on Friday.

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, on this day children are to wear usual school uniform with a festive jumper, which need not be a specially-purchased one but perhaps just a jazzed-up jumper.

## Wells Cathedral



Mrs Whiffin's report: On Monday evening, our choir put on the performance of a lifetime, to an audience of 850, at Wells cathedral. The children were absolute superstars, giving it their all throughout a long and intense day. Their attitudes were fantastic and they sang beautifully. Thanks to all the families who came and supported their children, and helped

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them to get up the following morning, and a special thanks to Mrs Mutter, Mr Stuttaford and Mr Stephenson who helped throughout the day. We had an amazing time.



**Chard Community Hub** are raising money for Christmas toys, food, heating supplies for those who may struggle this Christmas to enjoy it without worry. Ruby's winning Christmas card design has now been made into cards and will be for sale at the fayre today and next week in school for £1 each at lunchtimes.

#### **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.

- Year 1: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- Year 3: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- Year 6: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Sporting Chance Holiday Club**

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

**Safeguarding:** Information letters re Scarlet Fever/Strep A were sent to parents/carers this week. We have been asked to remind families of the importance of handwashing to help curb the spread of infection.

#### **Celebrations:**

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

**Platinum Bag: Hawthorn Class: Alfie, Alana, Paige, Megan & Isabelle.**

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### Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

**Acorn Class: Ronnie** for his outstanding attitude to learning and ever growing confidence.  
**Jacob** for trying his best – especially with his writing.

**Oak Class:** All of **year 1** for being confident communicators and giving a fantastic performance. **Theo** for keeping going with his work. **Zachary** for his quiet contribution to class conversations.

**Beech Class:** All of **year 2** for being confident communicators and giving a fantastic performance.

**Willow Class: Lanah** for aiming high in her writing and producing some great descriptive work! **Joel** for every morning being ready for the school day and engaging well in reading – keep it up Joel!

**Hawthorn Class: Paige** for being a team player and looking out for a friend who was unsure when doing something for the first time. **Luca** for taking responsibility for this learning and asking for help when he is unsure. **Isabelle C** for being a confident communicator and discussing a misconception in maths and to help her understand it. **Megan** for aiming high and being so ‘on task’ with her learning at all times.

**Hazel Class: Dylan** for approaching every task in every subject with a positive and focussed attitude. **Maisy So** - Working really hard on her writing, making an effort to improve and check her next steps.

**Yew Class: Jacob** for preserving and keeping positive when he made errors in maths this week. **Charlie G** for his focus and care when decorating his beautiful Christmas Cake.



### Sporting Spirits

					
<b>Alfred Y3</b>	<b>Arthur Y3</b>	<b>Toby Y6</b>	<b>Sophia Y5</b>	<b>Oscar Y6</b>	<b>Lillian Y5</b>

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## Reminders:

### Christmas Card Clubs

Year 1	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>
Year 3	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>
Year 6	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>

### 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.

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/>

I know that our families will be getting organised for Christmas. This year especially, I would like to reassure parents and carers that there is never any expectation at all that school staff are bought Christmas presents by families. While we appreciate the kind and generous thought, we really, really don't want anyone to feel under pressure, especially in such challenging times.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

### Attachments:

Sporting Chance holiday club flyer.

### 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. It would be lovely to see more parents each week.

### Choir Events

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Young Voices concert.

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**KS2 Brewhouse Theatre Visit:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

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

**Christmas Dinner:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Music Assembly:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December (am)

A celebration of music taking place in school with the Rock Steady concert at 9.15 – 10.15am and Choir and Peripatetic Lesson children at 10.50 am (arrival time) for 11 am start until 11.45am. Year 5 recorders will also be playing at this session and repeated at St John's on the 16th December. Please bring your pre ordered tickets.

**KS2 Carols** at St John's Church: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 9.45am & 10.45am. Please order tickets by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your pre ordered tickets.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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

#### **Parent Maths Workshops**

Reception class and Years 4, 5 and 6 will take place during the Spring Term.

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