

Friday 20th December 2024

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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

We have all made it to the end of the Autumn term and everybody can focus now on Christmas celebrations. There has been so much joy and hope throughout the school in the last few weeks and many moments that have filled me with pride and happiness to be Headteacher of the school. The Nativity service was a delight and our Windsor class were the central point, creating a wonderful tableau of the Birth of Jesus. The singing in the church was joyous and always makes me smile - the children of St John's love music and perform with such enthusiasm.

Rashford Class have completed their challenge of cycling 2225km and raised an incredible £1500. Each member of the class should be so proud of their achievements and demonstrating our value of service. This money will go to supporting families who have suffered great loss - we know that the charity 2Wish is so valuable to these people.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year but also stressful for many who are trying to provide for their loved ones. In this period it is important to appreciate those around us who we love and cherish. I hope all families can make memories together and celebrate the occasion. It usually races by - so we will look forward to seeing all the pupils in 2025 and continue developing the children and providing opportunities in the New Year. Happy Christmas one and all.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Whole Class
Attenborough - Jenson
Mandela - Gracie
McCartney - Freddy
Hawking - Taniqua & Jenson
Simmonds - Whole Class
Pankhurst - Whole Class
Rashford - Keren

Attendance:

Attendance has generally been excellent this term and we thank and congratulate all those children who arrive at school on time and ready to learn.

However, we still have 1.93% unauthorised attendance-this is when parents/carers take children out of school without letting us know. We also have a small number of children who are persistently absent. We try to support families in all circumstances so if you need help in ensuring your child's good attendance please contact us so that we can help.

Safeguarding/Well being:

Safeguarding during the holiday

If you have a concern about a child outside of school, or are having difficulty in managing your own child, you can ring Somerset Direct on:

0300 123 2224

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST DAVID

DON'T FORGET

The school is closed on Monday 6th January for staff training, children will begin the Spring term on Tuesday 7th January.

THEY HAVE DONE IT!!

Congratulations to the Year 6 class who have completed their incredible cycling challenge. They have cycled from school to every capital city in the UK, and back to school in time for Christmas - 2225KM over the last 6 weeks! Throughout the challenge they have learnt about the areas visited, applied maths skills to work out percentage and distance, and computer skills with QR codes and sharing the event online. They also had a visit from BBC news and 2Wish.

The whole school is very proud of every single one of them for their efforts and kindness in completing this challenge and raising money for 2Wish, a charity who continue to support to Harry and Rebecca Foster.

They have currently raised £1454, a huge amount which smashed the original target of £500.

There is still time to donate via the link below. Be More Like Olivia <https://2wish.enthuse.com/pf/schoolcyclingchallenge>



ASDA CASHPOT

Thanks to everyone who has supported the school through the Asda Cashpot scheme. This has now finished and we are delighted to have raised £647.36.

MEASLES

There has been a rise in measles cases in Somerset. If you or your child experience symptoms of measles, such as fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, or a rash starting on the face and spreading, please do not attend healthcare settings in person. Instead, contact your GP or NHS111 for advice. The team will assess your symptoms and arrange appropriate care with the necessary infection prevention and control measures in place. If you are unsure whether you or your child are vaccinated against measles, check your NHS red book, the NHS app or contact your GP to confirm your immunisation status. Vaccination is the most effective way to protect against measles.

Upcoming events:

6th January	School Closed for Staff Training
7th January	First day of Spring Term
17th-21st February	Half Term
4th April	Last day of Spring Term
22nd April	First day of Summer Term
28th-29th April	Y3 & 4 residential trip to Barton Hall
5th May	Bank Holiday
26th-30th May	Half Term
27th June	School Closed for Staff Training
30th June	School Closed for Staff Training
23rd July	Last day of Summer Term

Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral.

Festive Foliage

Get the holidays off to a festive start with this creative workshop for children!

Using natural materials – including foliage from the Cathedral gardens - make a seasonal centrepiece to adorn your table this Christmas.

Saturday 21st December 11:15 am – 3:15 pm in the Cathedral Education Room

FREE with adult entry. No need to book, just drop in on the day!

While you're there, take a closer look at Christmas in the Cathedral with our free Christmas Story Trail – available throughout Advent.

(There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit.)

Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.

<https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/visit/families>

