



Weekly Update: 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

w/b 6th December: Assessment week

Thursday 9th December: Christingle Service (Virtual) A donation of for the Christingles is voluntary- any monies raised will go to the 'Children's Society'.

Friday 10th December: Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children (Suggested donation £1)/ PTA Christmas Eve Goody Bags

Friday 10th December: Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity (Filmed)

Monday 13th December: Closing date for Christmas colouring competition

Thursday 16th December: Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December: Christmas Carol Service (Virtual). Last day of term.

Tuesday 4th January: INSET Day

Monday 6th June: Additional Day for the Queen's Jubilee

Monday 25th July: INSET Day

Tuesday 26th July: INSET Day

We have enjoyed the beginning of Advent this week including the unveiling of our school 'Advent Wreath'. Four candles are put around the wreath and there is a fifth candle in the middle. A candle is lit each Sunday before Christmas Day. The fifth candle is lit on Christmas Day itself (But we will light it on the last day of term). There are three purple candles, one pink candle and a white candle, representing the Prophets, Mary & Joseph, the Angels, the Shepherds and Jesus. This is the start of many Christmas traditions here at school- there isn't a better place to be at this time of year, with the children enjoying this special time of preparation.

COVID Update

Yesterday I sent a letter giving you 'Updated Covid-19 Advice from the Public Health Team Somerset'. The team here are working tirelessly to ensure mitigations are in place to reduce risk of infections: regular handwashing, staff LFT testing, extra cleaning of high touch surfaces, staff wearing masks in communal areas, ventilating spaces as much as possible and minimizing mixing of groups. I have been informed that parents can get LFT test supplies through pharmacies ([click on link](#)) or by calling 119.

Data Protection

Please may I bring to your attention the GDPR (Data Protection) Policy on our school website, as well as Privacy Notices. You can find out more [here](#):

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Wellington School Maths Challenge

Harry J (Camelot), Noah, George and Sam (Blenheim) took part in this event last week. This year's event was the 26th Wellington School Maths Challenge and there were 59 schools taking part. Our team scored 12/24, with most school achieving similar scores. The pupils were great ambassadors for the school. How would you do? (Example question below!)

Q18. Which of these pairs of dates always fall on the same day of the week in the same year?

A.
1st July
&
1st April

B.
1st June
&
1st September

C.
1st May
&
1st October

D.
1st March
&
1st December

E.
1st August
&
1st November

Awards

Although we were unable to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today, we are all so proud of the following pupils:

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Archie T

Maigold: Rebecca

Gala: Oscar

Discovery: Toby W

Camelot: Harry J

Blenheim: Rylee

Running Rockstars (Daily Mile)

Discovery: Ethan

Camelot: Amy C

Blenheim: Meg

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Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Noah

Gala: Jacob

50 merits:

Gala: Lily, Anna, Ruth

Discovery: Grace, Lottie

Blenheim: Tash, Jess

Well-being Tip of the Week

As we move into advent this week, perhaps make time at the start of each day, as you wake up, to name a hope for the day. Allow yourself to acknowledge hope - hopes for yourself, hopes for others; reflect on stories of hope that you have noticed; think about what gives you hope, and how might you use this to give hope to others

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