

DATES TO REMEMBER

04.12.17	Badgers' Assembly
04.12.17	Dress Rehearsal (School only)
05.12.17	Christmas Play @ 1.30pm (Dress Rehearsal)
06.12.17	Christmas Play @ 6pm
07.12.17	Christmas Play @ 6pm
08.12.17	LAST FOOTBALL SESSION
	RESTARTS ON FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2018
11.12.17	Wells Christmas Concert (Choir)
14.12.17	Combe Factor
15.12.17	Panto - Cinderella
20.12.17	Christmas Service @ 9.15am
	Celebration Assembly @ 2.45pm
21.12.17	INSET DAY



If you are thinking of buying technology for your children at Christmas then you might like to read the advice from the UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

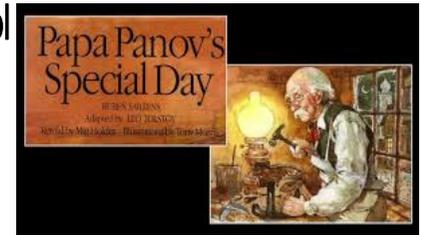
which includes buying guides to help you choose the best device.

Notes from the Full Governing Body Meeting 27th November 2017

1. Sophie Kierstan gave an update on changes to the RE syllabus and the forthcoming midterm Diocesan SIAMS appraisal
2. School Development Plan was discussed along with the recent KSI/2 test results; the Head-teacher's plans to build on these were endorsed
3. The Attendance Policy is being updated and will be issued to parents shortly. Governors were disappointed to see the number of unauthorised absences being taken by children going on term time holidays. The Local Authority attendance officer is to visit the school to discuss this as such absences are illegal.

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Weekly Newsletter



1st December 2017



Over the next couple of weeks the children will be learning about the true meaning of Christmas and participating in lots of Christmas activities. The Nativity Rehearsals are going really well and the performance will be on **Thursday 14th December @ 9am.**



The group would also like to give a big welcome to Frederick and his family together with Eddie and his family.

New Appointment

On Thursday, we appointed Mrs Vicky Smith as a new HLTA for our school. Mrs Smith will be mostly based in KSI when she begins work with us in January. We were fortunate to receive a lot of applications for this post but it did make the selection process very difficult.



School Lunches

It isn't too late to book a Christmas Lunch. Please let the office or Heather know if you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch on the last day of term.



The new menus are now out for January. If your child is in Yrs3,4,5 and 6 and would like to order school lunches, please come and pick up a menu from the school office or, download one from the school website.

Antarctica Day

The children have been learning about the polar regions in preparation for Antarctica Day on Friday 1st December. There has been an Arctic Gazebo in the hall all week, which has been used for story time and, the KS2 children have been learning about the expedition of Shackleton. On Friday, Dr Juliette Jackson returned to work with the children on a number of exciting science projects. Some of the children had the chance to experience "walking like a penguin."





Combe Factor

Combe Factor will start at 1.30pm in the village hall on **Thursday 14th December**. Tickets are on sale now @ £1 each to cover the costs of prizes etc. We are also happy to hold a raffle (donated prizes would be great.) Are you free to help set-up on the Thursday morning? If so, please see Mrs Nichols, Mrs Flanagan or Mrs Mooney. **PLEASE NOTE THAT COMBE FACTOR NEXT WEEK WILL BE ON TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER UNTIL 5PM.** This is due to the Christmas Play on Thursday evening.

Badgers Assembly

We have swapped our usual Celebration Assembly next week to allow Badgers' Class to lead Collective Worship on Monday 4th December @ 3pm on the theme of Compassion. We hope parents will be able to attend and support the children.



Owls' Class

The staff and children were all pleased to see Mrs Cawley back in school this week. Mrs Cawley will be catching up with the progress the children have made in her absence and intends to hold Parent/Carer Consultation sessions in the New Year.



First Aid Training

All the staff who required this up-date stayed in school on Monday night for First Aid Training. We are very grateful to Mrs Edwards, who delivered the training in an interesting and informative way.



Pantomime

Reminder: The Pantomime is approaching quickly, Friday 15th December @ the Octagon Theatre. Any monies or forms outstanding must be handed into the school office by **Monday 4th December 2017**. Without a signed permission slip or payment your child will be required to stay in school for the afternoon. The children are being collected from Yeovil at 4.15pm and therefore we anticipate a collection from school at 5pm, traffic dependent.



Maths Challenge

Huge congratulations to our Wellington Maths Challenge Team for 2017. Matilda, Joseph, George and Ryan worked really well together to achieve a great score. Also, they won the estimation challenge by guessing that there were 83 sweets in a jar!



Christmas Play

The Christmas Play is next week:

Monday 4th December (Rehearsal in church) **SCHOOL ONLY**

Tuesday 5th December @ 1.30pm (Dress Rehearsal)
PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS WELCOME

Wednesday 6th December @ 6pm
PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS WELCOME

Thursday 7th December @ 6pm
PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS WELCOME

Last Day of Term 20th December 2017

On the last day of term there will be the following services:

Christmas Service @ 9.15am

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Celebration Assembly @ 2.45pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

As in previous years, we will be holding an end of term Christmas Service in the church. As part of that service the children in Reception will help to tell The Christmas Story by acting the parts and creating a tableaux of the Nativity. Miss Kierstan will advise parents of any costume requirements. We hope parents will be able to join us for that service.

Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children who were in the Golden Book w/c 27th November 2017:

Miss Kierstan's Class

Willow & Alyssa

Mrs Bennett's Class

Florence & Alfie

Mrs Cawley's Class

Poppy & Harry

Mrs Rawson's Class

Imogen 7 Maisy

Mr Edward's Class

Ruby



After School Club

There will be **NO** After School Club on the last day of term, **Wednesday 20th December**.

School Attendance

The Education Welfare Officer visited the school this week. She has approved our Attendance Policy and procedures for authorising or refusing requests for days off in term-time. Along with this newsletter, is a leaflet explaining the school's approach and the reasons for it. Thank you for your support in this.