

**Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Rodd**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our KS2 Celebration assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Kingsbury: Willow, Evelyn, Eliza and Jaxon-Blu

Newtown: Freddie, Chester, Joe and Keaton

Crackmore: Olive, Fionn, Josh and Fred

We have had a busy week in school. Unfortunately, the Year 1 trip to Hummer Woods, Trent was postponed on Monday but we are in the process of arranging an alternative date. On Tuesday, Josh, Toby, Molly and Fionn (Year 6) accompanied me to the Tuesday Luncheon Club and acted as waiters and waitresses. We received many compliments about the children's behaviour and enthusiasm. Year 5 and 6 had an enjoyable Aeronautics Day on Wednesday, making roller coasters and boats in groups. We are very grateful to staff from Leonardo's in Yeovil who came to spend the day with the children.

A group of KS2 children took part in a netball tournament at King Arthur's on Thursday afternoon. Their behaviour was exemplary and they displayed excellent attitudes and teamwork throughout. Well done to all children who took part!

Here is a reminder of some events which are happening during the next fortnight:

On Monday (13<sup>th</sup> November), we will be marking the start of Anti-Bullying Week with a wear odd socks to school day. This is a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique. Normal school uniform should be worn on this day, with odd socks, please!

On Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup> November), we have Fraser Portraits coming into school to take photographs of the children. They are able to take group photographs, as follows:

- If you wish your children to be photographed together and you have younger children either in The Beeches or toddlers and babies, then please come to the school hall for 8.30am.
- If you have children who attend The Beeches but do not usually attend on a Tuesday, then please come to the school hall from 8.45am
- All children in The Beeches on Tuesday and at school, will then be photographed, including sibling groups within school. This will happen across the day.

I hope that you will be pleased with the photographs – they make great Christmas presents!

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On Thursday, we are holding a Community Coffee Morning (9.30 am – 10.30 am). This is for village residents who would like to find out more about the school and may like to volunteer in various capacities. Please do encourage your neighbours or friends to come along, they would be most welcome.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we will be raising money for BBC Children in Need. We will have a non-school uniform day and the children are encouraged to wear something spotty (suggested donation £1.00), either an item of clothing or an accessory. Lemonade will be on sale at playtime (50p) and there will be some competitions that the children can take part in, such as 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar' (20p a go).

The following Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, we will have a Look and Share session before our whole school Celebration Assembly. You are welcome to come into your child's classroom and look at his/her work between 8.35 am and 9.05 am. Please note that assembly will start at **9.15am** on this day.

Mr Menage has asked me to publicise a Christmas holiday camp. This will be running at Sherborne Abbey Primary School each day from 9.00 am until 3.00 pm during the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. (4 year olds can attend from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm each day). Further details are available from Mr Menage.

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week starts. Wear odd socks to school day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and family photos – please see above
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Inspire Morning – Kingsbury Class (9.00 – 10.00 am)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Community Coffee Morning (9.30 am – 10.30 am)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Celebration Assembly Children in Need – please see above
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents' Evenings for Gainsborough Class
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Look and Share 8.35 – 9.05 a.m. <b>9.15 am</b> Whole school celebration assembly, including Sue Laughton award Milborne Port Christmas Light Switch on – choir are invited to sing

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Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	KS2 Celebration Assembly
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Celebration Assembly
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Winter Fayre <b>11.00 a.m – 3.00 p.m.</b> School Choir will be singing.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity <b>10.00 a.m.</b>  School Choir singing at Wells Cathedral this evening
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing at Tuesday Luncheon Club at lunchtime  Carol Service in Church at 2.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity <b>1.45 p.m.</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school celebration assembly, including Sue Laughton award  End of term

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Rodd

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