

Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Rodd

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our KS1 Celebration assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Gainsborough: Henry, Nevaeh, Theo and Valentina

Medlycott: James, Frida, Florence and Arthur

Venn: Kacper, George, Pippa and Olivia P

Here we are at the end of the penultimate week of term! This week, I have met with all of the teachers individually to review each child's progress in reading, writing and mathematics. It has been good to hear about how children have progressed since September and what their next steps will be after Christmas! On Thursday, Mr Swait spent the day with us. He is our School Improvement Partner and he visited all of the classrooms. He was particularly impressed with the children's engagement with their learning, their positive attitudes and their behaviour.

We are looking forward to the final week of term. The Nativity plays are on Monday at 10.00am and Wednesday at 1.45pm. **Please note that the doors will be opened 15 minutes before the production begins**, so 9.45am on Monday, and 1.30pm on Wednesday. Some seats will be reserved for members of staff who are supervising the children. **Please do not sit in these seats.** We hope that many of you will be able to join us for the Carol Service in Church on Tuesday afternoon at 2.00pm. Class Christmas parties will take place on Friday 15th December, and the children are invited to wear Christmas party clothes on this day. Some tickets are available for the Carol Concert in Wells Cathedral on Monday evening. Here is the link if you would like some tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/somerset-music-christmas-celebration-concert-2023-tickets-759605298897?aff=oddttdtcreator>

After Christmas, we have a pantomime to look forward to! This has been funded by the PTFA. The Treehouse Theatre company will be performing Cinderella to the whole school on Tuesday 9th January.

Booking for after school provision will open on Monday 11th December. Please remember to email the school office to let them know which days/hours you have booked for. Yvonne Bright has told me that she only has 2 spaces remaining in the Reborne Club which meets on Tuesdays after school. Please use this link for booking: <https://rebornechurch.churchsuite.com/events/txt2dvfy>

Finally, at this busy time of year, could I ask you to double check school cardigans and jumpers, please? A few have gone missing recently despite being named. If your child has inadvertently picked up someone else's uniform, please hand it back to a member of staff.

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Monday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity 10.00 a.m. (Doors open at 9.45 a.m.) School Choir singing at Wells Cathedral this evening
Tuesday 12 th December	Choir singing at Tuesday Luncheon Club at lunchtime Carol Service in Church at 2.00pm
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity 1.45 p.m. (Doors open at 1.30 p.m.)
Friday 15 th December	Whole school Celebration assembly, including Sue Laughton award Non-uniform day, Christmas parties and end of term!
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	Inset Day
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Spring Term begins
Tuesday 9 th January	Whole school pantomime – Cinderella (Treehouse Theatre Company)

I hope to see lots of you at the PTFA Winter Fayre tomorrow.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Rodd

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