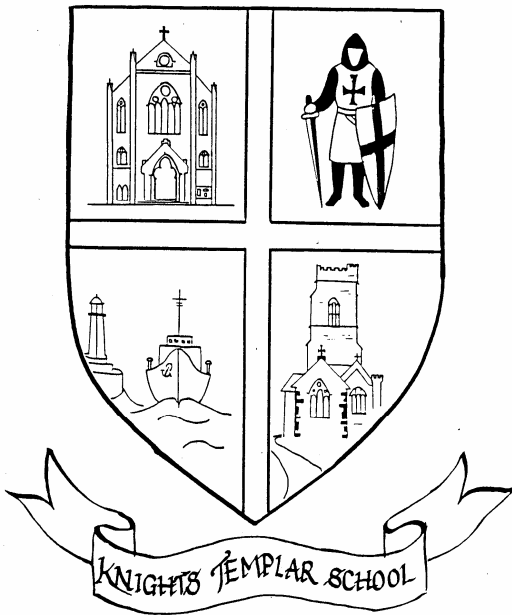


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Welcome Back

We hope that all the children had a good week of rest during the holiday.

It's great to have everyone back for a new half-term and we all look forward to all the festive events ahead of us in the rest of 2008.

Super Schools

It was a real pleasure to have international athlete, Ben Challenger, come to visit us at the end of last term. The children enjoyed meeting the Commonwealth Games medal winning high jumper who took the children through their exercises and signed autographs.

It was really impressive seeing a real life athlete in action and the children were amazed by his spring. Ben answered lots of the children's questions about his career and I am sure he inspired many of them to want to take up sport and athletics.

As you may know, we are splitting the proceeds of the sponsorship money with Sport England. Our share of the money raised by all the children's hard work will go towards buying new sporting equipment for the school. Who knows, we may have our very own Ben Challenger of the future among our children. A big thank you to all the children and parents for collecting sponsorship money so quickly, and to the P.T.F.A. members who helped the children do their exercises.

Over £1300 was raised! Well done.

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Parent questionnaires

We would like to thank you for filling in the questionnaires at the recent Parents' Evenings. We were pleased with the many positive comments and suggestions.

As a result of your feedback, we will ensure we explain the school's complaints procedure and give you more information about how we prepare your children for middle school.

We value your views and I invite you to post your ideas in the suggestion box outside Willow Class.

Parrot Club

We are delighted that our Parrot Club which provides childcare before and after school has opened.

Numbers are already increasing and if you are interested in enrolling your children then please talk to Lisa Sherrin for further details.

Christmas Fayre

The Methodist Church is holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 15th November 2008.

It will run from 10.00 until 12.00 and everyone is welcome.

Christmas Concert

West Somerset Brass Band, Watchet Town Band and children from Knights Templar School present an evening of Christmas music – Friday 12 December (7.30-9.30pm)
Tickets £3 from the Phoenix Centre

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest this year was held at the Methodist Church and was a great success. Getting 184 children there involved a lot of organisation and support from volunteers, so a big thank you to all who came to help or attended the service.

We raised £160 for the Methodist famine relief charity. A special thank you to Rev. Jane Sperring for welcoming us and leading the service.

Work with local schools

Knights Templar held an INSET day at the start of the holidays and we had all the teachers from Danesfield, Old Cleeve and St. Peters with us for the morning so that we could do some joint work on assessing children's learning.

This is one way in which we ensure that we prepare our children for life in their middle school. It was great to discuss the progress children are making in our local area and share approaches to ensure that all children achieve the best they can.

Knights Templar will also be the venue for some ICT training in February on the new Fronter Virtual Learning Platform. This will allow parents to look at their child's assessments from home using the internet.

We are very pleased to be part of this exciting new initiative.

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P.T.F.A. Events

Saturday 6 December – Christmas Fair

DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE -
Bottles, Cans, Tins and Packets for the
Tombola

Raffle Prizes, Teddies, Toys, Games, Books,
Toiletries, Cakes. No broken items please
and no videos.

PLEASE DIG DEEP INTO YOUR
CUPBOARDS AND HELP MAKE THIS
EVENT A SUCCESS

Special Educational Needs Events

Mrs. Bass is running some more workshops
on Special Educational Needs.

These will be drop-in sessions on Tuesday 25
November – all morning and Wednesday 26
November – all afternoon . Both will take
place in the Nurture Room.

If you have any questions or concerns about
SEN then please come along and talk to her.

There will also be an initial meeting of the
Dyslexia Support Group which is for parents
of children with Dyslexia. on Monday 24
November at 3.00pm. Could you please let
Karen Bass know if you wish to attend.

More information will follow shortly for those
interested.

Parking

Can I please remind parents not to park their
cars outside Ingrams Meadow Care Home.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in on Monday
17th November. This is only for children who
attend this school.

Bag to School

Bag 2 School bags will be sent home next
week. The collection will take place on
Tuesday 9 December. If you have any old
clothes, bedding, etc then please leave them
in the usual place in the driveway before
9.15am.

Swimming Session

There is now a swimming session available
on a Saturday between 2 – 3 pm. The cost is
£156.80 for a 10 week session. If you are
interested please contact Marilyn Binding in
the office.

Golden Key Play

The P.T.F.A. have organised a play for the
whole school on Monday 17th November.

The Golden Key will be performed in the
afternoon and then the children will have the
opportunity to ask the children questions
afterwards.

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Celebration - Honours

We are delighted to inform you that these children were made Pupils of the Week:

| Class | Friday 10th 10 October | Friday 17 th October | Friday 7 th November | Friday 14 th November |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sycamore | | Rose Buckingham | Tom Barber | Alfie James-Allen |
| Willow | Matthew Levett | Jessica Mills | Thomas Dixon | Sam Heath |
| Cherry | Dennie Williams | Josh Brooks | Jordan Pope | Oliver Greenway |
| Silver Birch | Erin Lovell | Billy Smith | Kariss Sherrin | Thomas Bradbury |
| Beech | Rhyce Griffiths | Savannah Thompson | Jake Brooks | Megan Sheehan |
| Rowan | Benjamin Prescott | Natasha Fisher | Adge Binding | Lauren Tringham |
| Oak | Jennifer Wedlake | Yasmin Turner | Sally Ham | Jacob Peters |

Well done all of you!

Future Events – Dates For Your Diary

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| November | Monday 17 | a.m. School Photos p.m. Theatre Group visiting |
| | w/c Monday 17 | Bag 2 School bags to be handed out |
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| December | Saturday 6 | 10.00 am PTFA Christmas Coffee Morning |
| | Tuesday 9 | Bag 2 School Collection (by 9.15am) |
| | Wednesday 10 | 2.30pm Year R (Sycamore Class) Nativity Play |
| | Thursday 11 | 6.00pm KS2 (Beech, Rowan, Oak) Carol Service at St Decuman's Church |
| | Friday 12 | 5.00 pm KS1 (Willow, Cherry, Silver Birch) Nativity Play |
| | Monday 15 | Secret Room |
| | Tuesday 16 | Christmas Dinner – <i>to be ordered by 28 November</i> – please look out for information next week Christmas Party (KS1) 3-5pm |
| | Wednesday 17 | Christmas Party - Year R – Sycamore – 3-5pm |
| | Thursday 18 | Christmas Party – KS2 – 3-5pm |