

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

Our Core Values: *Love Hope Commitment Belonging Respect*



Newsletter No. 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the lovely comments, cards and Emails we have received as a school following the publication of our recent Ofsted report.

We are all so very proud of the *five good Judgement outcomes*.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Thank you for supporting the children to make decorations at home to hang on the Christmas tree. It is amazing to see such an array of different homemade, handcrafted decorations.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre this weekend for some festive fun- word has it the Grinch is set to put in an appearance!

Have a great weekend,

Laura Weaver,
Head Teacher



News from Key Stage 2

This term, Key Stage 2 has been hard at work creating non-chronological reports about the Vikings. With superlatives flying thick and fast, they have written about the most fearsome warriors, the largest longships, and the most baffling Viking hairstyles. By combining conjunctions and the Power of 3 technique, the children have crafted sentences so interesting that even a Viking would stop pillaging to read them!

In Design Technology, the children have been sewing Christmas stockings, and what a festive flurry it's been! From threading needles to untangling threads (and themselves), their determination and creativity have truly shone. The stockings are shaping up to be as unique as the children who made them—and guaranteed to hold at least three mince pies! Meanwhile, in science, the electricity topic has sparked curiosity as the children learned all about circuits. From switches and buzzers to bulbs and batteries, our budding electricians have been busy creating connections—thankfully, none of which have caused a blackout (yet).

Finally, during Explorers, we set out on a mission to design shelters for Pudsey Bear. Using teamwork, problem-solving, and plenty of sticks, they constructed structures sturdy enough to protect Pudsey from our great British weather. Also, the children embraced their inner *MasterChef* by creating stunning plates of "food" using only natural materials from the environment. With leaves as lettuce, stones as roast potatoes, and twigs as garnish, the creations were both imaginative and Michelin-star-worthy—though perhaps not entirely edible!

Key Stage 2 has had a truly electrifying and festive few weeks, with plenty more adventures ahead! We can't wait to perform our show – *The True Meaning of Christmas* in a couple of weeks.

Key Stage 2 Book Recommendation

This is a stupendous and original picture book is a great old favourite for Christmas. As the Postman delivers his letters to the Wicked Witch, the giant (Mr. V. Bigg in Beanstalk Gardens) and B(ig) B(ad) Wolf, Esq., c/o Grandma's Cottage, Horner's Corner, the reader can enjoy actually opening the envelopes, take out the letters or cards and read them. The rhyming text, the witty pictures, the references to nursery rhymes and stories make this picture book a treasure trove. Not to be missed – worth all the trouble of keeping track of the little missives.



ATTENDANCE



Well done Mandela class on amazing attendance !

Reception	89.8 %
Donaldson	94 %
Anning	74 %
Attenborough	87.5 %
Rashford	95 %
Gates	92.3 %
Mandela	96.2 %

KTSCA

Knights Templar School Community Association

Thank you to members of the local community who attended our Quiz Night. We were grateful to receive donations of raffle prizes from The Star Inn, Roadwater Panto, Hestercombe Gardens and Co-op Radstock as well as generous members of the community who also donated. A big Thank You to Matthew Bowden for once again creating a fun and engaging Quiz for us. Matthew is an outstanding Quiz Master - and now that's written in black and white, we're hoping he'll say yes when we ask him to host another further down the line!

This week has been very busy for committee members as we decorate our Grotto and get everything set up ahead of our Christmas Fayre on Saturday. All of our Grotto slots are fully booked but it is still possible to visit the Fayre, enjoy some games and stalls and meet the Grinch. Fingers crossed for some decent weather.

A reminder that our Christmas Secret Room tickets will be available to purchase via Weduc 2nd-4th December. Please keep an eye on Weduc for further details.

House Points

Doniford		699
Helwell		669
Blue Anchor		826
Warren Bay		871

Allergy Reminder

Please remember we are a nut free school and children are not allowed to have any nut-based snacks or meals in their lunchboxes. Thank you.

Parking

A polite reminder that the staff carpark is for staff only. We have noticed a lot of parents parking in there lately which results in staff not being able to find a space and being late for their role.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

As a school we follow the NHS guidelines that states children must be 48 hours clear of sickness and diarrhoea from their last bout before returning to school.

We ask that you please support us by ensuring your child stays off school for this time.

Children also may not swim for 2 weeks following any bout of sickness or diarrhoea in line with NHS guidance.

Thank you for your understanding.

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree!

Last week, Charlie - our Head Boy and Alice - our Head Girl were taken to Willow Stream Christmas Trees in Timberscombe by Mrs Weaver and Mrs Knowles to choose our trees. They were both super excited to make their selections and took time to find the best-looking trees. A big thank you to the KTSCA who have funded the trees for the school. On Monday this week we were really excited to see all the amazing decorations the children have made. Thank you for your support in making them!



Gymnastics

Over the last couple of weeks, Mr Harrison has taken gymnastics teams from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to Minehead First School to compete in an Area Schools Competition. Whilst sadly we didn't win, the children enjoyed learning the routines and competing! A big thank you to Mr Harrison for supporting the children to learn the routines and to the parents who were able to transport the children to the event. An amazing well done to Millie in KS2 who came first overall in the individual competition - beating 54 other children!





THE IVY

BEAUTY LOUNGE

The Ivy Beauty Lounge in Minehead have launched a Christmas Raffle to raise money to support Knights Templar Swimming Pool.

Tickets are available now until December 20th from the salon (4-6 Friday Street, Minehead TA24 5UA) at £5 a strip.

The Prize (below) is worth over £220!



Christmas Information!

Christmas is fast approaching! We thought we should remind you of some key dates and information:

Christmas Decorations

Decorations for the school tree are invited to be in on Monday 25 November.



Christmas Cards

The Christmas card boxes will be outside the main office from Monday 2 December and will be distributed weekly to the children. Please ensure you put the child's name, surname and class on the front of the cards. Last year, we had quite a few with just a first name on which makes it difficult to get to the right child where we have children with the same name and we don't want anyone to miss out!

Christmas Service

There will be a Christmas Service on Tuesday 17 December at 10am at the Methodist Church in Watchet. Parents are welcome to attend – please find a seat on the balcony upstairs.

Christmas Jumpers

Christmas Jumpers can be worn for the last three days of term – Wednesday 18 -Friday 20 December over school uniform.

Christmas Dinners and Christmas Parties (Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 December)

Wednesday 18 December: Key Stage 2 Christmas Party / Key Stage 1 and Reception – school Christmas Lunch.

Thursday 19 December Reception/Key Stage 1 Christmas Party / Key Stage 2 – school Christmas Lunch.

Please see WEDUC for more information. Children can wear party clothes for their Christmas Party if they wish.



Christmas Plays

This year we will be doing separate EYFS, KS1 and KS2 plays. Tickets will be sold in November and are limited to two per family.

The dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday 10 December 10am – EYFS
- Wednesday 11 December 10am – KS1 Christmas Play
- Wednesday 11 December 2pm – KS2 Christmas Play
- Thursday 12 December 10am – KS2 Christmas Play
- Thursday 12 December 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play

A reminder that there is no photography or recordings of the children during the plays.

Thank you for your understanding.

Elliot's Touch Christmas Light displays

Please come and Join us and our
Neighbours on Saturday 30th November

From 5pm

At No; 15 and surrounding Neighbours in
Whitehall, Watchet

We Will turn on our Christmas lights whilst
having some fun

There will be Mince Pies, Hot chocolate,
Christmas Tombola and more

Father Christmas and Valerie Norman will switch
the lights on around 5:15PM

Lights will be on from 4:30pm –8:30pm

Christmas Eve until 10:30pm



Also -

Music from The AMAZING
West Somerset Brass Band
followed

The harmonious Watchet
Community Choir

AND

Knight's Templar School
will also have a Stall
(items to be confirmed)

Maps of Watchets

Christmas light displays
will be available on the night



KIDS CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

WIN A BOX OF CRAFT GOODIES
AND LEAD FATHER CHRISTMAS
AS BELL RINGER TO HIS GROTTO
WITH THE TOWN MAYOR!

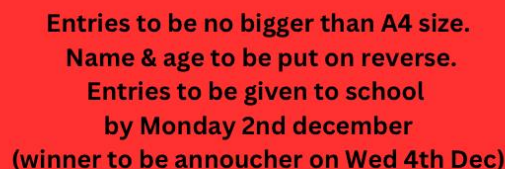


ON THE EVENING OF THE WATCHET
FESTIVE LATE NIGHT EXTRAVANGANZA
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER -
(LEAVING AT) 5.15PM

**TO ENTER DRAW, PAINT OR CREATE A PICTURE
SHOWING WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT CHRISTMAS!**

12 Lucky runners up will be chosen to be in a
lantern parade to lead father christmas in his car
as he travels along the highstreet to his grotto!

All entries will be on display in the
Lynda Cotton Gallery (Swain Street)
on the 6th December 5.30pm - 8pm



Entries to be no bigger than A4 size.
Name & age to be put on reverse.
Entries to be given to school
by Monday 2nd december
(winner to be announced on Wed 4th Dec)

