

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

Our Core Values: **Love** **Hope** **Commitment** **Belonging** **Respect**



Newsletter No. 5

15 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week began with the Head Boy and Head Girl representing the school at the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in town on Monday 11 November. They read a poem called 'The Poppy' and I was very proud of how confidently they both spoke. We also had two children, Charlotte and Rowan, attend the Remembrance Service at Dunkirk Memorial House. They confidently spoke in front of over 100 people and helped to lay the wreaths.

It has been wonderful to see the support today for Children in Need. The School Council had planned an exciting range of activities for the school and nursery to be involved in and we are pleased to share that we have raised a massive £169!!!!

Have a great weekend,

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher



News from Key Stage 1

We hope that you all had a restful half term – we cannot believe that we are already half way through the term! As ever, we are super busy in Key Stage one.

This week in Anning Class, we have been focussing on History; learning about childhood from the 1950s to the present day. The children have really enjoyed learning about music from the 90s as well as traditional playground games from the 80s.



In Attenborough Class, we have been focussing on Computing. The children have been looking at Data Handling by categorising caterpillars straight from Mrs Mees' garden!

In Donaldson Class, we have been focussing on R.E. The children have been thinking about one of our Core Christian Values of Belonging.

We also continue to enjoy Explorers, where the children have the opportunity to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Children have had a chance to explore the wildlife area for signs of hibernation and animals in their chosen habitat.



Key Stage 1 Book Recommendation

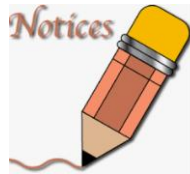
All the Ways to be Smart –

by Davina Bell and illustrated by Allison Colpoys



This beautifully illustrated international bestseller, celebrates the talents of every child. *All The Ways to be Smart* is an earnest and charming book celebrating the joys of all the wonderful qualities that make children who they are. The subtle and unique message is that getting excellent grades is not what makes you smart. Rather, it's the value of learning through play which is beautifully illustrated and will captivate children's imagination throughout the book.

ATTENDANCE



Well done Mandela class on amazing attendance !

Reception	93.8 %
Donaldson	96.8%
Anning	87.5 %
Attenborough	92.5 %
Rashford	93.2 %
Gates	95 %
Mandela	97 %

KTSCA

Knights Templar School Community Association

With just under three weeks to go until our Christmas Fayre, we have sold around half of our Grotto tickets which is really positive. Prebook your ticket to meet Santa in his cosy Grotto and receive a lovely keepsake gift. Browse our stalls, enjoy some refreshments and have a go on our festively themed games. Then come and meet our second special visitor, The Grinch! Have your photo taken with him - if you've been good (or naughty?) enough he may have a treat for you.

Our Fayre is November 30th from 11am until 2pm at school. This event is open to the wider community so do please share with your family and friends. Please use this link to book your Grotto tickets - these must be booked in advance. Thank you.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ktzca/index.cfm?event=Shop>

House Points

Doniford		604
Helwell		631
Blue Anchor		765
Warren Bay		751

A big thank you to everyone in the local community who has been shopping at the local CoOp recently and chose the school as their community fund. Thanks to you all we have raised an amazing £5072.24!

Staffing Changes

We are sad to let you know that after more than four years with us Mrs Cleere will be retiring at Christmas.

We wish her all the best and hope she will come back and visit!

We are pleased to announce Mrs Amanda Llewellyn will be joining us in Donaldson Class from January.

You will meet her during the next half term as she will be covering release time across the school.

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.

Christmas Tree Decorations 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are beginning to think about Christmas and next week our Head Boy and Head Girl will be going to choose the school Christmas Tree.

Each year, we invite you to help your child to make a decoration for the school tree. It can be as imaginative as you like and we are always wowed, by the amazing creations.

Please can we ask that all decorations come into school labelled with your child's name and class on the morning of Monday 25 November. Decorations should be taken into class before being used to dress the tree.

Thank you for your support.

Laura Weaver
Head Teacher



A time for thankfulness
to the children and staff of
Knights Templar
School

who have helped restock our
empty shelves

Thank you so much
for your generous donations



Marlene

Join the KTSCA for

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 23rd November

7.00pm

Knights Templar Community
Church School

£3.00 per person, maximum of 6 per
team

Refreshments available; alcoholic and
soft drinks, hot drinks and cakes

Raffle

Team names and numbers of participants to be written
down and handed in with fee to school or The Star Inn
by Thursday 21st November.



18th November - 18th December

Decorate our tree with us

Bring in a homemade decoration to put
on our tree in the cafe.

Age groups:

0-4

5-8

9+



We will pick 3
lucky children
to come back
to pick a prize.



Please hand into the cafe staff, where we will ask for details
from you. Please put your child's full name on the back.



GOLDILOCKS

RAFFLE

★ **£100 Hair Voucher up for
grabs , proceeds to go to
Knights Templar Nursery
outdoor project** ★



£2 a square ✨

Pop in to get yours ✨