

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

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



Newsletter No. 2

27 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks seem to be flying by and with the wet weather it is definitely feeling autumnal. The school drive is as ever busy and everyone's safety remains our concern. We continue to have a number of cars parking in the turning circle which makes it difficult and dangerous for all site users. Please can we ask again, that this area is not blocked. We would rather you be a few minutes late into school than cause an accident.

In the next week, booking for our Autumn Term Parents' Evening slots will go live on our online booking system on Weduc. We are planning for the autumn term meetings to be held face-to-face with the Spring term meetings being held via Teams. If you experience any difficulties booking please see Mrs Coleman in the office for assistance.

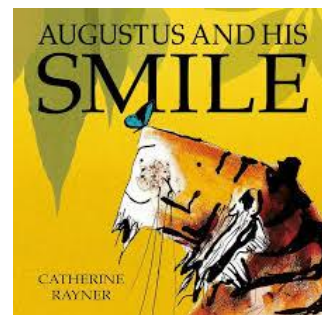
Have a lovely weekend,

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

News from Key Stage 1

It has been a busy start to the new year, with children settling into their new classes. We started the year off with a bang with the Rockstars and Robots Day. It was so lovely to see the children dressed up and excited to take part in lots of maths activities.

We have started to look at a new book in English – Augustus and his smile. This is a lovely story about a tiger who has lost his smile and sets out on a journey to find it.



We are beginning to work on improving the outside area for Key Stage 1. So, if you have any pots, pans or cooking utensils that could be used in our new mud kitchen, this would be greatly appreciated.

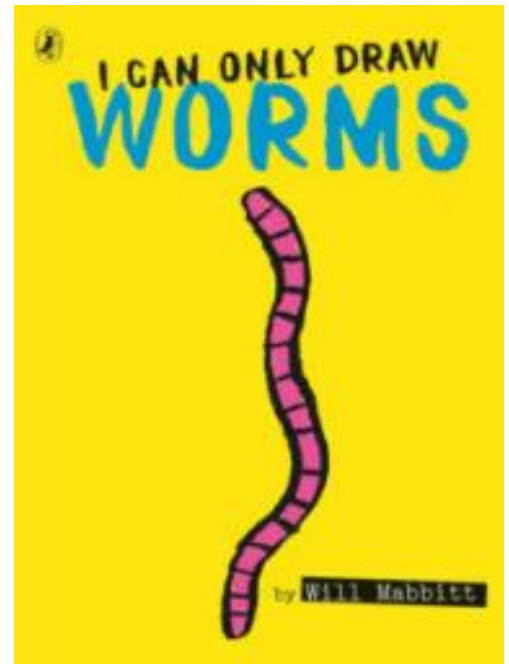
Also, if you have any dressing up clothes to be used as part of roleplay areas you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

Key Stage 1 Book Recommendation –

This laugh-out-loud story book has become a modern classic.

The format is a simple counting book, but the commentary from the illustrator adds a layer of hilarity that children love – making it a funny counting book with a humorous twist.

The illustrator directly addresses the reader to explain that he can only draw worms, and proceeds to demonstrate by drawing a series of brightly coloured neon wiggly worms. His added commentary promises extra details – such as flying unicorns and an outer space setting – but as he has admitted, he can't draw these details so he teases the reader with the details instead and leaves the rest to the imagination.



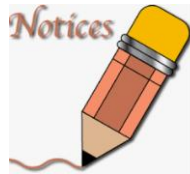
Children love the tension of wondering whether anything other than worms will really appear, but never feel short-changed when they don't because the in-joke is now theirs to enjoy over and over again.



Well the weeks seem to be speeding by and our busy October is rapidly approaching. We are working hard to finalise plans for our Autumnal Shopping Evening on Friday 4th October. We have a wide variety of stalls featuring an assortment of items – why not start on your Christmas shopping or treat yourself. We have over 20 businesses booked in, including Grown to Treasure, RaeMack Designs, Driftwood Daze, MJ Silver & Glass, Crafty Meadow and Exmoor Fudge to name a few. Tickets are £3.50 which includes a drink of your choice on arrival. This entry fee will go directly to helping us pay for experiences and workshops for the children as well as our annual Christmas tree and gifts for the children. Tickets can be purchased via the link at the bottom or from The Star and the school office.

We are also busy preparing for our PumpkinFest on October 19th; another event open to the wider community. Come and take part in our Pumpkin Trail and receive a quality pumpkin medal on completion, make and take home an Autumn craft and meet Falcor, the beautiful, fluffy and large dragon from the Neverending Story who can't wait to have his photo taken with each child. Tickets are £5 per child, accompanying adults free. There will be additional crafts, facepainting, refreshments and stalls at an extra cost. Tickets must be purchased in advance using the link below. We have a maximum capacity for this event so please don't miss out. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ktzca/index.cfm?event=Shop>

ATTENDANCE



Well done Gates class on
amazing attendance again !

Reception	95.9 %
Donaldson	97.2 %
Anning	93.5 %
Attenborough	98 %
Rashford	91.7 %
Gates	99.6 %
Mandela	89.6 %



October

4	School Photos
4	KTSCA Market Night
7	KS2 Viking Workshop
15	Reception Harvest Festival
18	Harvest Festival
22	Police Dog Handling Talk
23 and 24	Parents Evenings
24	Non Uniform day
25	INSET day

House Points

Doniford		168
Helwell		228
Blue Anchor		271
Warren Bay		266

A big thank you to Jenny Thomas and family who have donated a play kitchen and accessories to Donaldson class – they absolutely love it! Thank you.

Next Friday 4 October, Tempest Photography are in school to take our individual school photos. This year, we are asking that if you want sibling photos done, that you bring your children into the school hall from 8am. This will be the only opportunity to have them done as they **will not** be done in sibling groups within the school day. You can also bring siblings from nursery or Danesfield to have photos with your child in school from 8am. Thank you.

Knights Templar Community Church School fully recognises the responsibility it has under the Education Act 2002 and the contribution it can make to protect children and support pupils in school.

If you are worried about a child in school, please contact: Mrs Weaver – Designated Safeguarding Lead. Information about the Child Protection Procedures that are followed in Somerset and in our school can be found at:

<http://sscb.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/>

For information and advice contact Somerset Direct on: 0300 123 2224

**ALL
ABOARD!**
PRESENTS

**LIVE ON
STAGE!**

A Pirate Adventure



**JOIN PIRATE JENNY ON A PIRATE ADVENTURE
ACROSS THE SEVEN SEAS TO FIND THE TREASURE!**

**FEATURING STUDENTS FROM
SPOTLIGHT DANCE ACADEMY!**

THE
**REGAL
THEATRE**
MINEHEAD

Sunday 13th October 2024

01643 706430

www.regaltheatre.co.uk

10-16 The Avenue,
Minehead, TA24 5AZ





HALLOWEEN

“I SPY”

Shop Window Competition

“Find something that shouldn't be there!”

(In Minehead shop windows)

Running from 16th October to 4th of November 2024

Entry forms are £1 each and are available from and returnable to:

- Poppins Children's
- Community Shop, 36 The Avenue
- Minehead Tourist Information Centre (opposite train station)
- Park Lane Interiors, Park Street
- Fox and Son, The Parade



Have some fun in October half term and support Home-Start West Somerset.

Home-Start West Somerset Registered Charity No 1113944

Sponsored by



PACK-UP



BACK-UP



edwards and ward
a recipe for success



If your child is eligible for a free school meal why not send a Pack-up for Back-up? Have they tried one of our hot dinners? If they don't like it for any reason they can have their packed lunch as back up.

Aquafit by HolisticFit



Come and try a class of Aquafit run by HolisticFit
30 minute session

Adult & family aqua, children from 8 years upwards
All donations goes directly to the Knights Templar
Swimming Pool Splashout III fundraiser for maintenance

Sunday 27th October

11:15am - 11.45am

11.45am - 12.15pm

12.15pm - 12.45pm

Contact HolisticFit on 
or call Kim on 07872039847
for more information or to book a session

Minimum donation of £5.
Funds will be presented to the pool on the day

Benefits of Aquafit





MMS OPEN DAYS



Open Evening

Thursday 10th October -
4.30pm - No Booking Required!

Open Mornings:

Monday 14th October - 9:30 - 10:30 - Booking Required
Tuesday 15th October - 9:30 - 10:30 - Booking Required
Wednesday 16th October - 9:30 - 10:30 - Booking Required

Which Time Slot?

Our open mornings would benefit Parent/Carer's who wish to view our school ahead of school applications - This is a fantastic opportunity to see our school, meet the team and see the Year 5 curriculum!



Call to book for
Open Morning:
01643 704191



Meet Our SLT

Laura Mackie - Headteacher
Lynn Robson - Deputy Headteacher (Inclusion & Curriculum)
Ruth Bulpin - Assistant Headteacher (Culture & Ethos)
Alex Dyer - Assistant Headteacher - (Quality of Education)
Annie Griffiths - Assistant Headteacher (Personal Development & Operations)