



Autumn Term Newsletter No.12

Sports Hall Athletics Competition

On Thursday 16th November Year 6 went to St Cuthbert Mayne to compete in a Sports Hall Athletics competition. We took part in many events such as the vertical jump, chest push, triple jump, standing long jump, speed bounce and many relays. We competed against three schools, St Mary-church, Priory and Homelands. We all participated well and overall we came 2nd! Because we came second, we qualified for the next round at South Devon College, which is a level 3 Torbay wide competition. We had a lot of fun and everyone was proud of their hard work.

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PTA Christmas Fair (Friday 8th December from 3:05pm)

The day of the fair is fast approaching and the PTA have been working hard behind the scenes. The raffle prizes look amazing and are on display in the school foyer. Tickets are on sale every night after school.

This year there will be a numbered ticketing system for entry into Santa's grotto which we hope will help to reduce the queueing time for you and allow you more time to wander around the rest of the fair.

Grotto tickets are £2.50 per child and are also on sale after school every night.

If you have any good condition children's books that the PTA could sell at the fair please send them in to school and if you have a few hours to spare on the day the PTA would appreciate your support.

Don't forget, decorated baubles need to be back in to school by Monday 11th December for the judging to take place. Thank you.

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Beech — Leo for sparkling like a true star at the Christmas Nativity.

Pine — Oakley for working so hard with the dance in the Christmas play.

Apple — Poppy-Lou for giving 100% and leading the Shepherd Tango!

Oak — Keira for being a superstar and overcoming nerves at the theatre.

Birch — George for excelling in your end of Autumn assessments.

Rowan — Gemma for being forthcoming in class with her ideas and for always trying her best.

Cherry — Laila for showing exceptional writing skills this week.

Maple — Kayden for an amazing piece of writing using all of the tool kit.

Holly — Ryan for having a really good attitude to learning, well done.

Willow — Harry for a huge amount of effort and participation in class, a noticeable effort, well done!

Hawthorn — Ethem for a wonderful effort in all he does.

Hazel — Bethany for excellent effort, kindness and thoughtfulness to others.

Diary Date Reminders:

Thursday 7th December—Reception Class Nativity trip
Thursday 7th December 2:35pm —Y5 Assembly for parents
Friday 8th December—PTA Christmas Fair 3:05pm
Monday 11th December —KS2 Cinema trip. Packed lunches required.
Tuesday 12th December—Foundation Stage Family Christmas Craft afternoon from 2pm
Tuesday 12th December— KS2 Christmas Service at Upton Vale Baptist Church at 6pm.
Thursday 14th December—Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day.



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Apple Class and Willow Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
99.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 97% attendance.
Let's keep this up all year!

Lights! Camel! Action!

On Thursday Key Stage 1 were given the opportunity to perform their nativity 'Lights, Camel, Action!' at The Princess Theatre. The children had worked hard learning their lines, dances and the general sequence of the nativity and the performance reflected their efforts beautifully. Despite the huge stage and over 500 people in the audience, as the lights shone down the nerves disappeared and the children; our stars of the show, gave 100%. Throughout the performance there were cheers and claps from the audience as songs were sung and dances performed and the speakers told the story clearly, taking us all back in time to Bethlehem. As the last song began we even had snow giving the children an extra treat before the curtain finally came down.

The staff from The Princess Theatre were very helpful throughout the day and we are grateful to them for letting us use the theatre and also for their kindness in making us feel welcome. During the day a member of the theatre staff commented on how polite and well behaved all of the children are. We are very proud of the children and how they learn and behave both inside and outside of school and we wanted to share with you the lovely comments.

Over the last two years parents have suggested that we film the Nativity as personal filming is not allowed. This year we invited a Videographer to professionally record the show with permission from the Princess Theatre. The Videographer did not charge the school a fee and the DVDs cost £14, from which the school makes no profit. The deadline for orders is midnight on Sunday 3rd December, through the School Gateway. Once payments have cleared the DVDs will be created and sent to school for distribution in the last week of term.



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