

Dear Parents/Carers,

The nights are drawing in, the rain is falling and the wind is up. Yup, we are definitely in December. Your children are incredibly important to us. Every day I look forward to going to work and spending time with them. However, if we have many more wet lunchtimes I may just start crying.

Reception's week has been enhanced by Mrs Hayward breaking out the animal masks and turning the playhouse into a stable, complete with straw. It was as if she had given them gold, such were the excitement levels. Some might say too much excitement. Once we had got past the running around, roaring like a dinosaur, while dressed as a donkey stage, we quickly progressed towards just how many small people could squeeze into a playhouse stage. Clearly, there were some tough negotiations taking place between the bovine and porcine members of the class, in regards to just who was allowed into the stable. It turns out that the cattle are a pretty militant bunch in Wraxall and in the end Iron Man had to intercede on behalf of the pigs. For a while, there was a distinct danger of it all getting a bit 'Animal Farm' down there. Fortunately, Mrs Hayward managed to halt the revolution and Friesian and Black Spot were soon seen sharing their snacks. (You try getting anything done with this going on outside your window every day).

To continue the festive theme, (is it still only the beginning of December?) this week, we have well and truly launched into full Christmas production mode. Hymn practices have been extended, children can be heard reciting their lines during Art lessons and small bands of Year 3/4 children are practicing dance moves around the astro turf. All pretty standard stuff so far. However, I fear that the pressure may be getting to Mrs Brierley. I guess that is what happens when you produce such a quality performance each year. Yesterday, she said she would, 'See Mr Fossard outside,' if the angels did not bob in time to the chorus. We are all a little edgy around her now.

***Beth here! While Mr T has slipped out for a minute I thought I would share with you how he spends his evenings in school. Although his office looks like a Tasmanian Devil has torn through it, he is surprisingly house proud and loves popping on his marigolds. If you click on the attached photos you will be able to see first-hand his Spring cleaning skills. He was moving so fast the pictures are blurred.....***

The Stars of the week are Otis in Reception, Holly & Oliver K in Year 1/2, April & Jake in Year 3/4 and Joseph and Amelie in Year 5/6. Griffins are the winners of the conduct marks and the work marks this week. Conduct marks are hard to come by and if you have managed to earn enough to be awarded a star badge, you should be very proud of yourself. Well done to Joseph & Lucy for earning your bronze star badge, Alvy & Aaron for their silver and April K for their gold. To round off the 'congratulations', Lily in Year 5 has won the parish Christmas Card Competition; her design will be used on all the cards sent out from All Saints Church. Also, Lucy in Year 5 was the lucky person who found a sticker on the bottom of her plate and has won four free tickets to the cinema. Well done you two.

Our Book review comes from Emma in Year 5:

***'I am reading 'St Clares' by Enid Blyton. Each term there is a difficult problem to solve at the best school ever - St Clares. Pat and Isabelle, who are twins, and the rest of the class are all very different but work well together. They are always kept happy and busy with exciting mysteries to solve. I give St Clares 10/10 because it always makes you want to keep on reading. It made me feel that for secondary school I would really like to go to the awesome school St Clares because it always seems friendly, fun and exciting.'***

Have a great weekend, play safely and take care,

Mr Tucker

**Coming up next week:**

**Monday - Reception & Year 1/2 at Noah's Ark  
Thursday - Year 6 making Christmas cakes**

### **P.E**

Please ensure that your child's P.E kit remains in school at all times. If you do not wish your child to take part in P.E due to illness or injury then please send them to school with a note to advise us of this or alternatively call in or phone the school office.

## **Church News**

### **Sunday 6th December 10:00 - All Together In Church (ATIC) Toy Service, All Saints' Wraxall**

Please bring unwrapped new toys for all ages (0-18 years). These toys will be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution. Thank you.

### **Christmas services at All Saints' Wraxall & St Bartholomew's Failand**

Sunday 20th December 17:00 - Parish Carol Service, St Bartholomew's Failand

Thursday 24th December 15:00 - Crib service, All Saints' Wraxall

Thursday 24th December 21:00 - Christmas Eve Communion, St Bartholomew's Failand

Thursday 24th December 23:00 - Christmas Eve Communion, All Saints' Wraxall

Friday 25th December 10:00 - All Age Communion Service, All Saints' Wraxall

Sunday 27th December 10:00 - Holy Communion, All Saints' Wraxall

Sunday 27th December 11:30 - Morning Worship (said), St Bartholomew's Failand