



Newsletter

12th January 2018

School Census

On Thursday 18th there will be a school census. We would like to encourage as many children in Reception and Year 1 and 2 as possible to have a school meal on this day. Some elements of future funding are calculated on the uptake of school meals at census.

There will also be a competition running Monday to Thursday: every child who books a school lunch will be in with a chance of winning one of fifteen skipping ropes. The winners will be identified by a sticker on the bottom of the plate and they just need to present their winning plate to a member of the kitchen team to receive their prize. There will be one winner on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and twelve winners on Thursday.

Coming up next week:

Tuesday - Year 3 & 4 swimming

Thursday - Year 3 & 4 trip to Farmer Nick's Kitchen

Nativity DVD

We are pleased to inform you that if you have ordered a copy of the Christmas Nativity DVD then you are now able to make payment for it via parentpay. We will notify you when they are ready for collection.



**Sunday 21st January
10:00 - All Together In
Church (ATIC) with Com-
munion, All Saints' Wraxall Church**

A service of music, words and prayer for all ages.

Aladdin Panto!

All Saints' Church, Wraxall on Friday 2nd February at 6.30pm and Saturday 3rd February at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

Tickets are £5 for adults & £3 for children (16 & under) and are available from John Brown's Hardware, All Saints Church, Wraxall Primary School & Failand Post Office.

Come along and enjoy a fun evening, you know you want to - oh yes you do!

Dear Parents/Carers,

If I ask you nicely and promise to write really lovely things in your children's reports, you would not mind if I closed the school for another week would you? We are seven days into a new term and I am already pooped. I am not sure that I am going to make it to half term.

Reception have been working on all sorts this week but have been paying particular attention to their new topic: 'Winter'. Not only have some seriously cute cotton wool polar bears been stuck together and Northern Lights painted but the writing they have penned has been exceptional. Just listen to these couple of lines:

'I can see a robin and I wear a hat and a scarf.' Sienna

'I can see icicles and a robin' Zachery

'I can see trees and holly and icicles.' Ruby

It is always worth reflecting on the fact that these guys are only four or five years old and some of them are already using conjunctions, such as 'and', to extend their sentences. If they could just have a word with Year 5/6, I would be very grateful.

Just to continue the 'Winter' and 'Writing' theme, Year 1/2 have been really concentrating on developing their understanding of the coldest season of the year and applying this knowledge to pen non-chronological reports. Waltzing into their lesson earlier this week, I was seriously impressed to hear them discussing why animals hibernate and the difference between evergreen and deciduous (had to look the spelling up for that one) trees. Once again, I feel compelled to mention that the majority of children in this class are five or six years old. When I was their age, I could barely spell my own name (and even that is only three letters long), let alone write in paragraphs and use suitable sub headings .

Year 3/4 have really hit the ground running and are already up to ramming speed as far as their writing is concerned. To illustrate the point, I was going to share with you some of their work on complex sentences which has been absolutely first rate. HOWEVER, we received a delivery of eggs yesterday and this can mean only one thing: chick time! As many of you will know, each year, Year 3/4 take charge of a consignment of eggs, watching over them until the baby chicks are born. It is an absolutely magical experience with the children becoming incredibly maternal/paternal towards them. On a personal level, I adore this time as it allows me to dust down my chicken/carnivore based comedy material and thoroughly upset Miss Madge. This is going to be so eggciting; I shall be running around like a headless chicken. (Thank you very much, I'm here all week).

Over the next 5 weeks, Year 5/6 (and 1/2 for that matter) have the fantastic opportunity to work with an FA coach to help develop their footballing skills. In their first session, they particularly concentrated on finding space when attacking, not **KEEPING THE BALL FOR A RIDICULOUS AMOUNT OF TIME AND NEVER PASSING TO ANOTHER LIVING SOLE. EVER!** They had a great time and received a level of coaching that is simply beyond our level of expertise. I am genuinely intrigued to see how they develop over the next four weeks. Actually, I can feel an inter house football competition coming on.

This time our Stars of the Week are Leila D in Reception, Phoebe W & Ethan P in Year 1/2, Holly C and Harvey H in Year 3/4 and Ben B & Helena C in Year 5/6. Very well done chaps. Dragons was the house with the highest number of conduct and work marks. Bronze star badges were awarded to Will R, Harrison P, Joe S, Leila D, Thomas L, Wilf S, Jess P and Christopher I whilst Poppy P and Scarlet S were awarded their Gold star badge.

Have a lovely weekend. Play safely and take care. Edit: I have literally just found out that both Mrs T's and my little girl's schools are closed tomorrow due to parasites in the water supply... I am not crying, there's just a little bit of dust in my eye.