

Dear Parents/Carers,

By Wraxall standards, this has been a relatively quiet week. I mean, yes, we lost a couple of Reception children in the high winds (please do not worry, we have a few leads on where they might be) and Beth was up to her usual tricks... but more of that later.

Thank you so much to all the grandparents who were able to make it on Tuesday and spend some time in their grandchildren's classes, helping them to produce their festive art work. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as our children loved having you. There were times when a couple of granddads were getting a bit unruly and I did have to reprimand one granny for staring out of the window and not following instructions. If we can iron out these kinks, I would love this to be an annual occurrence. If you would like to buy your children's masterpieces, they will be on sale at the Christmas fete.

On Thursday, Year 3/4 and 5/6 had the wonderful experience of watching Romeo and Juliet performed by The Young Shakespeare Company. It was simply superb. They did not dumb down the language or reduce it to a half hour of highlights. Instead, every now and then they would pause the action and explain some of the finer details and ask the children questions so that they had to really consider the motivations of the characters. The performance was absolutely stunning and when you looked at the children's faces, you could just tell that they were just living every moment of the story. A lovely touch was including some of the children in minor roles and getting them to take part in the fancy dress party or lay roses on the bodies of the 'star crossed lovers'. I say a 'lovely touch' but I am starting to have my doubts. Oli is now refusing to drink tap water; insisting that stars only quaff Evian, while Eva was last seen flouncing out of Year 5/6 shouting: 'If you want my homework, you'll have to speak to my agent.'

Many of you have kindly commented on the glorious sign which now adorns the entrance to the playground celebrating our Ofsted success. However, getting said sign was not all plain sailing. Far from it. While I has asked for something traditional, along the lines of 'Well done Wraxall, Good with Outstanding features', our school bursar was more keen on 'Beth for Prime Minister.' As you can imagine, this went on for several days. Every time I tried to steer us towards something vaguely sensible, I would find that it had been corrupted. Initially, I was irritated by 'Beth has led us to Good with Outstanding features' but I really drew the line at 'I am the boss and Mr Tucker does everything I say.' It was not funny and it was not grown up. Thus, with regret, I have had to let Beth go, again, and would like wish her all the best in her new career as... Prime Minister.

This time, our Stars of the Week are Samuel in Reception, Frankie & Jo in Year 1/2, Zoe V & Marlowe in Year 3/4 and Rebecca & Flynn in Year 5/6. Well done guys, you have shone particularly brightly. The house with the highest number of conduct marks was Phoenix and the most work marks was Griffins. I am delighted to say that Ollie R-M received his silver badge, Frankie his Gold and Ruby & Georgia their Platinum.

Our book review this week comes from Isabelle this week and is on Billionaire Boy, by David Walliams. 'Billionaire boy is a lovely children's book. It is about a boy called Joe. He and his dad are billionaires. He has all the gadgets and everything money can buy but the one thing he hasn't got is a friend. This is a story about Joe's struggle to find a friend by joining a public school. There's laughter and jokes with a happy ending. I would recommend this book.'

Normally I would sign off now and look forward to seeing you on Monday. This time, I hope this is not the case as you will be joining us at Failand Village Hall for our Christmas Fete. Doors open at

11:00 and we would love to see you and anyone you can shanghai into coming with you. Father Christmas will be there as well as some seriously good stalls. I hope to see ~~you~~ ~~money~~ you there tomorrow.

Have a lovely weekend, play safely and take care,

Mr Tucker

Year 1 & 2 Parents

Just a reminder that if you have given your consent then your child will be having their flu vaccination on Wednesday 25th November.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with our Poppy appeal. We raised £58.48 and have received a letter of thanks from The Royal British Legion.

Children in Need

Thanks to all of you who supported our efforts to raise money for Children in Need last week. We raised £88.30.

School Meal Promotion

Throughout the week of 23rd-27th November Edwards & Ward will be marking two plates with a sticker every lunchtime. Any student who finds the 'Eds' sticker on their plate will be entered into a draw. At the end of the week Edwards and Ward will have collected the names of ten children. One winner will be drawn from these names and that student will win a Family Cinema Ticket. The draw will take place on Friday 4th December.

The 9 remaining names will be entered in to a Grand draw to win £300 of Curry's vouchers. The draw will take place on Friday 11th December 2015. (flyer attached)

Music Lessons

If your child is in year 3 or above and would like to start learning a musical instrument in January then Monday morning is your last chance to let us know as we will be placing our order for next term's Music lesson provision that day.

Christmas days with Premier Sport

Please see attached flyer for details of activity days that premier sport have organised for the first week of the holidays.

Church News

Saturday 28th November 10:30 - 14:00 - Wraxall Church Christmas Fayre, Cross Tree Centre

A variety of stalls including light lunches & refreshments, free admission.

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.