

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a rather pointed conversation with Mrs T, I have decided/been told to 'give you the week off' and make the newsletter something that can be read in one sitting and without the support of Nurofen.

I have to start this week with our dancers, the Wraxall Rockers and their performance at Weston Playhouse on Tuesday evening. Each year, there is a celebration of dance with many of the schools in North Somerset taking part. This culminates in a week of performances at one of our local theatres. Our disco divas came together before Christmas to commit to this project and to start undertaking rehearsals in earnest. They had to perform two routines, one along the theme of North Somerset Rocks and the other being a free dance of their own choosing. All the schools that performed were excellent. However, our ladies absolutely nailed it! I know I'm biased but there is no doubt that they were one of the best acts in the whole show. We may have had the youngest children there and they were certainly the smallest group yet they blew us away. Killer moves, cartwheels, breakdancing, some very deep shoulder action and everybody in time meant that they brought the house down. Unfortunately, Mrs H disgraced herself by screaming her head off and demanding an encore. We were all so proud of them and it is the sort of experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Many thanks to the mums who accompanied our children and a huge 'Thank you' must go to Sophie, their dance teacher, and Mrs Gritten who ensured the whole thing came together. We are very grateful to you all. If at all possible, we shall try and organise a rendition which you can come and see next week, just before pickup. Beth will send out a daily notice to let you know when.

It was great to see so many of you at our information sharing event last night. If you could not make it (believe me, I don't blame you, I bore myself sometimes), we talked about how Maths Ninjas are being updated (a full explanation, new tests, games to play etc will be uploaded to our website before the two week Easter holidays); the best way to make the most of Bug Club; changes to SATs (the Maths tests have altered the most and standards have risen significantly) and Learning without Limits – believing all children can succeed. If anyone would like further clarification, please do come and have a chat with me or another member of staff. We can send out slides of the presentations, if that would be helpful, but that will not be until next week now.

I have just got in from our service at All Saints, which was delightful. Just before they popped over to church, the children made their Christingles with oranges to represent the world; the red ribbon signifying the blood of Christ and the sweets for God's creation. Throughout the service, the children sang beautifully and listened attentively. So far, so good. Then it came to the whole school standing up, forming a cross and lighting their candles. 100 children, fire and a 1000 year old building: what could go wrong? Fortunately, the service went off without a hitch. Yes, I had to douse Ollie with several litres of water when his candle got 'a bit tricky' and yes, I had to shoehorn Sofia into a strait jacket to prevent her from eating all the sweets off her Christingle. Apart from that though, flawless. It was a lovely service and I am very grateful to Fran and Frances for being the driving force behind it.

This week our Stars of the Week are Freddie in Reception, Frankie H & Holly C in Year 1/2, Ben W & Holly N in Year 3/4 and Jess L & Izzy V in Year 5/6. A great way to lead into the Easter weekend. Dragons had the highest number of conduct marks, while Griffins had the most work

marks. Big congratulations to Tommy P who earned his bronze star badge, Eva Smith who earned her gold star badge, Yasmin N her platinum badge and Zoe V her emerald star badge.

As much as we love your little darlings, please do not send them to school tomorrow or on Monday. It is business as usual from Tuesday so we shall see you then.

Have a lovely extended weekend. Play safely and take care. Too early for the first BBQ of the season? What do you reckon? (Not even a whole side of A4. You have got off lightly).

Mr Tucker

Coming up next week:

Tuesday - Return to school

Wednesday - Year 5 and 6 Alcohol and Drugs Awareness Workshop

Visit from athlete, Ben Rushgrove and Sponsored Sports Event

(sponsor money to be returned to school after the two week Easter Holiday)

Thursday - Year 3 and 4 trip to Westonbirt Arboretum

Friday - Last Day of Term

Food Policy Volunteers

In the summer term we will be producing a Food Policy for the school. If you are interested in being involved in this then you would be required to attend a couple of evening meetings. Please contact the school office for more information. Many thanks Miss Madge.

Church News

Saturday 26th March 14.30 to 16:00 - Easter Messy Church, Cross Tree Centre

This is the return of our Messy Church to which all schoolchildren plus Mum, Dad, Grandma & Grandad are invited! Amongst our activities, we will be making hot cross buns, messy world art & traditional painted eggs and creating posies to decorate the Easter cross. We will also hear the story of Easter with a drink and a bun.

Sunday 27th March 10:00 - Easter Sunday Family Celebration Communion, All Saints' Wraxall Church

Come and join us celebrate the fact that Jesus is risen, which is at the heart of the Christian faith and we believe makes all the difference in the world! This is a service lasting about an hour of singing, learning and activities for all the family - from the youngest to the oldest!