



Newsletter

1st December 2017

Dates for your diary

Saturday 9th December: School Christmas Fayre 11am at Long Ashton Village Hall

Tuesday 12th December: School Christmas Lunch

All children dine together in the school hall with staff waiting on them.

Wednesday 13th December: Christmas concert in the Church 6.30pm

Teachers will be accepting children in the Crosstree centre at 6.15pm. Could we please remind you that if you are arriving before this time then your child must remain safely with you.

Monday 18th December: Class Christmas Parties.

Children are invited to dress like an elf or wear a Christmas jumper today. (Bring £1 to school for Above & Beyond)

Tuesday 19th December: School trip to Pantomime. Last day of term.

Please do not send children to school with book bags on the last day of term.

For the pantomime your child is welcome to bring one small packet of sweets and a disposable carton of drink. This, along with their coat, is all they will take with them.

Reception and Year 1 & 2 will not be back in school until approximately 1.00pm and will therefore need a packed lunch.

For Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 the coach will return to school at approximately 5.00pm and children will gather in the school hall before being dismissed on sight of their parent/carer.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday: Year 5 & 6 Christmas Extravaganza at the Colston hall. Rehearsal in the morning, performance at 7pm

Tuesday: Year 6 Icing their Christmas cakes

Wednesday: Year 3 & 4 Gemini Gym

COSTUMES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Children have been asked to bring their costumes in on Monday so that they can be checked and we can help with any problems.



Saturday 2nd December 16:00 - Christmas Film Night, Cross Tree Centre

Come along and join the Christmas Fun and popcorn!

Sunday 3rd December 10:00 - All Together In Church (ATIC) Toy Service, All Saints' Wraxall Church

We will be collecting new unwrapped toys to give to children in need in Bristol area over the Christmas period. It would be lovely to see you and every toy will find a good home.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The main thrust of this week has been twofold: enjoying our annual Grandparents' Afternoon and spending every spare minute practising Christmas Production Songs.

Grandparents' Afternoon was the brain child of our very own resident school granny, Mrs Bradford, and is now in its third year. The idea behind it is to offer the opportunity for members of our community to come inside the school, sit with their grandchildren and spend some quality time together, helping each other with a craft activity. To be honest, it is also just a lovely, fun, family thing to do and that is a good enough reason in itself.

Each year we have done this, the number of grandparents has steadily risen until we are now bulging at the seams. Coffee was drunk, biscuits nibbled and gammy hips rested as the more senior members of our community gathered in anticipation of what was to come. Taking grandparents to the various classes was the absolute highlight of the day as unbelievably excited and happy faces turned to wave as Grandma or Grandpa entered the rooms. It was a beautiful welcome and made your heart sing. In Reception, miniature Christmas trees were being constructed; Year 1/2 utilised their fine motor skills to create tree decorations; Year 3/4 merrily sewed Christmas puddings and Year 5/6 stitched together stockings which were simply adorable ('Merrily', 'adorable', 'heart sing' - I must be getting soft in my old age).

A lovely time was had by all and we shall certainly be looking forward to welcoming everyone back again next year as we repeat the dose. Apart from Eve's Grandad. Granny is very welcome but Himself, not so much. Truly, we really appreciate your support and hope you had as good a time as the children clearly did.

Singing. If there is any kind of lull in proceedings, any kind at all, children find themselves belting out a song or two before you can say, 'It's only 10 days away, what are we going to do?' It is pretty sophisticated stuff this year with rounds, harmonies and... other musical terms I do not understand. They really are giving it some gusto. What was slightly embarrassing was the fact that I clearly was not paying as much attention as the children and kept on coming in at the wrong time or singing the wrong section. It quite took me back to my own childhood. Next week we start to incorporate the soloists and begin to run through the actors' lines. It is going to be really interesting to see how it is all coming together. You will be able to tell how things are faring by the look on Mrs Brierley's face. Smiling = going great guns. Crying in a darkened room = needs a little polishing. I shall update you next Friday.

Incidentally, wombling down through Reception earlier in the week (and during Grandparents Day, now I think about it), I was confronted with the reindeer Hokey Cokey. If you think of the traditional version and add the word 'antlers', you will not be too far wrong. However, there is very little in this world that can prepare you for witnessing, 'bobtails in, bobtails out'. There are some things you just cannot unsee.

Beth here: It's been such a lovely quiet day today without Mr Tucker. I've been able to give my nails a coat of varnish, write my Christmas list and snack on the leftover biscuits from Grandparent's day. Mum's the word...

Have a fantastic weekend and wrap up warm! It's now officially time to consume mulled wine and mince pies at every opportunity! And don't forget children, it's just one window a day on the advent calendar!

Beth