



Newsletter 5

'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

Dear Parents,

We have had another couple of busy weeks in school and are now preparing for the Christmas events that are coming up before the end of term (please see specific details in the email sent to you earlier this week). The children are all working hard practising their songs and words, and there is a lovely buzz in the school!

Thank you to everyone who attended parent's meetings this week. I am sure you are all very proud of your children's achievements already this academic year. If you did not see your child's class teacher and would like to, please speak to them at the beginning or end of the day to book at appointment. I have also met with the teachers this week to discuss progress and attainment, and it is great to see how well the children are doing and how well they have settled into their new year groups.

I look forward to seeing you at our Nativity play and/or Christmas Service over the coming weeks. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or queries regarding these events.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Charlotte Hall

Headteacher's Awards

I have been delighted to give a Headteacher's award to Destiny (year 1) for her fantastic writing!



Christian Value

Our Christian Value this half term is Compassion. The children are continuing to explore this value in class and through daily worship.



Data Changes & Attendance

To ensure that the school always has the most up to date contact telephone numbers, email addresses and medical/allergy details for your child/children, please remember to always inform the school office with any changes you may have. Many thanks.



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PFA

The Christmas shopping event was a huge success this year, with such a wonderful festive atmosphere, the village hall was transformed into a Winter Wonderland! As always there was a huge array of lovely local arts and crafts to help get Christmas shopping underway. Gail's bric-a-brac stall was brimming with some great quality second hand goods, such a lovely idea for sustainable Christmas prezzies! The tombola was a huge success as always, well done Jenny, there were lots of happy customers going home loaded up with chocolate and wine to help get the Christmas celebrations underway! This year saw a lovely new addition of a Christmas craft stall run by Ella with Santa's sleigh for the children and some lovely creative Christmas craft ideas for children to take home and make. There was a delicious array of Christmassy cakes, mince pies and of course the delicious mulled wine, helping to get everybody in the festive spirit! I think we would all agree that this year's bumper raffle was the best yet, with some wonderful raffle prizes donated by very generous parents and local businesses; a huge thank you for your amazing donations! Thank you, Rachel, for your help with organising the raffle this year. Well done to all involved in this year's Christmas Shopping Evening, in particular Sophie King and Cat Thorneycroft who took such great care to organise the event weeks in advance, looking after the stall holders, decorating the hall, planning the volunteer rota, as well as working tirelessly on the day to decorate and clear up at the end! The event made a whopping £1777! It would not have been possible without all of the volunteers from bakers, to people helping with decorations, raffle, tombola, kitchen, PFA stalls and clear up at the end! Of course, a special mention goes to all of the talented stall holders and parents and friends who came along, we hope to see you all again next year.

Slay the Dragon running race will be the next big fundraising event, due to take place in March next year. The sub-committee are looking for more volunteers to help with every aspect of organising the event, as some of the previous key organisers have stepped down. We all owe an enormous thank you to Jason Brown who is stepping down after a number of years taking the lead in running Slay the Dragon. Thank you, Jason, for the time and effort you have put in over the years! This is a huge event and takes months of skilful planning, raising thousands of pounds in funds for the school. If you are interested in helping in any way please either let the school know or speak to Rachel Plant, Sarah Smith or Rosie Derryman.

In other news, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held last week and some new members of the committee have been elected. Thank you to those of you who nominated me to be the new Chair Person, I am grateful to have this exciting new position. Gail has very kindly volunteered to be Vice Chair, which is very much appreciated, it is lovely to have some support in this role. Cat Thorneycroft is interim Secretary, thank you Cat for stepping in, it is hoped that a full-time Secretary will be elected at the next meeting; we have a potential candidate currently considering this role. Rosie Derryman will remain in post, continuing the fantastic work she is doing as the Treasurer and Cat Thorneycroft is still the Safeguarding lead, many thanks Cat! The committee has been buoyed by the renewed support from lots of new parents, we are so grateful for this, it makes such a difference to have more happy volunteers to help, brimming with motivation and new and exciting ideas! The next PFA Meeting will be on 10th January 2023 @ 6pm at School, again this will be an EGM in order to elect a new Secretary.

Many thanks and we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.
Best wishes, Poppy Kennedy



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Reindeer Food

Don't forget to get your magic Reindeer food for Christmas Eve, we will be selling some little bags after school on Thursday the 15th of December. All proceeds go to the school, so please bring your pennies.

Emma & Carol - PFA



Rugby Festival

A group of ten year 5 and 6 children took part in a Rugby Festival at Wadham school last Friday. Chard Rugby Club supported them in their training. They had a great time and were amazing!



Safeguarding

If you are worried about the safety of any child, then please speak to one of the following members of staff:

Mrs Charlotte Hall, Designated Safeguarding Lead, **Mr James Batchelor**, Deputy Safeguarding Lead or **Mrs Sarah McEvansoneya**, Governor responsible for Safeguarding.



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Christingle

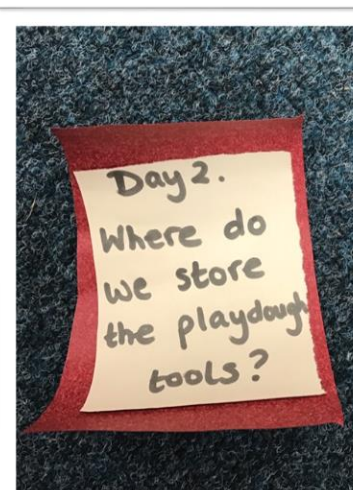
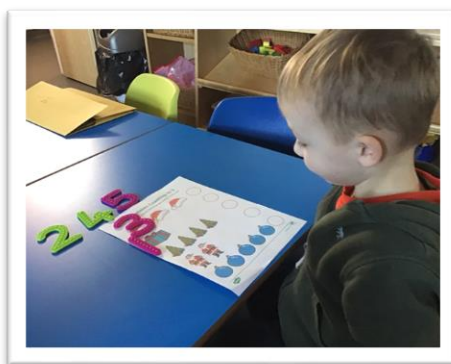
On Tuesday we had our annual Christingle Service in St George's church. The children all made a Christingle and sang 'Hope of Heaven' while their candles were lit. It was a beautiful service. Sadly, we don't have any shots from the church but here are three of our children showing off some of the Christingles that were made.



St George's Pre-School

We've been very busy at Pre-School over the last few weeks, we've been keeping warm in our puddle suits and learning what different terms mean, like "wide" and "narrow", by using our whole bodies to demonstrate it.

We've been enjoying some festive activities and we've also got an advent calendar with a difference, where the children have to solve the clue to find the treats. They have thoroughly enjoyed this so far!





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Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th December at 8.45am - Put stage up in church - **Volunteers needed please**

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch at the Village Hall

Thursday 8th December at 10.30am - Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal in the Church - Pre-School parents are welcome

Thursday 8th December at 6pm - Nativity Play in the Church

Friday 9th December at 8.45am - Outcome Morning

Monday 12th December - Whole School Pantomime trip to Bristol Hippodrome (returning at approximately 5.45pm)

Wednesday 14th December at 6pm - Key Stage Two Christmas Service in the Church

Friday 16th December - LAST DAY OF TERM

RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023

Please note, reading sessions will continue every Friday from 8.30am