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## **No 14 Newsletter**

Dear Parents & Carers

### **Performance Tables**

Yesterday the national school performance tables were released and these are always interesting to view. The tables show attainment (standards reached) and progress made from Year 2 to Year 6. These can be viewed by following the link : <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/>

### **Behaviour Letters**

147 good Behaviour letters have been awarded to those children whose behaviour has been excellent throughout the term, both in class and break times. Congratulations to all that received one.

R: 26 pupils had a letter, Y1: 18, Y2:22, Y3:20, Y4:18, Y5: 21 & Y6: 22.

### **Prickly Hay**

Well done to all the children that took part in the nativity Prickly Hay. All the children worked really hard and enjoyed performing to parents during the three shows. Thanks to all the parents who supported the children by providing costumes and watching the performances.

The collections after the performances raised £160! As you know our chosen charity this year is STAR, 'Star – Somerset Trust for Arts & Recreation' This charity is for Somerset children designated as in need. Their aim is to provide opportunities through music, sport, art and recreation to young people aged 5-25 who are most disadvantaged.



## **Bazaar**

Thanks to everyone that supported PAFOTS by coming along to the Bazaar last Friday. They raised £273.70 from selling the lovely craft items made by the children. All the money raised by PAFOTS helps provide the school with those extra things we cannot afford with our budget.

## **Arrival At School**

A member of staff is on duty in the KS2 playground only from 8.40am, children must not be left unattended before that time. If you wish to leave children earlier in the morning they will need to be booked into Breakfast club via parentpay @£4 per session. (We are unable to offer part payment of sessions). Parents of children in Reception with older siblings are to arrive at the lower playground first and leave children at 8.45am in the line-up. There is then 5 mins to get to the Reception playground for 8.50pm. This will ensure that everyone is at school on time. Only children that are in Reception Class will be allowed to enter via the reception class door. Any children that come into school via the office will be signed in as late which shows on your child's attendance record.

## **Safe & Considerate Parking**

School lane is very congested at school drop off and pick up times. In order to keep our children safe I would like to encourage more parents to park safely and to use the safe walks to school through the playing fields. There are various paths through the park that lead directly to the rear of the school. Please try to plan your journey a little earlier to use these safe routes and do remember to park considerately if parking near driveways. Thank you.

## **Christmas Stamps**

Christmas Stamps sold by Y4 have raised £12.23 for STAR so far. Monday will be the last day that stamps will be sold, to allow time for the post to be delivered before we break up.

## **Clubs**

All clubs and music lessons have finished this week with the exception of Breakfast Club & Stay and Play. The Spring term club list will be issued next week along with the calendar.

## **Class Parties**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December children will have their class parties. Children are to bring in a festive snack & party clothes to change into for the afternoon. Full uniform is needed for the morning.

## **Last Day of Term:**

Christmas Jumper Day: On the 21<sup>st</sup> December we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Children may wear a festive jumper with their school uniform upon payment of £1 for the charity.

Hot Lunches: Reminder that all children will need a packed lunch on Thursday.

KS1 Fruit: Please send in extra fruit for your children next week for snack, as we have had our last delivery this term.

Carols Around The Tree: At 2.15pm KS2 will be singing carols around the tree, parents and friends are welcome to attend and PAFOTS will be providing refreshments! We will also be collecting for our chosen charity STAR.

## **Disco**

Don't forget it's the KS2 Disco this evening: 6.30-8pm. Permission slips have been sent home today.

## Mr Clarke's Retirement

As you know Mr Clarke is leaving at the end of term and I write to remind parents what we have planned! **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TOP SECRET AND NOT TO BE SHARED WITH MR CLARKE!**

## Steve's Special Day

The school will be saying goodbye to Mr Clarke on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We are holding special day for him as he retires from Tatworth and to celebrate his love of sports, we are holding a sports activity day. PE Kits will be sent home on the Tuesday afternoon and children are asked to come to school dressed in non-uniform but in warm sports clothing, joggers, leggings etc. They will also need a lightweight waterproof to wear outside and their normal bigger coat would be useful too as well as trainers and wellies, and an extra drink. Children will only need one snack as we are due to have a longer more substantial break rather than two separate breaks that day.

We would also like to encourage everyone to travel to school in a sporty way, on a scooter, running, walking, riding a bike etc. The day will be a whole school mix up! (with all classes mixed up together). Sessions will be spilt into half hour slots to introduce the children to a wider range of sporting activities, such as welly walks, orienteering, netball, football, table tennis, parachute games and dancing to name a few.

## Leaving Collection for Mr Clarke

We are also collection donations for Mr Clarke's leaving gift, which will also have a sporty theme! Parents who may wish to make a donation can do so via parentpay.

## Christmas Tree Festival

This year, Tatworth School were invited to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St John The Evangelist Church. All of the children in Y1 and Y4 made decorations in the shape of trees or stars, and a small group of children went along to the church this week to decorate our Tatworth School tree. The completed tree looks lovely and will be on display alongside the other trees that have been decorated by different village groups. The Festival is open every day from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 4pm, so please do go along to admire our tree! We will also be uploading a video to the website very soon .....



## Choir's Christmas Visit



On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December we went on a choir trip to Kent's Lane care home. We sang a selection of Christmas songs and carols. The people there LOVED the songs we sang and we enjoyed it too! At the end, the old folks sang 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' because of all our hard work, and gave us

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tasty treats and a Christmas present! Miss Morton thinks we did a brilliant job and they hope we come back next year. By Katie and Olivia.

### Inter House Cross Country

On Wednesday we had Y5/6 inter house cross country. Stonham were 1<sup>st</sup>, Langdon 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joslin 3<sup>rd</sup> & Brewer 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all who took part.



On Thursday Y3/4 had their turn, Brewer were 1<sup>st</sup>, Stonham 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joslin 3<sup>rd</sup> and Langton 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done!

In the first week after the holiday we will trial for the Holyrood Cross Country, which is taking place the following week. (Early warning that we will need parents to help with transport).

### Christingle Service

A flyer is attached from St John's Church about their Christingle Service and activities on Christmas Eve. Christingle charity pots from the church were also sent home with interested children today.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Hart  
Headteacher

### December

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

2pm: Class Parties, bring a festive snack and party clothes

Last day of term

No hot meals / Parents to provide packed lunches

Xmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to Save the Children).

2.15pm: Carols around the Tree

### PAFOTS EVENTS

Cake Days:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30pm: KS2 Disco

Last Friday in each month/term: 10p for a cake, please also make/bring cakes for children to sell!