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NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Dear Parents,

A bumper pre-Christmas newsletter!

Thank you to everybody for their efforts with Children in Need last Friday, it really was a truly spotty (and stripy!) day. The School Council did a great job of making and selling spotty cookies and running a 'Pin the Patch on Pudsey competition'. They have counted up the money and £169.40 was the total raised, fantastic!



FOLS ~ from Kate



Thank you to everyone for all the offers of help for the Christmas Fair (next Friday). We are looking forward to another great Landscape event which as well as being great fun for the children and adults we hope will also raise good funds for FOLS. Don't forget mufti and whatever donation has been asked for your child's year group.

Please sell as many raffle tickets as you can and return slips and money to Paula as soon as possible. We have some great prizes on offer.

Father Christmas will be joining us at 3:00pm for a grand opening of the fabulous new Play Trail~ please join us as Father Christmas cuts the ribbon!

Please collect your children from their teacher on Friday before the fair.

Classes 3 & 4 children will be in church and will remain there for collection, and Classes 1 & 2 will be in Class 2 for the afternoon. It is vital that staff can hand children to an adult. We will not allow children to wander around the fair if an adult has not arrived to pick them up. We need to be mindful of safeguarding our children who could potentially walk off site during the festive fun. Thank you for your support with this.

Together we can reach new heights

NATIVITY COSTUMES

Last year we started a collection of donated nativity costumes to encourage them to be reused and reduce waste, as well as to save parents time and money. Here are the costumes we have so far – thank you to all who donated last year!

Let me know if you would like to borrow one for your child for the school nativities.

You can find me in the playground; I am mum to Isaac (year 4) and Eleanor (year 1) or email me on ashburtonfrench@gmail.com

Ages are approximate so please try them even if your child is younger or older!

- sheep costume (home-made) 7-8 years
- sheep costume 4-5 years
- cow costume (home-made) 4-5 years
- Angel Dress (no wings) labelled 6-7 years
- Angel dress with wings 7-8 years (brand new)
- Angel dress (no wings), sparkly tights, 3-5 years
- Full shepherd costume with crook, headdress (and sheep!) 5-6 years (new)
- Crimson and gold king costume and crown 9-10 years
- Blue and Brown tunic (shepherd? Joseph?) Small 4-5 years?

If you would like to donate any costumes after this year's nativities, please pass them to me and I will store them and lend them out in future years. Thanks!

Anna Hattersley (with the help of Isaac and Eleanor)

SCHOOL VALUES

We have just completed our two week focus on the value of Responsibility. We were especially proud of our Eco Council and School Council and how they have carried out their roles of responsibility during this time.

WILD WOODLAND LEARNING

The Eco Council (and key staff) have been working with Josie Wright to look at rebranding our version of Forest School as we are aware that we take a rather broader look at learning beyond the classroom than the title forest school might suggest. There are many different types of outdoor learning, all of which provide fantastic cross curricular learning experiences for children. Some examples we aim to use are:

- Environmental education
- Field studies, including map work
- Bushcraft ~ including den making, use of tools, and fire building
- Outdoor cooking
- Gardening & horticulture
- Conservation exploration
- Crafting and art from natural materials
- Adventurous activities

In order to be open to all these areas (and more we've probably not yet discovered!) the children have worked with Josie to rename our version of forest school as Wild Woodland Learning enabling us to encompass the different philosophies into our bespoke Landscove approach. This also dovetails into our 5 Star Pledge, where we



aim to offer enriching and memorable experiences and activities. We look forward to continuing to build our repertoire of exciting experiences.



ANRAN CHRISTMAS MAKERS AND FOOD FAIR

Our neighbours down at Tidwell farm have asked us to make you aware of their Artisans Christmas Fair on 16th & 17th Dec 10am-5pm ~ it sounds like a fun day out! We hope to be working closely with them in the future as they would like to support both the village and our school.

“We hope you will join us for this magical Christmas event where you are sure to find the perfect handcrafted Christmas gift and indulge in family fun festivities.”

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Designated Safeguarding Lead Officer for Landscope is Mrs Ryder
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers are Mrs Jessep and Miss Pooler.
If you are concerned about a child in our school please speak to one of us.

Attendance:

If your child is unable to come to school for any reason, please ring the office to let us know by 9am. Thank you.

Attendance: 13 th – 22 nd November 2017		Number of sessions missed per class: (session = a whole morning or afternoon)
Whole school	96.0 %	55
Class 1	89.29 %	12
Class 2	95.19 %	20
Class 3	94.25 %	23
Class 4	100 %	-
Well done to Class 4!!! AMAZING 😊		

CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Wednesday 13th December Riverford are serving our Christmas Dinner. The menu is:

- Roast Turkey, Pigs In Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy with a vegetarian option of Cauliflower Cheese with Parsnip Crisps served with Roast Potatoes and Vegetables.
- Dessert will be Chocolate Yule Log



If your child normally has school dinners on a Wednesday then you need not do anything. However if your child would normally have a packed lunch on this day but would like to order a Christmas Dinner please let Mrs Jessep know by Friday 1st December so we can let Riverford have a pre-order.

On Thursday 14th December we will be serving Jacket Potato with beans and cheese.

ARTWORK

Thanks to the Cartmell family for providing a public space to show off Class 4's fabulous art work. Do keep an eye out for our William Morris style prints if you're visiting Ashburton Surgery!

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



MON 4TH DRESS REHEARSAL DAY – KS2 2PM

If you have any additional things to add to the costume or prop dept please make sure that it is in school today. If you are unable to make the evening performances please feel free to attend the dress rehearsal.

TUE 5TH DRESS REHEARSAL DAY – KS1 2PM

As mentioned above, if you have any additional things to add to the costume or prop dept please make sure that it is in school today. If you are unable to make the performance on Wednesday please feel free to attend the dress rehearsal.

TUE 5TH: KS2 PERFORMANCE “WITNESSES” 1 FOR CLASS 3 FAMILIES & PARENTS 6:00PM

The idea is to avoid too much of a crush on either day so we invite parents of children in Class 3 to try to attend this one along with any other guests who may wish to attend. Please try to comply but if your circumstances make this impossible don't worry. Could you deliver the children to classrooms 3 and 4 at 5:30 & then take your places in Church. If you are not attending this performance please return to collect your child at 6:50ish from the church. Parking can be a bit difficult so it might be a good idea to bring a torch and be prepared to park further away than normal. Take particular care not to stick out into the road too far because tractors with massive trailers continue to use the roads long after the sun has gone down! This advice should be followed when attending for any of our festive events. Please be aware that if you have younger children in the audience we would ask that they are as quiet as possible~ it can be very distracting and disappointing for our performers to have their moment lost to noise from the audience.

WED 6TH: KS1 CHRISTMAS NATIVITY – 2:00PM IN CHURCH

This is bound to be brilliant as usual. Definitely an “Aaahhhh factor 10” occasion! Don't forget the camera. Please be aware that, the younger the children, the smaller the voices so be prepared to use all your best tricks to keep any pre-school children as quiet as possible during the performances. It can be very distracting for everyone if little ones are allowed to run about and spoil the big moment for others.

WED 6TH KS2 PERFORMANCE OF “WITNESSES” 2, FOR CLASS 4 FAMILIES & PARENTS 6:00PM

Please follow the guidance as in Performance 1.

THURS 7TH KS2 will be visiting Buckfast Abbey for an afternoon of workshops based on The Astronomers Tale; this will include decoration making and time to explore the Abbey. Look out for a letter coming your way soon.

TUES 12th CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY Classes 3 and 4

Details to follow nearer the time (when the teachers have finalised their plans!).

WED 13th CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

THURS 14TH: CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY Classes 1 and 2

Details to follow nearer the time (when the teachers have finalised their plans!).

FRI 15 TH: END OF TERM CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE IN ST MATTHEW'S

We will be firing up the church organ once more for a 1.45 start. The service will end by 2:30 ready for our traditional early finish for the end of term. Join us if you can – but be prepared for a bit of a squash and also be ready to join in! So make sure that you bring your best singing voices with you!

That's all for now! I hope everyone enjoys the Christmas festivities on offer in the next few weeks.

Jill Ryder