

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2nd December 2022

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and the Christmas elves have been very busy in school making the classrooms look so Christmassy. It's such a joy to be walking around the school seeing all of the lovely Christmas trees, Christmas lights and decorations filling up the school. We are also in the swing of Christmas with our KS1 Nativity practice, our Abbey Carol Service practice and our end of KS2 celebration practice. It's so true when they say that children bring the magic of Christmas to everyone and, at the moment, it feels like Christmas everyday at C of E!



We'd like to say a big thank you to the PTFA who have funded the lovely Christmas tree that is taking pride of place in the school hall. Thank you also to Miss Davis, Miss Cheal and Mr James who stayed late into the night to decorate it and also to Stephen Walker for the official light switch on. It's fair to say that the children were very excited when they saw the tree in all of its glory. It was also great to see the outdoor tree getting decorated by all of the children today. Thank you to everyone who brought in a bauble from home to help to decorate it. Don't worry if your child didn't have a bauble, we had enough in school for everyone to have one!

Abbey Carol Service

The children have been busy practising for our Tewkesbury Abbey Carol Service and I must say, they are sounding amazing. **The service will be on Friday 9th December at 2pm** and we can't wait to see you all there. Just a reminder that at the end of the service, you will be able to take your child home. If you cannot make the service, we will walk your child back to school where you will be able to pick them up at the usual time.

Girls' County Cup finals



Yesterday, C of E took part in the Girls County Football finals which saw 8 determined and dedicated girls don their football boots and tackle not only opposing players but also the bitter elements. The conditions were poor with the temperature reaching highs of only 3 degrees! However, this didn't put the girls off playing some spectacular football. It was a tough night with injuries and powerful incoming shots flying our way. We were up against the best football teams Cheltenham, Gloucester, Dursley, Cotswolds, South Glos, Wootton and The Forest of Dean could muster. After some tough, hard fought matches, C of E came away 7th which is the 2nd best result we have ever seen! All of the girls should be immensely proud of what they have achieved and remember to hold their heads up high as they have allowed C of E to place in the top 10 county football teams for the past 4 years! 7th in the county is an incredible achievement! Well done to all those who took part and good luck to the Year 5s who will be able to take another shot at goal next year!

We'd like to say a big thank you to Mr Stagg and Mrs Theyer-McMahon who battled the cold to support the girls in the competition.

This week's focus

This week we have been following the wise words of Gandhi and asking everyone in the school to make a positive change in their lives. It has been great to hear how lots of them have achieved this by trying new things, playing with new children and doing kind acts for each other.



Our R.E.A.L Curriculum

Please enjoy these images of the children during our R.E.A.L curriculum sessions. This week we have seen artists, musicians, designers, Tailors & seamstresses, Geographers and many more. It's fair to say that the children have had a wonderful time experiencing all of these exciting activities.



Jilly Rogers' Christmas Adventure

A quick reminder that Tewkesbury Baptist church has kindly invited all of the children to watch 'Jilly Rogers' Christmas Adventure' on Thursday 8th December. There will be a KS1 showing at 10am and a KS2 showing at 1:30pm. Although the show is free for the children, If you would like to give a voluntary donation to support the church, that would be fantastic, we will be taking donations on Thursday 8th December, so please ask your child to bring in any spare coins that you have to school.

A quick message from the PTFA

Don't forget tonight is our Christmas Shopping Night tonight and we hope to see lots of you there. A huge thank you goes out to the PTFA for all of your hard work over the past few weeks to plan, set up and deliver all of these brilliant events!



School Disco

Both the KS1 and KS2 Christmas Disco's were a huge success, seeing the children dance the night away was a huge joy. We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Disco, but in particular Miss Davis, Miss Cheal and the PTFA for all of your hard work in making it a success.

Open Days

It was fantastic to see so many families join us for our open day events over the past few weeks. Although we have no more formal dates planned, if you have a child starting school in September (or you know someone who has) then please feel free to contact the school office to book in a time as we are more than happy to show you around our wonderful school, so you can see for yourself why this is the right place for your child to shine.

Opal Play

Just a quick reminder to say that as the weather is changing, please can the children bring in their coats and outdoor shoes/wellington boots, to allow them to access the outdoor areas at break time and lunchtime.

Inset Days

A quick reminder that we have the last of our two inset days for the academic year 22/23 coming up. These are Tuesday 3rd January and Wednesday 4th January 2023. Children will return to school on Thursday 5th January 2023.

Next week's diary

Day	The School Day	After School Activities			Lunch Menu
		Last Week of Clubs			Week 1
Monday		Football Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Table Tennis Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Christmas Crafts (Y5 & Y6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chicken Goujons Quorn Dippers
Tuesday	Ruby & Emerald Class visit to The Library	Choir Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Harry Potter Club (Y3, 4 & 5) 3.15 - 4.15pm		Sausages Veggie Burger
Wednesday		Tag Rugby Club (Y3, 4 & 5) 3.15 - 4.15pm			Roast Chicken Quorn Sausage
Thursday	Jilly Rogers' Christmas Adventure Tewkesbury Baptist Church KS1 10.00am KS2 1.30pm PTFA Christmas Film Night 4pm - 6pm	Drama Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm			Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato
Friday	Abbey Christmas Carol Service 2.00pm	Lego Club (Y1 & 2) 3.15 - 4.00pm			Star Fish Vegetable Ravioli

Other Key dates

Friday 2nd December - Christmas Shopping Night (PTFA event)

Thursday 8th December - Jilly Rogers Christmas Adventure

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Film night (PTFA event)

Friday 9th December - Abbey Carol Service (2pm)

Monday 12th December - KS1 Nativity (open to parents) at 9:30am

Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Grotto (PTFA Event)

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 15th December - KS2 Celebration Assembly (open to parents) at 2pm