

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th December 2022

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

From Nativity dress rehearsals and Abbey services to Christmas film nights and KS2 celebrations, Christmas is now in full swing and I can tell you that the children are absolutely buzzing with Christmas cheer. One of the things I love most about Christmas is creating those memorable traditions, which is why it feels so good to be able to do all the things that we used to do at this time of year. The KS1 children (and staff) have worked really hard getting the Nativity ready to go and I know that those of you who are coming to join us will be really proud of what you see. Equally, being back at the Abbey has been lovely and it was great to see the children singing their songs and all of our readers saying their verses so eloquently. It was also great to see the children all cosy with their blankets, pillows and teddies, while they watched a Christmas film at our PTFA event. If they don't feel Christmassy after this, then they never will!



Abbey Carol Service

We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Abbey service, as usual our children (and yourselves) were in fine voice. We'd also like to thank the Abbey for hosting us in this beautiful setting and also Mr Stanton who organised the event and also to Mrs Sweeting for organising the nativity scene and the choir.

KS1 Nativity

Don't forget the KS1 Nativity will be held on Monday 12th December at 9:30am. Doors will open at 9:10am, so please get yourself in at a good time ready for a prompt start. As mentioned earlier, the children and staff have done a fabulous job putting it together and they can't wait to share it with you all.

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

On Wednesday 14th December we will be having our delicious Christmas dinner whilst wearing our festive Christmas jumpers. Orders for the Christmas dinner have now been taken, but even if your child is having a packed lunch, they will still join us in the hall for Christmas crackers (supplied by the PTFA) and Christmas songs.

KS2 Celebration Assembly

KS2 have their celebration assembly on Thursday 15th December at 2pm and it would be great if you could join us for that (doors will open at 1:45pm). During the assembly, the children will get a chance to showcase some of the amazing work and experiences that they have taken part in throughout the term. It'll also give them an opportunity to showcase some of their beautiful singing with a few festive songs. The assembly is set to finish by 3pm to allow a normal pick up.

OPAL Play

Whilst the weather has changed and the cold frost has hit, it's reminded us of another joy of our OPAL play and that is allowing the children to interact with the changes in the seasons. This week they've loved looking for pieces of ice in the tyres, moonwalking along the frozen stage and exploring the glistening field. It helps that we are lucky enough to have such wonderful grounds here at C of E, as you can see from the images.



Reception visit the library

Our Reception children enjoyed their first visit to the library to find out about how the library works, what you can do there and the different activities they have on offer. They then explored the different books, took part in a craft activity to make a glowing candle and also had fun doing some Christmas art activities. They finished the library visit with a cosy Christmas story by the tree. On their way back to school they posted their letters to Father Christmas in the post box. It was a really lovely trip and the children were beautifully behaved, enjoying every moment.



Preschool

Preschool has had a cheeky little visitor this week. After the children have gone home for the day, the cheeky elf comes alive to help decorate the preschool and leave little notes for the children to enjoy when they return the next day. It does look like he's been having a lot of fun!



Monkey bars

You may have noticed a new addition to our school field this week as we now have brand new monkey bars for the children to enjoy and as you can see from the photos, they have certainly enjoyed getting to grips with them.



This week's focus

This week the children have been thinking about the importance of taking responsibility for their own actions, as this is an important part of their growth. Throughout the week, we have also talked about how mistakes can be a big learning experience.



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 All Clubs Finished until Spring Term 2023	Lunch Menu Week 2
Monday	KS1 Nativity (Parents Invited) 9.30am Start	Santa Grotto 3.30pm - 6.00pm (Children will have brought home a ticket with their allocated time)	Meatballs Dairy Free Chicken Goujons
Tuesday		Santa Grotto 3.30pm - 6.00pm (Children will have brought home a ticket with their allocated time)	Sweet & Sour Chicken Veggie Burger
Wednesday	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day		Christmas Dinner
Thursday	KS2 Celebration (Parents Invited) 2.00pm Start		Mac & Cheese Quorn Dippers
Friday	Y6 VE Day Celebration		Cod Goujons Veggie Nuggets

Other Key dates

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

Monday 12th December - Christmas Grotto (PTFA Event)

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

Tuesday 3rd January & Wednesday 4th January - INSET DAYS school closed to pupils

Thursday 5th January - Start of Spring Term