



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Well, we are now entering the run up to Christmas and all the festivities that go with this time of year. The children are busy practicing the songs and their lines for the Christmas plays. The staff are busy organizing their WOW days and the Christingle service which is taking place again this year after the Christmas lunch at St Peter's Church, Tawstock.

As mentioned previously, this year's nativity play is called "It's a Party". And you should have received a letter with the new times and booking form. Initially we have had to restrict tickets to two per family and set up a waiting list for additional tickets. If you have not yet returned your form can you please do so by Monday next week so that we can make sure that everyone gets at least two tickets and we can then allocate tickets from the reserve lists.

Today the children have looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers which they will be able to wear every Friday until the end of term. If you have forgotten to bring in your £1 donation toward the 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper appeal today we will be accepting these donations next week.

Pupils Achievements

Congratulation and well done to:

Rhys Gordon: who has gained his 25m swimming badge.

Letters sent home this week:

Christmas Play letter – **if you have not yet returned your slip requesting tickets please do so by Monday – there are only a few tickets left for the evening performance.**

Christmas Lunch letter – **must be returned by Monday 1st so we can confirm food order.**

Menu's for December.

Robin's class - Letter re costumes

Panto permission and contribution MUST be returned by next Friday so that we can confirm numbers.

E-Safety – keeping your child/children safe online

As we all know, technology is continually moving forward and often our children seem to know more about the latest app, games consoles, social media than we do as parents. There are some great online resources that can help you keep up and try to ensure that you children are as safe as possible. Here are some suggestions for you:

www.internetmatters.org This site has lots of useful information including how to set up parental controls on different devices.

www.net-aware.org.uk This site is from the NSPCC and gives detailed information about the safety of social networking and other apps that many of our children like to use. Click on an app icon to check out what you need to know including how other parents and children have rated the apps for safety and the sort of content that your child might see if they use the app.

Year 5 and 6 Tennis competition

A big well done to Charlie Pullen, Nathan Pullen, Tabitha Andrews, Honeysuckle Andrews, Freddie Tanton and Max Lewis who represented the school at a Tarka Tennis competition on Wednesday. Once again the children did brilliantly and played their socks off! Despite winning many games they were unlucky not to move further through the rounds. From Mrs. Garland's report all of the children won simply by the smiles they wore on their faces throughout all of their games.

A big thank you to: Mr. Andrews for supporting with transport to this event and to Mrs. Garland for again supervising throughout.

Year 3 & 4 Swimmers

Those children swimming at the moment need to bring shorts and t-shirts to wear in the pool next week (1st Dec). They will still need their swimming things to wear underneath them.

North Devon Cross Country League - Arlington Court

The next race in this series is on Sunday. If you would like to walk the course with Mrs. Hammond she will be doing so at 9am. Don't forget your numbers!

Foxes WOW Day

Yes parents it is coming to that time in the term where we would like to share our learning with you! Foxes have planned their day for Monday 14th December. Please join us in the hall from 1:30pm. Your child will have come home with a letter today giving further information about the afternoon and the events planned.

After school clubs - All clubs finish at 4:15pm except Recorders which finish at 4pm but if your child wishes to also do Computer Club they can leave at 3.45 to join that club.

Tag Rugby – Cancelled until further notice due to water logged field.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Cancelled until further notice

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

End of Autumn Term (Last Day) – Friday 18th December.

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5th January.

Tuesday 8th December – Christmas performance, starts at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas performance, starts at 2pm.

Thursday 10th December – Christmas performance, starts at 3.30pm

Wednesday 16th December – Whole School Pantomime, Queens Theatre.

Thursday 17th December – Christmas lunch, starts at 11.45 am.

Thursday 17th December – Christingle Service at St Peter's Church 2pm. The PTFA will be serving mine pies and teas after the service so please stay and join them.

Community News

Christmas Tree Festival

St Peter's Church Fremington

Friday Saturday & Sunday December 4th, 5th & 6th

Friday 3.30 pm until 8 pm

Saturday 11 am until 6 pm

Sunday 2 pm until 4.30 pm

Father Christmas will be in his GROTTTO on Saturday

Sunday in the Church Hall.

Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers

Bumps, babies and all preschoolers welcome

Snacks provided, Guest speakers and Messy play.

Monday from 9.30 – 11.00 at Tawstock Village Hall

For more details contact Mel:

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St Michaels Nursery Tawstock

We have vacancies at the after school club on Tuesdays and availability in our breakfast club every day. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email office@stmichaels-nursery.org