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9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our Upper School Celebration Assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Wheathill: Vinnie, Benji, Edie & Chester

Kingsbury: Joe, Josh, Iarina & Lillie-Mae

Newtown: Alanna, Melissa, Lacey & Zellah

Crackmore: Isabelle, Jacob, Freddie & Stanley

Nativity Play

The first performance of this year's nativity play took place this morning. "Everyone Loves a Baby" was a triumph and if you haven't seen it yet you are in for a treat on Monday! This year, the staff were able to choose and purchase a new production package which was funded by the Milborne Port Opera. We are very grateful to them for their generosity. Organising a play with over 70 young children is a challenge – a HUGE well done to all of the staff in the Lower School - you are all super stars! Thank you for providing the fantastic costumes.

Online Safety

Please find attached to this email a parent guide for WhatsApp, a popular messaging app.

Lost Property

There is a large amount of unnamed lost property in school. This will be placed under the shelter on the playground this afternoon. Items not claimed will be donated to the PTFA to be sold. It is crucial that you name your children's possessions.

A message from our PTFA

Thank you to everyone who donated to our rainbow raffle - photographs of the prizes will be on social media this weekend.

We continue with our Christmas theme by inviting the children to wear Christmas clothes for our MUFTI Day on Friday 16th December. Please see attached poster for further details.

Our raffle tickets were sent home on Monday - please pay via ParentPay for the tickets you wish to purchase and then send the ticket stubs and any unwanted tickets back. You have until Tuesday 13th December to purchase tickets and the draw will take place in school on Friday 16th December - winners will be announced via social media and prizes can be collected from the school hall during our Christmas extravaganza.





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Our final donation request for this term is for our cake sale, which will accompany our hot chocolate stall! Please see attached poster for further details.

Thank you for your continued support.

Holly

After School Provision

From January 9th, we will be offering provision for all pupils from Monday to Thursday and we hope to organise a session for Friday. The sessions will initially run from 3.15- 4.15pm for a 5-week trial period. Premier Sports and groups of teachers will run the sessions and they will be themed.

<u>Monday 3.15pm-4.15pm</u>	<u>Premier Sports</u>	<u>Sport - School Hall</u>
<u>Tuesday 3.15pm-4.15pm</u>	<u>Mrs Noyes & Miss Danyali</u>	<u>Craft, Reading & Board Games – Newtown Classroom</u>
<u>Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm</u>	<u>Mrs Carr & Mrs Harris</u>	<u>Art- Gainsborough Classroom</u>
<u>Thursday 3.15-4.15pm</u>	<u>Mr Sweatman, Mrs Talbott & Mrs Minney</u>	<u>Sport & Out and About – School Hall</u>

Pupils from all year groups are welcome to attend. To book a place, please go onto ParentPay after Monday 12th December. The cost will be £5 for the 5 weeks' sessions. This will run from the 9th January to the 10th February.

Attendance

Whilst we appreciate that there has been a high level of illness this term, we do need to draw your attention to the fact that we have 41% of our pupils whose attendance is below the expectations set by Somerset County Council. We will be communicating with these families in the new year to make you aware of your children's attendance. Parents and carers with pupils who are consistently late will be receiving letters this term.

School Lunches

The menu is now available on ParentPay to book your childrens meals for the first week of January 2023. The booking deadline for booking the meals is Tuesday 13th December and any meals not booked will require your child to come to school with a packed lunch.





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Supporting a recently bereaved family

The CO-OP in Milborne Port is collecting donations to support the family who tragically lost their mother last week. The collection is open until 14th December. In our Church Service next week, the collection will be for Mosaic, the bereavement charity supporting our pupil.

Key Dates

Lower School Nativity Play - 1.45pm	Monday 12 th December
Christmas Service - St John's Church, 10am Christmas Lunch & Choir Singing to Lunch Club	Tuesday 13 th December
Wheathill INSPIRE	Wednesday 14 th December
Whole School Celebration Assembly PTFA Christmas MUFTI Day & Christmas Extravaganza Last day of the Autumn Term	Friday 16 th December
INSET Day	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Pupils return to school - Spring Term 2023	Wednesday 4 th January 2023

Yours ever,

Mrs R Eyres

