

**Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Rodd**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our KS1 Celebration assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Gainsborough: Seth M, Coralie, Luna and Lucy

Medlycott: Arlo, Jack, James and Aubrie

Venn: Logan, Olivia R, Lailah and Henry

We have had a busy week in school. Kingsbury class enjoyed their Inspire morning on Wednesday and had lots of things to take home at the end of the day! As I write, we are raising money for Children in Need, and the School Council are already planning how they might contribute to fundraising at the Winter Fayre in a few weeks' time!

I'm sure that lots of you are looking ahead to December and Christmas preparations! If your child/ren would like to send Christmas cards to their friends and staff members, the post boxes will be available from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that cards are clearly labelled with Christian names and surnames so that they are delivered to the correct recipients!

Unfortunately, the number of bookings for After School Provision has not met the level of demand which the questionnaires sent out a few weeks ago suggested. With much disappointment, we will therefore not be offering After School Provision until after Christmas as it is not currently financially viable. Our lunchtime clubs have proved to be very successful, and so in consultation with the Governors and the teachers, we have decided to offer more of these in the Spring Term and fewer after school clubs. As always, I am extremely grateful to staff who offer to run clubs in their own time so that children can pursue things that interest them. More details about this will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, we will have a Look and Share session before our whole school Celebration Assembly. You are welcome to come into your child's classroom and look at his/her work between 8.35 am and 9.05 am. Please note that assembly will start at **9.15am** on this day.

Mr Menage has asked me to publicise a Christmas holiday camp. This will be running at Sherborne Abbey Primary School each day from 9.00 am until 3.00 pm during the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. (4-year olds can attend from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm each day). Further details are available from Mr Menage.

Finally, there seem to be a number of bugs which are doing the rounds at the moment! If your child has a high temperature or is just not well enough to attend school, please do think twice before

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sending them in. Whilst we promote attendance at school, we recognise that absences due to illness are unavoidable in most cases.

### Dates for your diary:

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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November | Parents' Evenings for Gainsborough Class  |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November                            | <b>No Christmas Craft Club today</b>  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November                              | Look and Share 8.35 – 9.05 a.m.<br><br><b>9.15 am</b> Whole school Celebration assembly, including Sue Laughton award<br><br>Outdoor toddler group at The Beeches this afternoon<br><br>3.15 pm Venn Class Cake Sale<br><br>Milborne Port Christmas Light Switch on – School Choir singing in Church at 5.30pm, with light switch on at 6.00 pm |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December                               | KS2 Celebration assembly<br><br>Non-uniform day – Please bring a donation of <b>one</b> of the following: Filled jam jar (wrapped sweets, crayons, small toys, craft bits, stickers, Lego); Chocolate for the tombola or a bottle for the tombola.<br><br>Outdoor toddler group at The Beeches this afternoon                                   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December                             | The Beeches Christmas Party from 12.30pm in the Hall  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December                               | KS1 Celebration assembly<br><br>Outdoor toddler group at The Beeches this afternoon   |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                             | PTFA Winter Fayre <b>11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.</b> School Choir will be singing.   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                              | KS1 Nativity <b>10.00 a.m.</b><br><br>School Choir singing at Wells Cathedral this evening  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Choir singing at Tuesday Luncheon Club at lunchtime   |



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|                                     | Carol Service in Church at 2.00pm  |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | KS1 Nativity <b>1.45 p.m.</b>  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | Whole school Celebration assembly, including Sue Laughton award<br><br>End of term |

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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