



Newsletter 01/12/21

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following a recent Covid Webinar: Guidance for Winter events that I attended, I can now share plans for the rest of the term. See details below. Please note that if we go in to the Red category (fingers crossed this doesn't happen) then we will need to amend these plans accordingly so all are subject to change. Our main aim is to go ahead with as many of our celebrations as possible but in a safe way so that we can all enjoy Christmas with our families.

Christmas Celebrations

FONCS Christmas Social/Disco: This is currently going ahead outside for parents/carers and inside for children in their class groups. FONCS sent a letter out last week (on Friday) regarding more detailed arrangements. Please also take note of the recommended guidance before attending the event (this will be sent out on Friday).

Pantomime at the Tacchi Morris Theatre: Due to the fact that there is another school at the pantomime and we won't be able to socially distance from each other in our classes or from them, I have postponed our attendance at the Panto until next year. Instead we will be watching another Panto in our classes and I will provide all the children with an ice lolly.

Class Christmas Parties: These will go ahead in classes as planned. Class teachers will be in touch with more information nearer the time.

Christmas Carol Service: This will take place in the Church but as we are going to be social distancing in the Church between classes the event will be videoed and then screened for parents/carers after the event in the evening at 6pm. More details to follow.

KS1 Infant Nativity: As the KS1 and EYFS children are performing this is their bubbles and due to the fact that we are still in Amber then we shall be professionally filming the above event and then broadcasting it at 2pm and 6pm on Tuesday, 14th December. If you would like a recording of the event on a CD please log on to Survey Monkey below to let us know how many CDs you will require by Friday 3rd December at the latest. There will be a charge for this. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q5CLXSG>

Christmas Lunch: All children will be able to order a Christmas lunch if they so wish. Lunch will be served to the children in their classrooms on Friday, 17th December and all children will have a cracker to enjoy! Please order on ParentMail.

Carols Around the Tree: Please note the change of time of 2.45pm. A tree has been delivered to the playground for everyone to enjoy. That will also enable us to sing some carols outside in the playground before the very end of term. You are more than welcome to join us. The school gates on both Portmans and at the Village Hall car park will be open from 2.45pm so you can come on to the playground. Please try to maintain some social distancing between yourselves and the classes.

All assemblies will continue via Zoom until the end of term.

Collective Worship Theme of the Week: Kindness



Our 'Big Question' of the Week

How do you spread kindness?

Well Being: Tips

As we move into advent this week, yes even before the calendars start, perhaps make time at the start of each day, as you wake up, to name a hope for the day. At the end of each day stop, find a comfortable place, and light a tealight, a candle or just be still. For a time that you set yourself, at least 2 minutes and more if you can, watch the flame or close your eyes and reflect on the word 'hope'.

Allow yourself to acknowledge hope – hopes for yourself, hopes for others; reflect on stories of hope that you have noticed; think about what gives you hope, and how might you use this to give hope to others?

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord,

Please bring comfort to those who had been affected by events.

Bring healing to those alive but heart broken.

Bring your warmth to those whose hearts are sad and empty.

Bring your blessings on all those in our community who together will face the difficult times ahead knowing you are there to guide and love them.

Amen.

ELSA Support



Somerset Children & Young People
Health & Wellbeing

Next term I would like to create a new *Parent Wellbeing Action Group* that fully represents the community of the school and helps to take actions forward. I would like to make the most of parental involvement opportunities and work in partnership with parents and carers to promote emotional health and wellbeing. We would meet once every half term to discuss ways to develop wellbeing in our school. If you would be interested in becoming a member of the parent group please contact Ms Harris viharris@nc.huish.education. Many thanks.

This Fortnight's Learning

	English	Maths	Topic	Other
EYFS Little Herons Pre-school/Minnow Class	Nursery Rhymes. Christmas Story.	Counting. Ordering. Subitising.	Nativity. Christmas.	Alien songs with Tim.
Seahorse Class	Diary/ Recount writing.	Fact families.	Bread making.	PSHE: bullying. RE – Judaism The Torah. Shabbat.
Dolphin Class	Narrative: Story Writing.	Addition and subtraction.	Bronze Age. Beakers and Iron Age Hillforts.	RE: Christianity - The Christmas Story. PSHE: 'Solve it together'. Science: Living things and their habitats.
Octopus Class	Playscripts. Newspaper reports.	Negative numbers. Multiplication and division.	Tudor miniatures & pictures of Queen Elizabeth 1 st . Life at Sea. Storm painting.	Scratch in IT. French numbers. PSHE being me in my world. Science – properties and changes of materials. RE – Christianity The Annunciation. Nicene Creed. Music- Christmas Songs.
Shark Class	WW2 – The life of Anne Frank.	Negative numbers and Roman Numerals.	Science –Light. Recap previous learning, light travels in straight lines, reflection and mirrors.	Hinduism – Dharma and Deity. Namaste, Ahimsa, Holi. Computing – Scratch Coding to make own topic quizzes. Music – Feel good Friday. PSHE – Celebrating difference. P.E. – Dance. French – Numbers to 100.

Little Herons Pre-School and Minnow Class

This week Little Herons have enjoyed peer massage with Minnow Class. We have also been writing our Christmas messages.



Charity Champs Children in Need Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Charity Champs Pudsey Art Competition. We have some exciting news to report to you all. The Charity Champs Team really enjoyed looking through all the entries and have selected some highly commended / runners up to receive 5 house-points. Congratulations to Rosalind, Harry, Flissi and Dameza in Octopus, Mia in Little Herons and Katie in Shark Class for their lovely pictures.

They found it very tricky to select a winner as the standard was extremely high. They decided to award joint winner status to Arthur in Dolphin and Isaac in Shark Class for their fabulous 3D Lego models. Many congratulations to Arthur and Isaac who win 10 House-points and extra Golden Time for their classes.



Everyone else who entered has been given a house-point as we loved all the submissions. Thank you for entering as it enabled us to raise more money for such a good cause.

Inter house Report

We had our second inter house of the year with all classes scoring points for their houses trying to win the house cup for this half term. This inter house it was Dodgeball and Multi skill carousel for Minnow class. In Minnow they were challenged with some throwing and movement skills with Mendip coming out on top, Quantock 2nd, Blackdown 3rd and Brendon 4th. The other classes all played Dodgeball. In Seahorse the winners were Quantock followed by Brendon, Mendip and Blackdown. In Dolphin class the winners were Brendon, with Mendip in 2nd, Blackdown in 3rd and Quantock in 4th. In Octopus Blackdown won with Quantock 2nd followed by Blackdown then Brendon. Finally in shark class Mendip won, then Brendon, Blackdown and Quantock in 4th. All of these points were added together to create an overall winner. The final results were Blackdown in 4th, Quantock and Brendon in joint 2nd and the winners were Mendip. Well done to all and a special thanks to the Sports Leaders in Shark class for their excellent work in scoring and helping with minnows.

Parents' Forum

Thank you for your comments at our meeting on Friday. Hopefully we have addressed any improvements and acted on your suggestions. Many thanks.

FONCS Non Uniform Day Friday 3rd November

Remember your non-uniform and colourful donations on Friday to support FONCS (see poster below for more information). Please hand any donations to your class teachers.

School Lunch Reminder

For w/c 6th December orders must be placed by **midnight on Wednesday 1st December**. Unfortunately orders placed after this date/time will not be able to be processed and you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch for that week.

If your child has any special dietary requirements you must email the school office before the order cut off.

If you have not requested access to order a lunch and now wish to do so, please email the school office asap. Otherwise please ensure you provide a packed lunch for your child.

Friday 17th December is now Christmas Dinner Day. All previous lunch bookings for this day have been cancelled. If you have already booked a hot lunch for your child for this day then you will need to log onto your ParentMail account and reorder (Turkey Christmas Dinner or Vegetarian option).

Kind regards,



Helen Morley.

Key Dates: Autumn Term 2 2021

Date	Subject
Friday 3 rd December	Seahorse Show and Share: 9.00 Non Uniform Day for FONCS Christmas Social – bring a raffle prize
Monday 6 th December	School PPMs/SEND surgeries
Tuesday 7 th December	Little Herons PPMs Local Governing Board Meeting: 5.00
Friday 10 th December	Minnow and Little Herons Show and Share: 9.00 FONCS Family Christmas Social 5.00 – 7.00
Tuesday 14 th December	Infant Nativity Play 2.00 Infant Nativity Play: 6.00
Wednesday 15 th December	Panto in school: 10.00 Christmas Parties pm
Thursday 16 th December	Cups Assembly: 9.00 Christmas Carol Service in the Church: 2.00
Friday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch 2.45: Carols around the tree End of term
Monday 20 th December – Monday 3 rd January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 4 th January	Back to School



NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 3rd December

**Please bring a colourful donation for our
Christmas Rainbow Raffle hampers:**

Little Herons - Red

Minnow - Orange

Seahorse - Yellow

Dolphin - Green

Octopus - Blue

Shark - Purple/Pink

Donations can include drinks, candles, sweets,
stationery, toys, hair accessories, toiletries, chocolates,
games, crafts, books etc..

Class treat for the most exciting hamper!