



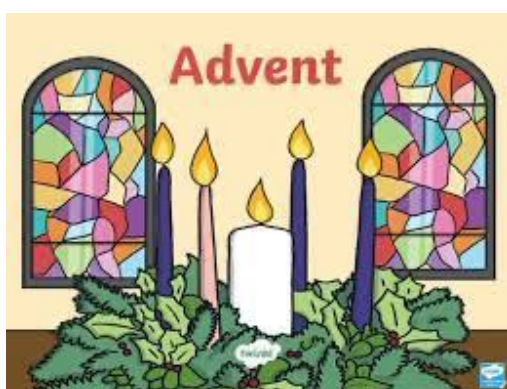
Together Everyone Achieves More

*Through.....
Loving learning, loving each other and loving life
itself
AGAPE: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)*

Newsletter 30/11/22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Collective Worship Theme of the Week: Advent



Our 'Quote' of the Week

'Hope, Peace, Joy, Love'

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Our 'Big Question' of the Week

What is true happiness?

Well Being: Tips

Resolve to give yourself a free treat every day of Advent, something that costs nothing extra yet will give you a real boost. Take that cuppa break, go for a walk in winter sun, stare up at the stars, watch a whole football match, ignore a whole football match and read a book or take a bath instead... twenty four free treats just for you, (twenty-seven if you go with the Anglican calendar!) you decide.

Prayer of the Week

A prayer of St Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me bring love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Heavenly God,
Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



ELSA Support

Beating Christmas Stress

The Christmas season is upon us. A wonderful time of year for some, filled with God, love, peace, joy, laughter, optimism, fellowship, family, friends, good food, giving, winter activities, cosy evenings, and fond memories.

It also can be a time for stress, anxiety, sadness, frustration, hurry, loneliness, disappointment, depression, overworking, overeating, and overspending. These are a few practical suggestions from anxietycentre.com to help keep the stress levels down (easier said than done!)

- Manage stress moment to moment
- Start early plan ahead
- Lots of rest breaks and feet up!
- Stay realistic
- Learn To Get Along And Accept Each Other's Uniqueness
- Feel that you can say "No" if you need to
- Take Some "You" Time
- Pace Yourself, Know When To Stop

Inter house Event

In the week beginning Monday 21st November we completed our second inter house tournament of the year - this time it was Benchball. As with previous inter houses, the children competed in their own classes trying to earn points for their respective houses which would be added together to give an overall winner. In Starfish class, Blackdown were the winners with Brendon in second and Quantock and Mendip tied for third. In Dolphin class there were lots of close games with Blackdown finishing fourth, Mendip third, Brendon second and Quantock winning. Octopus class was equally as close with Mendip finishing fourth, Blackdown third, Brendon second and Quantock first. The final round of matches were in Shark class who demonstrated excellent catching and throwing skills: Mendip finished fourth, Quantock third, Blackdown second and Brendon first. Overall, this meant that Brendon were the winners. Congratulations to them and to all of the children for taking part. A big thank you to Mr B for organising the event!

This Fortnight's Learning

	English	Maths	Topic	Other
Little Herons Pre-school	Handa's Surprise book of the week. Healthy eating discussions. Healthy teeth discussions. The Tiger that came to tea book of the week. Sorry of Jesus - linked to nativity.	Tooth counting with cubes. Toothbrush sequencing. Sorting activity - healthy foods and treats. Shape houses. Animal pattern matching.	Where we live. Teeth hygiene. What can you build? Book of the week related activities and sensory tuff trays.	Science experiment - What happens when we don't brush our teeth. Fruit taste test. Tribal masks. African instruments. Afternoon tea party. Christmas decorations crafts.
Minnow Class	Revisit Handa's Surprise. Wow Said the Owl story maps/retelling. The Tiger that came to tea. Sorry of Jesus - linked to nativity.	Finding numerals and matching to quantity. Reading numbers and collecting the correct quantity of objects to match the number. Subitising up to 5 items, counting forwards and backwards using the counting principles. Represent amounts on a 5 frame.	Oral hygiene. African animals.	Nativity practise and singing. Wow Said the Owl colour art. Creative painting based on African scenery (hot colours). Christmas decorations.
Starfish Class	Beegu wanted posters character descriptions. 12 Days of Christmas poetry.	Year 1: fact families and number bonds. Year 2: adding with money. Adding more.	Researching other important astronauts and scientists.	Music: nativity practise and singing. PSHE: celebrating our differences. Art: decorating baubles. Computing: handling data, making our own pictograms. RE: Incarnation – Christmas

Dolphin Class	Non-chronological report writing on prehistoric beasts.	Numbers to 1000 – 3-digit numbers.	Iron Age – the Celts and roundhouses.	PSHE: Celebrating difference. Science: Forces and Magnets – magnets. RE: Hinduism – symbols and their meanings, karma and reincarnation.
Octopus Class	The Tempest – I can punctuate direct speech and use exclamation marks. Newspaper reports – John Cabot.	I can round 4 digit numbers. Y5 – I can round 5 digit numbers. Column Subtraction.	John Cabot – Journey to Newfoundland (map work) and morality of Tudor exploration	RE – What do Christians believe about God and reincarnation (living lightly)? Music – recorders. Science – metals as electrical conductors. Computing – improving our web detective skills French – colours PSHE – celebrating difference Music – carol singing to the WI.
Shark Class	Shackleton's Journey - journalistic writing features /newspaper report.	Place value – Calculating with decimals/money. Negative numbers. Calculation – Times tables and addition/subtraction – problem solving and reasoning.	Science – Sound	Geography – mapwork of the world. E-safety - Coding PSHE – Celebrating Difference RE – Hinduism French– Clothes. P.E. – Dance. Music – Rock Steady.

School Lunch Reminder

For **w/c 5th December** orders must be placed by **midnight on Wednesday 30th November**. 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.

Kind regards,

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Helen Morley.

Key Dates: Autumn Term 2 2022

Date	Subject
Friday 2 nd December	AKA Theatre Company: A Real Fiction performance for KS2 Non Uniform Day for the Uphill Trust
Friday 9 th December	Minnow and Little Herons Show and Share: 8.50 December Parents' Forum: 2.30
Monday 12 th December	School PPMs/SEND surgeries
Tuesday 13 th December	McMillan Sleeping Beauty Theatre Panto: 10.00 Christmas Parties pm Local Governing Board Meeting: 5.00
Wednesday 14 th December	Little Herons PPMs/SEND surgeries Infant Nativity Play: 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 15 th December	Cups Assembly: 9.00 Christmas Carol Service in the Church: 2.00
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch 2.00: Carols around the tree End of term
Monday 19 th December – Monday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th January	Back to School

Important Dates for Year 6

Mill-on-the-Brue Residential: Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th March 2023

KS2 SATS Week: Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2023