



All Saints Church of England Primary School

Ladies Walk, Montacute, Somerset. TA15 6XG

Tel: 01935 826626 Fax: 01935 825788

e-mail: office@allsaints.somerset.sch.uk

www.allsaintsprimaryschoolmontacute.com

Head Teacher: Mrs Paula Park - B Ed (Hons)

Newsletter 8

1 December 2014



PRAISE AWARDED TO:

- Acorn:** **Harry** for learning to count backwards from 20 to 0; **Fred** for learning to ride his bike without stabilisers and **Alfie R** for reading a bed time story to the whole class just like his Mum does.
- Class 1:** **Tess, Ted, Liberty** and **Owain** for their fantastic art skills when using powder paints to create firework pictures, and **Charlie Davies** and **Harry M** for their fantastic maths; using their knowledge of bonds to 10 and doubles to add three numbers at speed!
- Class 2:** **Zoe** and **Isabelle** for their superb dilemma story writing; **Mollie** for her improved confidence in swimming; **Alex** for always being ready to learn as well as some great doubling and halving work and **Bailee** for wowing us with his beautiful singing and learning his words in days!
- Class 3:** **Oliver, Isabella, Harry** and **Anisha** for really hard work in Literacy, especially with using adverbs in their writing; **Kieran** and **Natasha** for super descriptive writing and **Harriet** and **Molly** for fantastic progress in numeracy and literacy.
- Class 4:** **Miles** and **Holly B** for their amazing Science explanations and **Ander, Ellis, Elliot, Evie, Hugh** and **Ryan M** for their brilliant writing in topic.
- Class 5:** **Liam, Abi** and **Luke** for their outstanding letter of complaint which they wrote for their Big Write assessment; **Jack W** and **Morgan** for writing a fantastic science explanation; **Thomas** for explaining what he has learnt in maths to the whole class using appropriate mathematical language and **Minnie** and **Isaac** for listening and focussing on their learning objective which enabled them to produce an amazing piece of art.
- Class 6:** **Ryan** and **Charlotte** for their clear explanations about how the eye works using causal connectives; **Madeline** for taking more responsibility for her learning and working really hard; **Abi MB** for the work she put into the French homework she completed; **Ellie-K** for always giving her best and persevering when things are tricky; **Jacob** for his enthusiasm and involvement whilst completing the maths investigation.

Upcoming Events

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Thurs 4th Dec | Full Governing Body Meeting, 5.00pm |
| Fri 5th Dec | Parents' Praise Assembly, 2.45pm |
| Tues 9th Dec | Friends' Meeting |
| Weds 10th Dec | Class 6 Okehampton Residential Information Meeting in Class 6, 3.20pm |
| Thurs 11th Dec | Acorn Class Nativity in St Catherine's Church, Montacute, 2.00pm |
| Tues 16th | Class 1&2 Christmas Performance, 2.15pm |
| Tues 16th | Class 3&4 and Class 5&6 Christmas Performance, 6.00pm |
| Weds 17th | Class 3&4 Christmas Performance, 2.15pm |
| Weds 17th | Class 1&2 and Class 5&6 Christmas Performance, 6.00pm |
| Thurs 18th | Class 5&6 Christmas Performance, 2.00pm |
| Friday 19th | Last day of term |



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Thank you for your support of Children in Need, all the monies collected has been counted and I am pleased to say that we raised a total of £408, donations totalled £200, cake sale raised £129 and loom bands £79. Thank you to everybody who supported this worthwhile cause.

The organisers came and collected 43 shoe boxes. Thank you to everyone who supported the **Shoebox appeal**, the organiser who came to our school has asked me to pass on his gratitude to everybody who filled a box as it will really make a difference to a child this Christmas.



Thank you for all your support at the **Advent Fayre**; it was wonderful to see so many people in attendance, past, present and future families, as well as many people from the community. A huge thank you to Alison Appleyard who entertained us on the piano throughout the afternoon.

I would like to thank The Friends' Committee and their team of helpers, including the Class 6 children who worked so hard in preparation and on the day to make the Advent Fayre a huge success.

We welcome two new members of staff to All Saints, Mrs Kate Kamal who joins us as an SEN Teaching and Learning Assistant and Cath Taylor as a Lunchtime Supervisor. We all hope they enjoying becoming part of the All Saints team.

Please remember to send in tokens from Flora and Stork tubs so that we can claim as many free Samsung Galaxy Tablets as possible.

Sumdog are celebrating Christmas early with their biggest ever maths contest. It starts on December 5, at 8am, and children from Classes 1 - 6 can play any time during the following week. The prize for the winning class is an iPad - and there are other prizes available, too. As well practising important maths skills, and gaining a Myths and Legends outfit for their on-screen avatar, every student who plays in the Holiday Contest will receive three more virtual festive outfits: Santa, snowman and reindeer. Let's see if we can get All Saints onto the national leader board!

In addition to our library in school, your child now has access to a digital library, containing hundreds of books. You can access these on computers and tablets at www.curriculumvisions.com
To enter the site, please use the following details. Username: allsaints.montacute/0001 Password: jungle

A letter regarding the **Christmas performances** with a request form for 2 tickets initially will come home with your child today. **Each class has performances in the afternoon, as well as in the evening. If you are able, please would you consider attending an afternoon performance.** The school hall, as you are all aware, is very tight on space and the more people who are able to watch during the day the easier it will be to accommodate the large numbers who can **only** attend in the evening. The afternoon performance still requires tickets but there is no limit (within reason!) for the amount of tickets available for these performances.

Our **Acorn Class** are looking forward to performing the **Nativity Story in St Catherine's Church, Montacute on Thursday 11th December at 2.00pm**. No tickets are required for the Acorn Nativity, but a collection will be held at the end of the performance.

Every year we select a charity to support at Christmas. This year we will be supporting Save the Children and half of the proceeds from our Christmas Performances will go to this charity.

In addition to this we will be having a **Christmas Jumper Day** on **Friday 19th December** as a way to raise funds for their Ebola appeal. **If the children have a Christmas jumper they can wear that would be great , but we do not expect students who don't already have a Christmas jumper to get one! Friday 19th will be a non-uniform day and we hope the children will use the Christmas theme to make what they wear festive.** If every child brings a donation the Government has promised to match any monies raised, so effectively we will be giving double the amount we raise to the charity.

We look forward to seeing many of you at **Parents' Praise Assembly** on **Friday 5th December at 2.45pm** and at the many events we are holding leading up to Christmas.

Mrs P. Park

School Council

The School Council met on the 20th November to finalise the arrangements for making decorations for a Christmas tree to display in St Catherine's Church. We have chosen a blue and gold theme to match our school uniform. Each class will be contributing decorations based on this theme. The School Council will be decorating the tree on Thursday the 18th of December, and we hope lots of you will go and visit it.

Charlotte (Secretary) and Abi (Chairperson)

Governors of All Saints

It has been a busy week for the governors; on Tuesday evening we had an excellent review of the school data for the end of 2014, in a specific GB meeting to assess attainment and progress for all areas of learning for all classes and groups of children across the school. The results are looking extremely pleasing, so thanks to all the staff for their continued hard work.

Our 2014 Early Years data showed that 96% of Acorn Class achieved a good level of development (achieving a 2+ in all areas) compared to the national figure of 60%.

The 2014 Year 1 Phonic Screener check showed that 100% of Class 1 achieved the expected level compared to 74% nationally. The school received a letter from Nick Gibbs, Minister of State for School Reform, in regard to the Phonic Screener in which he stated that:

'The Department for Education wants to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics so I was obviously delighted to see your results. To be in the top 2% of schools with 100% of your pupils achieving the expected standard in the check is a tremendous achievement and points to a high standard of phonics teaching in your school.' The full letter can be found on the school website.

Our 2014 end of Key Stage 1 data showed that the percentage of our children in Year 2 reaching the expected level of 2b or above was 96% in reading; 93% in writing and 96% in maths. This was higher than national results, which were 81% in reading; 70% in writing and 80% in maths.

Our 2014 end of Key Stage 2 data showed that the percentage of our children in Year 6 reaching the expected level of 4b or above was 90% in reading; 94% in writing and 90% in maths. This was higher than national results, which were 78% in reading; 85% in writing and 76% in maths. Along with this 100% of children made expected progress in reading, writing and maths between Key Stage 1 and 2, with 39% of the class in reading, 45% of the class in writing and maths achieving more than expected progress between Key Stage 1 and 2.

Five of our governors spent the morning with Mrs Park on Thursday 26th November conducting a learning walk throughout the school. This enables us to see the many initiatives in practice and allows us to understand the strengths and areas for improvement which are part of the School Development Plan (SDP) first hand in order that the governors can contribute fully to the school's self-evaluation.

I hope to see many of you at our **final fundraising evening for this year** on **Friday 5th December** when we will be having a **Christmas Chocolate Bingo** following the same format as our Easter Chocolate Bingo. **Doors open 5.30pm, eyes down at 6.00pm.**

Simon



Extra-Curricular Activities

On **Thursday 20th November** a group of children from **Year 6** took part in **Indoor Athletics** at Bucklers Mead Academy. The event involved tasks such as: standing long jump, standing vertical jump, speed bounce, seated chest throw, 1 lap sprint, mini howler throw and a balancing activity. Well done to everybody who took part as we came 5th overall, out of 14 schools with 3850 points which means we just missed out (by 50 points) on going through to the next round.



On **Wednesday 26th November**, the **Y6 football team** played **Preston Primary** at home in a league match. The team played very well together with some fantastic football skills being shown by all the players. The score stayed at 2-3 for a significant amount of the match, but unfortunately we conceded several goals late in the game, with the final score being 2-7 to Preston Primary with Rory and Josh scoring for All Saints. The score does not reflect the level of football throughout the game, the teacher from Preston Primary said that the game had been close with some very good football, but Preston had taken their opportunities when they had the chance.



Friends of All Saints



Thank you to everybody who brought in bags for our Bag 2 School collection, we collected 480kg which totalled £240 for the school.

The **Advent Fayre** which was held on **Sunday 30th November** was a huge success, we would like to thank everybody who gave up their time either before or on the day to help or support the event, first count shows that we have raised around £1500.

Thank you also for all the goodies you sent in to make up the wonderful Class hampers, they all looked amazing.

The raffle prize winners were:

£100 prize – S Marshall

Acorn Class Hamper - I Parsons

Class Two Hamper – N. Paulansen

Class 4 Hamper – Potter Family

Class 6 Hamper – Pailing Family

Class One Hamper – Le Feuvre Family

Class Three Hamper – I Wikierska

Class Five Hamper – T.Toomey

Thank you to everybody who sold and bought raffle tickets.

Guess the weight of the cake was won by Mr P Griffiths with a guess of 3.65kg.

The next Friends' Meeting takes place on Tuesday 9th December at 7.00pm in the staffroom. It's always good to have some new people with new ideas, so please do come along

Gemma Sullivan

Chair of The Friends of All Saints

Community News

Sunday 14th December, 4.00pm

Christingle Service at St Catherine's Church, Montacute

Father Christmas will be in attendance at this service, but instead of Father Christmas giving the children a gift, the Church are asking that the children give Father Christmas a gift for a child who is less fortunate and for whom Christmas is not such a happy time. The Church would be grateful if your child could bring a simple gift wrapped and marked for either a boy or a girl and the age it would be suitable for. This could be a toy the child no longer plays with or a colouring book and crayons.



Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st and Monday 22nd December

Christmas Tree Festival at St Catherine's Church, Montacute

This year for the first time a Christmas Tree Festival will be held in the Church, many local organisations, including All Saints CofE Primary School will be decorating a tree to display in the Church. Do come along and have a look at all the wonderful trees.