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### PRAISE AWARDED TO:



<b>Acorn</b>	<b>Gabriel</b> for his super reading progress, using his phonics knowledge really well and <b>Alysha</b> for her fabulous sounding out, using all her phonics knowledge, including sound buttons and finger sounding; <b>Barney</b> for wearing his new glasses all week with a big smile and <b>Riley</b> for his brilliant writing enthusiasm!
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>James B</b> and <b>Lilly</b> for their great effort in swimming lessons; <b>Molly</b> for her brilliant throwing and catching in P.E; <b>Alex</b> for always trying his very best in his work and for always having a polite attitude; <b>Harry</b> for always being polite, helpful and hard-working; <b>Jacob, James R</b> and <b>Alicia</b> for growing in confidence with their writing and for writing a lovely recount of our trip to Lyme Regis and <b>Daisy</b> for her careful work in all subjects.
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Charlie Dicks</b> for being so kind and always being ready to learn; <b>Eloise</b> for her brilliant attitude to learning; <b>Albert</b> for his super work on Fantastic Mr Fox including lots of adjectives and using commas in lists; <b>Ted</b> for his super work in English, working quickly and confidently; <b>Charlie Davies</b> for his amazing maths work; <b>Cian</b> and <b>Tess</b> for great work on using different tenses accurately and <b>Alice</b> for working really hard when telling the time to the nearest quarter of an hour.
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Maelee</b> for great working in all areas of the curriculum; <b>Theo</b> for his fantastic understanding in his comprehension; <b>Ciaran</b> for his superb writing within English and RE; <b>Bailee</b> for his great English work; <b>Jake</b> for having such a positive attitude in English and Maths; <b>Jack</b> and <b>Issy</b> for their amazing work in English with verb endings to show the correct tense; <b>Luke</b> for having such a positive attitude in all areas of the curriculum; <b>Arlo</b> for being an amazing artist in the style of Bryan Wynter; <b>Shirome</b> for amazing maths when counting on to subtract; <b>Jessica B</b> for having such a positive attitude to her learning and <b>Zoe</b> for her outstanding writing about being a river explorer.
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Aaron</b> for his very quizzical mind and extending his thinking with very good questions; <b>Kieran</b> for his excellent goalkeeping, as well as his helpful attitude in class; <b>Igor</b> and <b>Ernest</b> for their logical thinking in our maths investigation and <b>Harriet</b> for always smiling and giving 100% in all her work.
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Holly</b> for her effort and enthusiasm within dance and for her fantastic ability to use dynamic and contrasting movement; <b>Ander</b> and <b>Amelia</b> for greatly improving their reading comprehension skills, particularly when answering questions that require the use of inference skills; <b>Maria</b> for always being enthusiastic in English and for improving her use of sentence and paragraph structure; <b>Leo</b> for demonstrating with confidence to the class how to subtract 2 place decimals and <b>Ryan M</b> for being an excellent role model in our felt-making workshop.
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Joe, Bea, Adam, Josie, Luke</b> and <b>Toby</b> for their precise, accurate, neat work in maths when constructing circles and polygons; <b>Nicole</b> for the extra effort put into English homework and linking ideas in maths and <b>Jack D</b> for asking relevant questions and for working so diligently.

### Upcoming Events

<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Safer Internet Day and Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting, 6:00pm
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Acorn Class Teacher Interviews and Year 5/6 Football Match against Preston
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Last day of term
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> to Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	Children return to school
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Year 5/6 Football Match at Huish Primary School, Yeovil
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Governors' Education Committee Meeting, 5.00pm
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Parents' Praise Assembly, 2:45pm

Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our work on Safer Internet Day, we are inviting all children to 'Wear your Words' on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. If your child wishes to do so, they can come to school in non-school uniform, wearing an old light coloured T-shirt which can be written on. Throughout the day, the children will be encouraged to write positive messages and comments about the person on their T-shirt. We will then use group discussion to explore what it feels like to give a positive message, and the response they receive in return, and relate this to how it feels to send and receive positive messages online. The way in which words, and their effects, remain long after they have been posted will also be considered. Please don't worry if you don't have an old T-shirt – your child can still wear their own clothes, and we will use post-it notes for our messages instead.



We will also be launching our school Twitter feed on this day. Please follow us @montacute\_all We hope to use this in addition to our website, blogs and newsletters to keep you up to date with school events. We also have an e-safety page on our website (found under the 'community tab'), which has useful links for parents and children, and also a voting widget to encourage people to think about their contributions to the day. If you have time, please do visit this site, and use our blog to let us know what information would help you!

You have also received a Digital Images/Videos permission slip, please could these be returned by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to those of you who have already signed and returned the slip.

You will have noticed that part of the school playground has been cordoned off. In the high winds last week, a branch has broken in one of the trees behind the trim trail. A National Trust representative has been out to have a look at the tree. They have informed us that they will be sending out a tree surgeon to remove the branch; however this may not happen until half term. Therefore please can I ask that you do not walk in this area or allow your children to walk in this area, when they are arriving or being picked up from school.

We have had several complaints from our neighbours, staff and parents about **parking** around the school. Please can you respect our requests regarding parking at our school, as it enables the school to run smoothly and safely, as well as ensuring we have good relationships, as a whole school community, with our neighbours, staff and parents.

The staff car park should **not** be used to park in at any time of the school day, **this includes when parents drop off their children for Breakfast Club**. Please also ensure that you do not block the entrance to the staff car park at any time during the school day.



We have a committed staff team at All Saints and they often give up their own time at the end of the school day to transport or attend inter-school events for our children; by parking in the staff car park this can often hinder them being able to get to events safely and promptly at the end of the school day.

The drop off zone is an area to enable some parents/carers to pull in and drop off their children allowing them to walk around to class on their own. This is **not** an area to park your car and run around to drop off your children. No car should be parked in this area at all; it should only be used to pull in and drop off.

Please be considerate to our neighbours; do not block or park on driveways. There is a gravelled area as you go out of the far gate, I have had reports that parents are parking in this area: this is a private driveway, so please do not park in this area. Please can I ask that you do not park on the grass verge along Yeovil Road, as you are blocking a pavement.

It is hard to believe that when the children break up on Friday this will signify that we are half way through the school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children and staff who always work so hard, but this has been particularly evident this academic year with the introduction of the new curriculum. Also I would like to thank the governors, and you for your continued support of our school.

I hope the children enjoy a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Yours sincerely

*P. Park*

### Extra-Curricular Activities

On **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January**, a group of **Class 6** went to **Westfield Academy** with other primary schools in the Yeovil Federation for a **Languages Workshop**. Little Wings Theatre Company put on a Spanish show - *Hola Amigos*, and all the children who attended had a wonderful time.

On **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, **Class 1** had a trip to **Lyme Regis** as part of their topic 'To the Rescue', they enjoyed a tour of the Life Boat Station, walking around Lyme and creating transient art on the beach.



**Year 3/4** played a league football match against **Birchfield Primary School** on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**. The final score was 2-0 to Birchfield. Congratulations to **Aaron, Archie, Arthur, Ewan, Kieran, Luke, Milo and Zach** who played superbly as a team.

On **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**, **Class 5** were very lucky to have a visiting artist, Angie Parker, working with them to make pizzas from felt.



Please take some time to have a look at our school website [www.allsaintsprimaryschoolmontacute.com](http://www.allsaintsprimaryschoolmontacute.com) particularly on the class pages, as the teachers and children often put photos and blog about what they have been doing in class throughout the week. You can find more photographs from Class 1's trip to Lyme Regis, Class 5 working with Angie Parker and there are also some photos of Class 2 when they started their new topic 'Town Mouse and Country Mouse'. The children would love it if you could leave them a comment or two about what you have seen.

### School Council

In our meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, the book and famous character which will be painted on the library wall was decided by the school councillors. The book will be *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and the character will be the BFG.



Mrs Atkins will be meeting with the artist, so we hope to see the mural up as soon as possible.

It has also been decided that at the start of next term there will be a competition for the tidiest classroom. The weekly winners will receive a certificate for their class and a treat from their teachers. At the end of the term, the class with the most certificates will earn a surprise!

**From the Chair and Secretary**  
**Liam Price and Abigail Wellwood**



### Friends of All Saints

The January 100 Club Prize winners were **First Prize – The Fellows Family, Second Prize – Kerry Humphries and Third Prize – Mike and Lucy Read**

The next Friends' Meeting takes place on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm** in the staffroom.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the quiz that was planned to take place on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January** due to a lack of numbers, however we plan to try arranging this again at another time in the year.



We held our **Valentines Disco** on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February** for the children of All Saints. Thank you to everybody who helped on the night, Andy our DJ and Mrs Atkins, Mrs Bowditch, Miss Wharton and Miss Williams who helped to ensure the children had a fantastic time.

**Don't forget to save your copper and silver coins for the upcoming Money Snake.**



**On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, the children will come into the school hall in the afternoon and lay their copper and silver coins on the floor, to see if they can beat last year's record for the longest money snake.

*Gemma Sullivan*

**Chair of The Friends of All Saints**

### Community News

On Tuesday 26 January, the Bishop of Taunton, Rt Revd. Ruth Worsley and the Archdeacon of Wells, Ven. Nicola Sullivan licensed the new Priest in Charge of the Ham Hill Group of Parishes, Revd. Peter Thomas and Associate Vicar, Revd. Annie Gurner, who will have particular pastoral responsibility for the parish of Montacute and Odcombe.

We are all really looking forward to working with Revd. Annie Gurner and welcoming her to All Saints on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January for our Whole School Collective Worship.



**Montacute Pantomime – This year the Montacute Pantomime is “Mother Goose”** which will be performed from Thursday February 11, through to Saturday February 13 at Montacute Village Hall with evening performances at 7.30pm and a Saturday matinee show at 2.30pm.

Some tickets are still available – Phone 01935-822814 for more details and to purchase tickets.