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### PRAISE AWARDED TO:



<b>Acorn</b>	<b>Chloe W</b> for her superb independent writing about her own superhero; <b>Jak</b> for his brilliant superhero writing and superb enthusiasm for all areas of learning and <b>Alysha, Archie P, Connie, Connor, Harry, Isabella, Isabelle, Nina, Wilfred</b> and <b>Willow</b> for their super phonics progress.
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Ben E</b> and <b>Lucy</b> for their brilliant 'Big Write' character description; <b>Gracie</b> for her overall improvement in English and Maths; <b>Alfie G</b> for listening well to adults and using advice to improve his work; <b>Jasper, Penny</b> and <b>Rafferty</b> for great work in fractions and <b>Emily</b> for her amazing progress in swimming.
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Josh, Ethan, Rebecca, Ezmai and Alice</b> for their superb work during the assessments; <b>Harry</b> and <b>Evie-Jaye</b> for writing super versions of 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly' and <b>Liberty</b> for her increased independence in the classroom.
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Molly S</b> for growing in confidence and producing some superb writing; <b>Bryony, Archie</b> and <b>Eleanor</b> for writing some amazing poetry; <b>Aaron</b> for trying hard with his writing; <b>Theo</b> for working really hard and for showing how much progress he has made in our recent assessments; <b>Zoeella</b> for really trying hard with her maths; <b>Shirome</b> for amazing dance work in PE; <b>Jessica B</b> for fantastic geography research; <b>Niamh</b> for trying and working so hard with her handwriting; <b>Florence</b> for working towards her targets in English and <b>Arlo</b> for outstanding diary writing.
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Zachary</b> for his brilliant diary entry on Elizabeth Fry; <b>Katy</b> for her fantastic focus in all lessons and fabulous sharing of ideas; <b>Natasha</b> for always smiling and her 'can do' attitude; <b>Alfie</b> for his brilliant handwriting in all subjects and <b>Vinnie</b> for his fantastic learning attitude especially in PE.
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Holly W</b> for her improved inference skills in reading comprehension; <b>Evie</b> for the fantastic detail that she puts into all her work, especially her writing; <b>Holly B</b> for being a lovely member of Class 5, she is always supporting her peers, and this was particularly evident when she supported her peers in English; <b>Miles</b> and <b>Ellie F</b> for their well-structured and detailed recount of our recent trip to Exeter synagogue and for using fronted adverbials to link their ideas within each paragraph and <b>Aaron MB</b> for the confidence he has shown in maths, particularly with division.
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Kitty, Charlotte B, Emma, Toby</b> and <b>Liam</b> for more than doubling their arithmetic scores to get 100% on the last paper; <b>Josie</b> for her superb diagram explaining how a periscope works; <b>Class 6</b> for the effort, care and skill they have put into their Egyptian portraits; <b>Charlotte M</b> and <b>Leoni</b> for their excellent story writing from a different viewpoint which included lots of detail to add interest, as well as their own targets.
<b>Gold Award</b>	<b>Class 6</b> for their terrific work and impeccable behaviour during their recent trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum.

### Upcoming Events

<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 2 SATs Parent Meeting, 6:00pm Friends' Meeting, 7:00pm
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Cross Country Race 5 at Yeovil Showground
<b>Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Friends' Money Snake Parent Consultation Slips to be returned Full Governing Body Meeting, 5:00pm
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day – Children come to school dressed as a fairy tale character
<b>No After School Clubs the week of Parent Consultations</b>	
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Consultations 3:30 – 6:30pm
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Consultations 3:30 – 6:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

On Tuesday 9th February, the whole school took part in **Safer Internet Day**; all the children came to school in a light coloured t-shirt so they could 'Wear their Words'. Both the children and adults enjoyed writing and receiving positive messages on their t-shirts. This enabled us to discuss what it feels like to give a positive message, and the response they receive in return, and relate this to the messages we send online, and how words, once posted are permanent. This activity also gave us lots of opportunities to discuss the effects that unkind, or unhelpful comments may have on others.



We also launched our school Twitter feed on Safer Internet day. Thank you to all those of you who are already following 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.

As you will be aware we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Leiter at the end of this term, interviews for this position took place before half term. We are very pleased to inform you that Miss Heidi Daniel and Mrs Lucy Roberts were appointed to the position of Acorn Class Teacher as a job share, we look forward to welcoming both of them to the All Saints team. Both Miss Daniel and Mrs Roberts will be working with the school over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

**Parents' Consultation Evenings** will take place on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March** and **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-6.30pm**. A letter regarding consultations has been sent home with your child, allocated appointment times will be returned home this week, so please check your child's bag.

The trays of work for you to look through will be made available in areas outside the classrooms.

Class 1 and Class 2 trays will be in the intervention area between Class 1 and 2, Class 3 and 4 trays will be in the library area and Class 5 and 6 trays will be in the school hall.

A waiting area for parents will also be available in these areas. Please knock on the door of the classroom at your allocated appointment time. I know that some parents find this difficult, but please do knock as it helps the teachers to keep to allocated time slots.

If there is anything you would like to discuss with me I will also be available on both evenings.

This half term is always a short but very busy half term with the lead up to Easter, we will be completing various activities this half term, with the last week of the term being the busiest!



Mrs Bowditch, our Music Co-ordinator is very impressed with all the music that is happening in our school, therefore she would like to organise for the second year an '**All Saints Instrumental Concert**' which will take place on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm**, as an opportunity to show case music from children who work with our peripatetic teachers, perform in our School Band and our Recorder Group children. Letters will go out shortly to the relevant children.

We will be supporting the **Sport Relief Mile**, this event takes place every other year and is a very worthwhile cause. **On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, we will set up a course around the school grounds, so that the children can take part in the **Sport Relief Mile Run**. Attached to this newsletter is a sponsorship form, please ask family, friends and neighbours for sponsorship for this worthwhile cause.



The children will be taking part in an **RE Focus Holy Week in the last week of the term**. Each class will depict a part of the Easter Story through Drama. The performances will conclude during a Whole School Church Service which will take place on the last day of term. Unfortunately, on this occasion due to the space needed in the Church to perform we will not be inviting parents, grandparents or members of the community, but the service will be for the children and staff of the school only. Thank you for your understanding.



On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** we will be having an **Easter Bonnet Parade**. We will leave school, in our 'bonnets', **at about 2.40pm** so would aim to be walking around Montacute at about 2.45pm - 3.05pm. We plan to stop in the Borough for a photograph – please do come along and see the children's creations. If your child would like to wear an **Easter Bonnet** during the **parade**, **these will need to be made at home** and brought into school on the morning of **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**.

**The Friends'** will be holding an **Easter Cake Sale** following the **Easter Bonnet Parade**. You will shortly receive a paper plate with a request for (preferably) small cakes which can be sold at the Easter Cake sale. Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely

*P. Park*

### Extra-Curricular Activities

On **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**, the **Year 5/6 football team** played against **Huish Primary** in Yeovil. Mr Flynn was very pleased that the final score was 2-0 to All Saints, Toby C and Liam both scored, as this currently puts All Saints at the top of the league. Well done to **Jack W, Jayden, Joseph, Liam, Luke, Morgan, Thomas and Toby C**.

On **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**, **Class 5** visited **Exeter Synagogue** as part of their RE work on Judaism. The children had a talk from one of the congregation at the Synagogue, as well as having an opportunity to look at various artefacts and ask questions. Mrs O'Donnell was very proud of all the children as they asked some very searching questions, which reflected the work that Class 5 had already undertaken on the subject.



Also on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February** **Class 6** visited **Fleet Air Arm Museum** as part of their work on 'The Battle of Britain'. The children looked the part dressed as evacuees, they took part in a workshop on 'War on the Homefront', where they learnt about evacuees, gas mask boxes, air raid wardens and bomb drills. They also had a tour of the museum.



### School Council

The first class to win the tidiest classroom award for the week ending 26<sup>th</sup> February was Class 3, well done!  
Don't forget, 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 February 100 Club Prize winners were **First Prize – Cara and Roger Harris,**  
**Second Prize – Jake Damon** and **Third Prize – Sarah Pailing**

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

**We hope you have been saving your copper and silver coins for the Money Snake, which takes place 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

Dear Parents and Carers

Peter Thomas and I were recently licensed to Montacute and Odcombe (together with 5 other parishes!) and I am delighted that Mrs Park has invited me to be involved in the life of the school.

I will be serving as a governor, leading a couple of a Collective Worship each month and generally be available to staff, pupils and their parents. I look forward to meeting you at school events and services in the future.

(I have previously been a vicar in Lincolnshire and East Anglia, and recently have been working in primary schools locally as a church rural advisor.)

We have a few family friendly church services coming up soon:

**Mothing Sunday** (6<sup>th</sup> March), **Palm Sunday**, with all age drama (20<sup>th</sup> March) and **Easter Day** at 11am **at Odcombe** church and there is a **regular** family service at **Montacute** church at 10am on 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – this is an informal 40 minute time of worship with children's songs, prayers and drama (next one 24<sup>th</sup> April).

It is always a joy to welcome families for baptisms or weddings – if anyone would like to discuss either of these – or to find out more about Christianity, please be in touch. Also, if you suffer a bereavement or illness, the church would be pleased to offer support. I can be contacted on **01935 824167** or [revgurner@btinternet.com](mailto:revgurner@btinternet.com)

Or I am based at The Keep, 1 Castle St, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6RE on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays (other times by arrangement).

Every Blessing

Annie

**Revd Annie Gurner**

Associate Vicar, serving Montacute, Odcombe  
and Stoke sub Hamdon in the Ham Hill Villages