



Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week. I hope you enjoyed the remaining parent activity sessions focusing on science in school. For those of you that were able to join us for the Nativity this week I'm sure you will agree they were amazing. The children were fantastic and it has definitely made us all start to feel Christmassy! Thank you to all the staff involved for their hard work in bringing such a super performance together. As well as the two performances for parents and governors the children also did another performance for the Exmouth House residents and staff this morning. Exmouth House is our local care home who we link with whenever possible. It is so important to be able to welcome the local community in and the residents and staff loved it and really appreciated the opportunity to come across and see it. Yr 6 have also completed their bikeability this week, well done to all of them for their sensible and mature attitudes. Many thanks to the PTA for the present room they are running today. It is a lovely event; the children really enjoy choosing presents for their loved ones.

Yr 5/6 and Yr 1 have also been making decorations to decorate a Christmas tree in Holy Trinity Church. It will be on display next week if you have a chance to go in and see it.

Tomorrow

Many thanks to those of you who are able to come and help in the grounds tomorrow between 9.30-10.30am. Please bring a broom!

Tomorrow night is the Exmouth Winter Festival in town. Year 3 and 4 have made the lanterns for the lantern parade so we hope to see as many of them there as possible. A separate email has come home with information about the events in town, hopefully the weather will stay dry for everyone.

Bambinelli celebration

On Sunday the 11th December it is Gaudete Sunday and Father Philip would like to invite you all to Mass at 10:00am at the Holy Ghost to celebrate the tradition of Blessing the Bambinelli. This is a beautiful tradition which was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes and these are blessed by the Pope. On Friday 9th December, Father Phillip is coming into school to celebrate this tradition at Mass at 10:00am with the children. All children are invited to bring a 'figure of Baby Jesus' to be blessed. If you have a crib scene at home, you could bring that or you could make your own Bambinelli or it could be a doll they own. There are some ideas attached. Parents and Parishioners are warmly invited to join us. Father Phillip would then like to invite the children along with their Bambinellis to Church on Sunday the 11th.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Saturday 3rd December – Leaf clearing in school 9.30 – 10.30am

Saturday 3rd December – Winter festival in town and Lantern Parade

Tuesday 6th December – Maple Class Art session with Sebastian Dewing

Tuesday 6th December – Rowan Class Geography field trip to the park

Tuesday 6th December – KS2 Advent Service in Church 6pm

Friday 9th December – Christmas jumper day

Friday 9th December – Bambinelli Mass in School 10.00am

Tuesday 13th & 14th December – First aid workshops for all children FSU – Yr 6.

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas lunch – **Please book on ParentPay before 9th December**

Thursday 15th December – Carols in the playground 2.30pm

Friday 16th December – Last day of Autumn Term

Bronze Awards: Oak Class – Leo, Sofia, Sophie, Albie, Rowan Class – Jaime, Emily, Samuel, Aidan, Lily, Felicia, Jacob, Ava, Imogen, Sycamore Class – Carly, Gabriel, Beech Class – Rose

Stars of the week: Oak Class – Leo, Rowan Class – Rudy, Sycamore Class – Liam, Cherry Class – Jessi, Maple Class – Amelia and Finley, Beech Class – Chloe and Harry H