



# St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School

## Newsletter 01/12/2023



We are very nearly into December and the weather has certainly become much colder. With December approaching quickly, we are really looking forward to all of the Christmas activities which will be taking place in school. Please do make a note of all the important dates at the end of the newsletter so that you don't miss out on anything!



Mel Rowles and Hilary Alway have been very busy indeed decorating the stage and our Christmas tree. Many thanks to Miss Faulkes for donating the tree, it is a beauty and it certainly gets us all in mood for Christmas. Many thanks ladies, you have done a lovely job!



### Poppy appeal



Eloise and Isla gave up their time over the weekend leading up to Remembrance Sunday to sell Poppies for the Royal British Legion, Wells Branch at Waitrose.

Eloise also had the honour of carrying the Standard for 1st Wells Brownies at the Remembrance Service and Parade on Remembrance Sunday. Well done, we are super proud of both of you!





### **Mini Police Updates**

Mini Police have been very busy since they started their new role in September. Last week, they were working alongside police monitoring the speed of motorists along Glastonbury Road. Nearly all motorists kept within the speed limit which was good news. The children needed to apply what they had learned the previous week about the phonetic alphabet when recording registration numbers.



### **Parents evening**

Thank you to all of those parents who came to parents evening to see just how hard the children have been working and progress they have made. We hope that you enjoyed looking at the work your child has produced since September and you feel as proud of them as we do.



### **Christmas church service**

Every Christmas we celebrate together as a whole school with our Christmas service at St Cuthbert's Church. Our church service this year is on the very last day of term which is 15<sup>th</sup> December.

We will walk the children up to church for the service which starts at 2.00pm. The service usually finishes at 2.30 -2.45pm. If you would like to take your child home when the service finishes please make sure you inform a member of staff. Any children who are not collected from church will walk back to school and be dismissed at the normal time of 3.20pm.

If you are available to help us walk up to church we would very much appreciate that. Please let the class teacher know as soon as possible if you are available to help.



### Christmas Jumper Day

We are inviting children and staff to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We are not asking for a donation from you for this but if you would like to make a donate we will send the money to Save the Children. What a lovely way to start the festive season.



### Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets will go on sale from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and the raffle will be drawn Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. We have had some fabulous prizes donated including: Radley handbag, Inspired Playground days, PQA sessions, Cook voucher, Costa voucher, toiletries, toys, biscuits and treats. Tickets are £1 each.

### Christmas Lunch



Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that **9.00 am Tuesday 5th December** is the last day we are able to take any booking for Christmas lunch. Please make sure you go online and book your child's lunch before then so you are not disappointed. If you are having difficulty with booking the meal or you are not sure whether it has gone through, call in at the office and they will be able to help.

### Change of address

We have had difficulty contacting some parents as we have not got an up to date telephone number or address. Please make sure that we are able to contact you in an emergency. If you have changed your phone number or address and have not informed school, please send us an email with your updated details on.



### Let's Party!

The classes have all been arranging times for Christmas parties. You will have more details sent over to you on class dojo by the class teacher. Children can either come to school in their party clothes or they can get changed at lunchtime. The dates for each class party is below:

Class	Date
Snowdon Class	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Rockies Class	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Atlas Class	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Himalayas Class	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Alps Class	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Pyrenees Class	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December

## Christmas Holiday

Just to remind everyone that we break up on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We also have an INSET day on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January so children will return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.



### Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
08/12/23	Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm
14/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to get us all in the festive mood. There will be no charge for this.
14/12/23	Christmas Lunch
12/12/23	Choir to visit St Thomas' Church to sing with the Good Afternoon Choir
15/12/23	Christmas Church Service at St Cuthbert's Church starting at 2.00pm
15/12/23	Break up for Christmas holiday
SPRING TERM	
02/01/24	INSET DAY
03/01/24	Return to school
22/01/24	Sports Festival Atlas Class 1.30pm
26/01/24	Online safety talk to Year 5 and 6 delivered by Avon and Somerset Police
05/02/24	Sports Festival Himalayas Class 1.30pm
09/02/24	Break up for half term
27/02/24	Mini Police visit Avon and Somerset Police training centre – Wilfred Fuller House – full day visit

Many thanks for you continuing support, it really is very much appreciated!

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Helen Mullinger

Headteacher