



A message from Mr Bladon:

I was delighted to be at the **PTFA Shopping Evening** last night – what a fantastic event! I know there has been a lot of work putting it together and everyone had a great time. It really felt like the beginning of Christmas and even provoked teachers to wear their Christmas jumpers in school today. I hear the Nativity was a great success too with a very patient sheep and as one child told me, a “very cute donkey”. The Grand Prize Raffle Draw was a big success again and we’ll let you know when the monies have been counted. It was good to see past pupils as stall holders too, raising money for their various causes and hear how they are getting on. Well done to the PTFA. Thank you to the teachers for supporting the event as well.

As you will have perhaps seen last night, Fox Class, Mrs Wensley and Mrs Rudd have done a great job on the lanterns for tomorrow night’s **Tiverton Lantern Parade**. We have a large moon, several stars and some of last year’s lanterns too. Thank you to everyone who has signed up. If you still want to get involved, **please meet us with your child at Whiteball Car Park at 5.15 tomorrow night**. Remember to park at the multi-storey car park as some of Westexe will be closed. There is a choir singing in the parade as well which will add to the festive atmosphere!

Squirrel and Hedgehog class have been working hard for “**A King is Born**”. I watched rehearsals today and it’s looking fantastic! Stag class have done some lovely artwork for the backdrop and tickets are still available via School Gateway. Afterschool Club are running refreshments for Tuesday’s performance and the PTFA are doing the same for Thursday’s performance. Thank you to both in advance!

The **Wellington School Maths Challenge** teams did a sterling job again last week. They answered some really tricky questions and held their own against strong competition. We haven’t heard their official placing but out of 40 teams we know they represented Bampton School very well and came in the top half.

There’s been a bit of an issue with the **Tescos Blue Tokens**. We noticed that there seems to be a significant shortage of the tokens in Tiverton! Many of you told us that you’ve not been allowed to have a token at all! We’ve spoken to Groundworks who organise the scheme and they say that there is in fact a *national* shortage of blue tokens. They have promised to speak to the Tiverton store and say that they should be emptying the boxes and counting them regularly so that tokens go back into circulation. *Please keep asking for tokens*.

We’ve asked for iPads, an interactive whiteboard screen and some laptops – all vitally needed in class. As a reminder we have a box at both the Tiverton Superstore and the Moorhayes Park Express.

As we head towards the last two weeks of term, there’s still plenty happening. Hedgehog class is going to Knightshayes on Tuesday 12th December to do a Christmas decoration workshop and look around the gardens. Fox Class is carol singing at the Toucan, Castle Grove and Barnhaven at various points in the week, PTFA have a Film Night planned for Wednesday 13 December. Christmas Lunch is on the 14th December and back by popular demand, it will also be Christmas Jumper Day too!

And of course you are warmly invited to join our Christmas Service at St Michael and All Angels at 2pm on Friday 15th December.

Term Dates (*more dates on [school website](#)*)

Sat 2 Dec: Tiverton Lantern Parade

Monday 4 December: Mrs Rudd's Choir and Mr Carter's Football Club

Tuesday 5 December: 2pm KS1 Afternoon Performance

Wednesday 6 December: Fox Class swimming

Thursday 7 December: 5pm KS1 Evening Performance

Monday 10 December: Mrs Rudd's Choir and Mr Carter's Football Club

Tuesday 11 December: Fox class singing at Castle Grove.

Wednesday 12 December: Fox Class swimming

3.30-5.30: PTFA Film Night

Thursday 14 December: Christmas Lunch

2pm: Choir singing at the Toucan Café and Barnhaven

Friday 15 December 2pm: Christmas Service at St Michael and All Angels

Thank you to everyone who turned out to help put the mini Christmas trees. The organiser emailed to say a huge thank you and that with your help the task was completed in record time!

Lots happening in the community too – don’t forget on Saturday there’s the LARCs Christmas Craft making event between 10-12 and a Children’s Christmas Party at the Riverside Hall between 3 and 5. Tickets (£1) are still available at Bampton Fruit and Veg.