



## Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fortnight has flown past, bringing us ever nearer to Christmas!

Last week, I was delighted to be invited to Exeter Diocese, to meet the Diocesan Education team as well as other headteachers of Church Schools across Devon. It was a very informative meeting and I am looking forward to inviting one of the Diocesan Education Advisors to Bampton over the next couple of terms.

We also had our School Improvement visit from Mrs Sharpe, who noticed the improvements that have been made throughout the school both in terms of environment, but also in the delivery of teaching and learning. She was very complimentary about the children's oracy and impressed with how keen they were to show her their work and how proud they were of it. Members of our LSC, Glyn Lewry (Chair) and Rachel King (Safeguarding) also came to look round the school, and were equally impressed with what they saw.

Children in Need day today sees the children coming to school in their pyjamas to raise money for those less fortunate than themselves. I joined the children of Fox Class for their Class Collective Worship about Children in Need yesterday, and they displayed such empathy and generosity of spirit which I know is replicated across the school. Thank you for supporting them with this.

Next Friday, we are inviting the children to come to school once again in non-school uniform, in exchange for donations to the PTFA for the Christmas Fair which we are delighted to be hosting on 1st December at School at 3.30pm. Among other things they are collecting for a 'jam jar tombola' and



### Dates for your diary

#### **Week Beginning: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Monday:** KS2 Tag Rugby  
**Tuesday:** KS2 Recorder with Mr McCutcheon  
**Wednesday:** R, KS1 & KS2 Eco club with Mrs Newman  
**Thursday:** KS2 Art Club with Laura Grant  
Year 6 Cuppa Club with Mrs Chant  
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asking children to fill jam jars with sweets, small toys, pencils etc, for their stall. The children will also be making crafts to sell at the fair.

The countdown to Christmas begins.....

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

### **Attendance**

Please see below the attendance percentages for each class, calculated from the beginning of term up to and including 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Hedgehog Class 93%

Squirrel Class 93%

Fox Class 95.1%

Stag Class 90.7%

### **Reading**

Well done to all the children in Fox and Stag Class who have been reading avidly this week. Twenty minutes of reading per day increases reading ages by up to six months so practising is key to success!

#### **Words read to date:**

**Stag Average** - 2, 038,623

Eben 507,607 words, Tabitha 426,595 words, Orla 337,195 words

**Fox Average** - 809,196

Max 196,294 words, Edward 135,160 words, Jasmyn 809,196 words.

**Average time spent reading per week:**

**Stag**

Orla 76 minutes per day

Eben 73 minutes per day

Tabitha 60 minutes per day

**Fox**

Edward 36 minutes per day

Jasmyn 33 minutes per day

Max 30 minutes per day

### **Dates for your diary**

21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	Flu Vaccination
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Non School Uniform for PTFA
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Tiverton Lantern Parade
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Reindeer Run
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Christmas Fair 3.00pm -5.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas performances at Church 5pm-6pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas performance at Church 2pm – 3pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Yr1/Yr2 Multi-Skills THS
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Whole school trip to Knightshayes
11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Parents Evenings
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Carols at Barnhaven R & KS1 Carols at Castle Grove 10.30am – 12pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper day
18 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Holiday
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	Inset Day
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Circus Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book day
8 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Science Week
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Sports relief
29 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 April 2024	Easter Holidays
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Exmoor Challenge
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Inset Day
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Half Term
25 <sup>th</sup> ,26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 6 THS Transition days
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly

**Well done to the Times Table Rock Stars winners!**



<b>Stag class</b>	<b>Highest score</b>	<b>Tyler</b>
<b>Stag class</b>	<b>Amazing effort</b>	<b>Bobby &amp; Saskia</b>
<b>Fox class</b>	<b>Highest score</b>	<b>Jack</b>
<b>Fox class</b>	<b>Amazing effort</b>	<b>Jasmyn</b>

Here are this week's Times Table Rockstars, Superstars! We would like everyone to celebrate our top scorers and those who have made amazing efforts. All staff have been so impressed with children's enthusiasm and determination to improve their times tables knowledge. If your child's name is mentioned in the newsletter, then there is a 3 house point reward! Your child has a Times Table Rockstar login, which can be used at home too.

Good luck everyone!

Here are the learning, activities and events that have been happening in school over the past fortnight.

Our Character Education Focus Virtues this half term

*Citizenship*

*Respect*

### **C360 Cornerstones Curriculum**

**Academic Community Character Innovation**

**These are the four cornerstones of our curriculum.  
Each week the children practise virtues that  
underpin these cornerstones.**

**Fieldmice Class.** We have had such a fun week exploring the meaning of Diwali and the celebrations associated with The Festival of Light. Colours and patterns have been included in nearly every part of our learning this week, with sand and powder paint, play doh, blocks and colouring.

We are going to continue our topic of Diwali for another week as there is so much more for us to learn about!

**Hedgehog Class.** We have had a busy 2 weeks looking at Remembrance Day and Diwali as part of our celebrations topic. We have made huge firework art displays as well as Diva lamps. In maths we have been looking at more than and fewer than and in phonics, we are continuing to learn our 'Special Friends'. Our afternoons have been busy practising for our Nativity play and learning about the Christmas story.

**Squirrel Class** have all been **critical thinkers** as we have tested materials in science this week firstly to see if they were opaque or transparent and secondly, whether different materials float or sink. We made predictions and demonstrated good reasoning through our oracy skills. In maths we have continued to partition numbers into tens and ones within 100 in year 2 and in year 1 we have been looking at 1 more and 1 less. We spent time talking about safety on Bonfire

night this week and made posters to take home to share with our parents to ensure that everyone stays safe this weekend.

**Fox Class** have demonstrated the Character virtues of **curiosity** and **compassion**, which link with the academic and community cornerstones. This week, we spent a day with Andrew Powell-Thomas (author and historian) and completed workshop activities to improve our understanding of Remembrance. The children asked great questions, handled artefacts and completed art and poetry activities. I was very impressed with their recall of knowledge and compassion.

**Stag Class** have demonstrated the virtue of **respect** during our workshop on Remembrance Day this week with the author Andrew Powell-Thomas. The children listened intently to the origins of Remembrance Day, and carefully handled some real World War One artefacts, including a shell case and some trench art. The blackout poetry they produced afterwards, using 'In Flanders Fields' as a model, were absolutely beautiful. Stag have also shown the virtue of **resilience** in sitting their autumn assessments over the last two weeks. I'm so proud of the effort they have put in.

## Our Vision is for all children to become Inspiring Changemakers

Our **Inspiring Learners** over the last two weeks are:



### **Harry in Hedgehog Class**

For demonstrating the character virtue of **confidence**. Harry has been making a name for himself around the school for his friendliness and ability to make people laugh. He is so enthusiastic about his learning and comes in to school with a huge smile every day. Well done Harry!



### **Ted in Squirrel Class**

For showing the character virtue of **creativity**. This week we have been very impressed with Ted's observation skills in art and his creativity when drawing and painting spirals. He remained incredibly focussed throughout our art sessions and has a keen eye for detail. He listened carefully and painted his first watercolour picture of a shell.

### **Walter in Squirrel Class**

Walter has been very kind this week helping others with their maths learning but also making huge leap in confidence on stage as a King in the nativity. Walter projected his voice loudly and clearly in the church and has learnt his lines so that he doesn't need prompting. Well done Walter, fantastic progress this term.



### **Daniel in Fox Class**



Daniel has demonstrated the character virtue of **determination**. He has been working incredibly hard to improve his understanding in all subjects! This week, Daniel's artwork has been an absolute treat to see!

### **Edward in Fox Class**

Edward has demonstrated the character virtues of **curiosity** and **determination**. Every day, he tries his very best in each lesson, and this is shining through in his recent NFER tests. Edward is also a great reader and is amassing a great word count!

### **Tabitha in Stag Class**



For showing the virtue of cooperation during the Y5/6 Girls' Football Friendly at Tiverton High School. Her team spirit was evident in abundance! Tabitha has also wowed us with her outstanding writing in her Street Child biography of Jim Jarvis, showing incredible creativity.

### **Eben in Stag Class**

For showing the virtue of determination in our assessments over the last two weeks, achieving brilliant results. Our AR graphs show that Eben has read over half a million words since September! Finally, Eben is receiving this award for his kindness and compassion to his classmates, which makes our class a lovely place to be.

# **Well done Everybody!**



### **School Nursing service for parents/carers and primary aged children**

Parents/carers can contact the public health nursing team (health visitors and school nurses) for [information and advice](#) on **07520631721**.

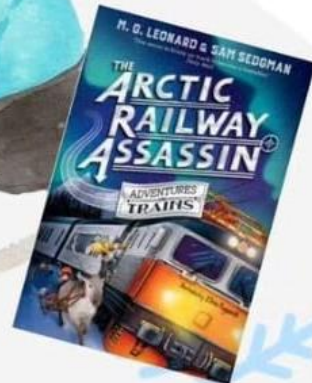
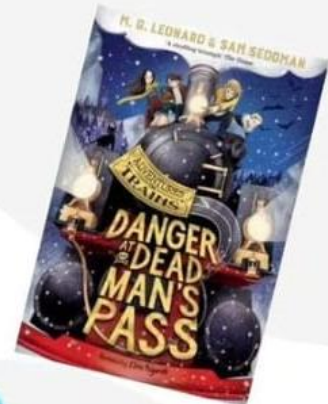
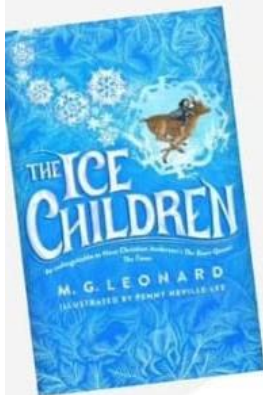
We also have a [website](#) that's split into a kid's zone and a parent's zone with information about a range of health and wellbeing needs and sources of support if you need it.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# THE ICE CHILDREN M.G.LEONARD

**BOOK SIGNING AT LIZNOJAN**

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 4-5PM



[WWW.LIZNOJANBOOKS.CO.UK](http://WWW.LIZNOJANBOOKS.CO.UK)

# PTFA OWN CLOTHES DAY FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

**PLEASE BRING IN A JAM JAR  
DONATION OR GIFT DONATION**



*As part of the Christmas Fair we we will be holding  
a Jam Jar tombola. We are asking for donations of  
filled jam jars (could be filled with toys, pens, sweets...  
Or even jam!)*

*We are also looking for donations of gifts for the children to  
wrap and give to their adults*



# CHRISTMAS MARKETS

**TIVERTON PANNIER MARKET**

- AN ACTION-PACKED DECEMBER
- FOOD, DRINK, ARTS, CRAFTS AND GIFTS GALORE
- GENERAL MARKETS EVERY TUESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
- EVENTS WITH LIVE MUSIC, SANTA'S GROTTO AND LOTS MORE

- Sat 2 Dec – Tiverton Farmers Market Christmas Special
- Sun 3 Dec – Christmas Craft and Gift Fair
- Wed 6 Dec – Late-Night Shopping and Open Mic
- Sat 9 Dec – Santa's Lost Presents and family event
- Sat 16 Dec – Christmas Party
- Sat 23 Dec – Last-Minute Christmas Market

Tiverton Pannier Market

A Tiverton Pannier Market special

# SANTA'S LOST PRESENTS

Those naughty elves have hidden lots of presents around the market – help us find them!

**SAT 9 DEC (10AM TO 2PM)**

50p entry | Prizes for everyone! Collect form from central lobby and, afterwards, return it to a location TBC soon!

40-plus stalls | Cafe | Bar | The Gourmet Greek | Santa's Grotto | Classical singing star Tamsin Ball | Take Note Community Choir

Tiverton Pannier Market

Tiverton Rotary Club presents...

# SANTA'S GROTTO

**Tiverton Pannier Market**

- Saturday 25 November (4pm to 8pm)
- Saturday 2 December (11am to 3pm)
- Wednesday 6 December (4pm to 8pm)
- Saturday 9 December (11am to 3pm)
- Saturday 16 December (11am to 3pm)
- Saturday 23 December (11am to 3pm)

£5 per child | Meet Santa and receive a gift

Tiverton Pannier Market

# CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

**TIVERTON PANNIER MARKET**

- Design a card at school or at home
- Fill one side of A4 – however you like
- Include your name, age, school and contact details on the back
- Bring your entry to the market office (above the central lobby) by 2pm on Saturday 9 December
- Lots of great prizes up for grabs
- All entries will be displayed at the market

Tiverton Pannier Market



## Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

**If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium**

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.



