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Morning club - 8am
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Toasties 3.15pm - 4.30/5.45pm
Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm

FRIDAY FLYER

Newsletter No. 11
6th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festivities are in full swing over the next two weeks. Friday 13th will be Christmas Jumper Day. Please remember any costumes and props for the talent show auditions on the morning of Thursday 19th December if your child is taking part. Also our Sharing Lunch is on Tuesday 17th, so don't forget to send in some food to share – sign-up sheets will be up next week outside your child's classroom.

Mr R Stead



Last Saturday, Amarra, Tilly, Freddie and Anthony from Class 6 represented Milverton School in the annual Wellington School Maths Challenge. Forty schools took part this year, with the children facing a question paper designed by a Cambridge University mathematician! They children did incredibly well and we are all very proud of them. The winning school scored 17

points. Milverton scored 14 3/4. This was enough to gain (we believe) equal 4th place. I would personally like to thank the children for giving up their own time on a Saturday morning, their parents for their on-going support and Mr Penny and Mrs Nicholls for their support and company while we waited for the children to finish.

Mr Coupe



On Thursday 5th December, Mr Sealey came into school and spoke to us about his amazing boat. He is rowing in the Transatlantic Challenge 2020. He told us some fascinating facts and he explained how he's going to race. Mr Sealey is rowing with 2 women and we all agree that it is going to be tough. We would all like to say a massive thank you to Mr Sealey for bringing in his boat and wish him good luck. *by Freya and Jemima*

Mr Sealey will be taking part in a 3,000 mile transatlantic rowing race in December 2020 with two other team members and will take them 6/7 weeks. Mr Sealey brought in his rowing boat and the children visited in one class at a time during the morning. The children thor-



oughly enjoyed having a look at the outside and inside of the boat and asked many questions about all aspects of the challenge. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mr and Mrs Sealey for bringing the boat into school and standing in the cold as all the classes visited! We wish Mr Sealey all the best in his training and during the event. You can find out more about the Challenge by visiting: <https://www.taliskerwhiskyatlanticchallenge.com/2020-race-entrants/>

Mr Penny

Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th December

Reception Class Nativity for parents at 2pm

Thursday 12th December

Year 5 & 6 Curriculum Evening at 6pm

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day—children can wear Christmassy jumpers (but please don't go out and buy one especially!) for £1 for Save the Children.

MSA Christmas Film Night after school

Tuesday 17th December

Sharing Lunch

Wednesday 18th December

Kingsmead Kitchen Christmas Lunch

Class 3 singing at Kingsmead Carol Concert at St. Andrews, Wiveliscombe, 6.30 to 7.45pm

Thursday 19th December

Talent Show (just for pupils)

Friday 20th December

Last day of term

Christmas Service at St Michael's Church at 2pm, all welcome

Monday 6th January 2020

Inset Day

Tuesday 7th January

School opens to pupils

Wednesday 8th January

Class 6 Forest School

**FOREST SCHOOL
WEDS 11TH DEC
CLASS 1**

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	225	1083
Cork Oak	251	1022
Blue Cedar	247	1101
Horse Chestnut	238	1097

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Pre-school	Evelyn for a fantastic first week.
Class R	Tom for always being kind and helpful in class and being a good friend to others.
Class 1	Sophia for settling in so well and making such positive contributions to her new class.
Class 2	Stan for always working hard in all areas and especially during guided reading this week.
Class 3	Bertie for his consistent focus and effort in all subjects—well done!
Class 4	Yazmin for developing her confidence to share her ideas with the class. Keep this up, Yazmin! Mia P and Bobbi for challenging themselves and showing resilience with some tricky moves in gymnastics.
Class 5	Jess for her self-belief and determination to improve.
Class 6	Amarra for her fantastic planet poem.

As it is December and Class 2's last Forest School of 2019, we enjoyed a frosty festive time. We began by hunting for the 12 days of Christmas. Once they had been found, we had a lovely sing-song around the fire.



We had great fun and the festivities continued throughout the morning as we made Christmas tree decorations.



Today the Mini-Police visited Milverton's Friday Lunch Club with PCSO Louise. We had the opportunity of learning more about the purpose of the Lunch Club and the members who attend it. We had a talk about why the older generation of the village need the opportunity to meet regularly and have a good hot meal. We also had a chance to talk to many members and we helped them make Christmas decorations. We are now more aware about how important the club is to our community. We would like to say a huge thank you to the members of the Lunch Club and, of course, PCSO Louise for organising it for us.

Class 5 Mini-Police



Pre-school is now fully-booked for the rest of the academic year, apart from a few afternoons. If you would like to sign-up for September 2020, please contact Charlotte on milvertonpre-school@educ.somerset.gov.uk or call 01823 400 243.

In October we held our first Parent Forum meeting with a group of parents from across the school. This Forum was set up so that we could listen to the views of our parents on a range of topics and to ensure that your voice was involved in some of our decision making. As an initial focus this group looked at the SEND Information Report. This is a document that Boards of Governors of maintained schools and nurseries have to produce on a yearly basis to identify how they implement the school's SEND policy. The document acts as a guide to answer questions around how pupils with Special Educational Needs are identified and supported at Milverton Community Primary and Pre-school. It forms part of the Local Authorities 'Local Offer'. Local Authorities are required to publish, and keep under review, information about services that they expect to be available for children and young people with disabilities and Special Education Needs aged 0-25. You can access Somerset's local offer: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/somersets-local-offer/> Following our Parent Forum meeting and recent Full Governing Board meeting, our school SEND Information report has been reviewed and changes made to make the document more accessible for parents. The new document can now be viewed on our school website: <https://www.milvertonprimary.co.uk/about-us/sen> We would like to thank the parents who were involved in co-producing this document. Our next Parent Forum meeting is at 2.30pm on Tuesday 21st January 2020 and we will be discussing homework! If you would be interested in joining this group please let me or Mrs Nicholls know via the school office.

Mrs Lewis