

## NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 7 – December 2023

## EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



Dear families

Christmas has definitely arrived in our school! It was an absolute pleasure to watch the nativity from Ashton and Braeburn Class this week and see the joy it brings the children. May I also extend my heartfelt thanks to you all for your wonderful support of the children during these performances. We now look forward to the last week of term and both staff and children are looking forward to their Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day on Tuesday, as well as our KS2 Carol service on Thursday and the whole school trip to the Panto on Monday!

In staffing updates in January, we will be having a slight shift in staffing in Hastings class as we increase Miss Momber's SENDCo time in school. As a result, Mrs Kerrie Durkin will be teaching in Hastings on a Monday afternoon and Tuesday, with Miss Momber finishing the week on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We also welcome Mrs Hannah Turner to the Dabinett teaching team (Wednesday-Friday) alongside Miss Stevens and Mrs Clough. Finally, we welcome Mrs Jenny Gooch to complete the team in Ashton Class, following the departure of Mrs Durnell.

Finally, may I pass on my congratulations to the PTFA for organising and running a wonderful Christmas Fair last week! Thank you to everyone who attended, helped and supported this event. We are still awaiting the total amount raised, which will go towards funding new Chrome Books in the school in the New Year.

Thank you for your continued support and may I wish you all a very merry Christmas when it arrives!

Mrs Richardson

## REMINDERS

Please check the Lost Property – final chance to find your lost items before Christmas; anything left will be disposed of.

**SANDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A NUT-FREE SCHOOL. PLEASE ENSURE NO NUT PRODUCTS ARE SENT IN AS SNACKS OR LUNCHES!**

**Attendance**

*As you know we track our pupil attendance carefully and our usual termly attendance letters will be sent out in January with your child's Autumn attendance figures. Our whole school attendance currently sits at 95.9%, which is above National Average of 93.8% Thank you for your continued support in making this happen.*

## CALENDAR DATES

- 11.12.2023 Christmas Pantomime (letter 14.11.23)
- 12.12.2023 Christmas Jumper Day
- 12.12.2023 Christmas Dinner
- 13.12.2023 Class 3 to Sandford Station
- 14.12.2023 KS2 Carol Service (letter 15.11.23)
- 15.12.2023 End of Term 2
- 18.12.2023 INSET Day
- 19.12.2023 INSET Day
- 20.12.2023 INSET Day
- 04.01.2024 Start of Term 3
- 16.01.2024 Class 3 Swimming
- 23.01.2024 Class 3 Swimming
- 30.01.2024 Class 3 Swimming
- 09.02.2024 End of Term 3
- 19.02.2024 Term 4
- 20.02.2024 Class 3 Swimming
- 23.02.2024 Year 6 to Lifeskills
- 27.02.2024 Class 3 Swimming

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### CREW POINTS FOR LAST WEEK

w.c 27.11	Work	Work	Conduct	Conduct
	Week	Term	Week	Term
Milligan	48	351	27	102
Carroll	57	332	23	118
Wilson	64	351	22	111
Zephaniah	78	384	26	119

### CREW POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

w.c 4.12	Work	Work	Conduct	Conduct
	Week	Term	Week	Term
Milligan	44	395	20	122
Carroll	44	376	17	135
Wilson	39	390	17	128
Zephaniah	59	443	20	139

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**Congratulations to the following pupils, who have achieved Bronze Awards:**

**Milligan:** Izzy K (Braeburn), Evie H (Hasting), Lucinda (Dabinett)  
**Carroll:** Kezia H (Hasting), Samuel P (Hasting)  
**Wilson:** Kimberley C (Hasting), Winnie S (Dabinett)  
**Zephaniah:** William S (Hasting), Alex B (Hasting), Adrianna A (Hasting)

**And to the following pupils who have achieved Silver Awards:**

**Milligan:** Harry L (Hasting)  
**Zephaniah:** Milly C (Hasting)



## SANDFORD PUPILS GETTING CREATIVE WITH CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Georgia from Redstreak Class and her brother Joshua, from Braeburn Class, have been enjoying some Christmas crafts and have made these lovely Christmas wreaths. We think they will look beautiful on their front door at home. Well done Georgia and Joshua!



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Dabinett Class have been learning about Ancient Greece, the invention of Democracy and famous Greek scholars. Recently, they held a Socratic Seminar to debate whether children should be allowed to vote! It went so well, with excellent debating skills and strong arguments. In the end, the majority voted that children should be allowed to vote but only if they took a test to prove their understanding of politics first. Interesting!



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## PTA 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS – THE WINNERS!

We had some fantastic entries for this PTA competition, and the following pupils were the winners:

- 12 Drummers Drumming (picture 27) – Teja T-M
- 11 Pipers Piping (picture 25) – Rupert S
- 10 Lords-a-leaping (picture 24) – Sebb F
- 9 Ladies Dancing (picture 19) – Hannah V
- 8 Maids-a-Milking (picture 16) – Matilda H
- 7 Swans-a-Swimming (picture 13) – Bella N
- 6 Geese-a-Laying (picture 9) – Arwen D
- 5 Gold Rings (picture 7) – Lottie C
- 4 Calling Birds (picture 6) – Jupiter B
- 3 French Hens (picture 5) – Francesca T
- 2 Turtle Doves (picture 3) – Daisy ??????? Which one?
- And the Partridge in a Pear Tree (picture 2) – Lucinda H-A



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### Community Carol Singing with Sandford Handbell Ringers

Premier Sandford Stores, Greenhill Road, Sandford

(or village hall if raining)

Thursday 14 December 7pm



Soroptimist WSM will be raising money with, and for, 'The Grace Period Project', a local social enterprise aiming to reduce period poverty and raise the profile and understanding of periods in the community.

Join us in song, and enjoy a mince pie and mulled wine – compliments from Sandford Stores - while raising money through a raffle and a festive cake and craft sale for this deserving cause.

**ARTS CLUB**  
WHERE KIDS CREATE

**FOR CHILDREN AGE 7-11**  
(OR YOUNGER WITH THEIR ADULT)

**PUPPET MAKING**      **DRAWING**  
**ILLUSTRATION**      **SCULPTURE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS**  
**PAINTING**      **COSTUME MAKING**

EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY FROM  
JAN 8TH - FEB 15TH 9.30-5PM

LIMITED PLACES! TO SIGN UP EMAIL:  
SOAPSOUPTHEATRECOMPANY@GMAIL.COM

Full Price: £50  
Low/No wage: £38  
(Sibling Discount on request.)  
Arts Club takes place at  
The Art Shed,  
Winscombe Community Centre,  
Sandford Rd,  
Winscombe BS25 1HP




**Come to ...**

**Carols by Lantern Light**  
with Weston Brass Band

**Church Centre Car Park**  
Woodborough Road, Winscombe

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
from 4.30pm  
Santa arrives at 4.45pm  
Singing from 5.00pm

**Santa's Grotto**  
**Refreshments**  
**Children's Stalls**

Bring a lantern or torch  
**Free Entry**

Donations for the Foodbank at The All Healthy Living Centre  
and for St James's Church



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Join our Journey to Bethlehem!

**SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER**  
CAROLS & NATIVITY FOR ALL AGES

- 3.30pm Carols @Cottage Homes, Front Street
- 3.45pm Follow the star on Front Street
- 4pm @Churchill Methodist Nativity & Candles
- 5pm Sausage rolls & mince pies

Churchill Methodist Church | [churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk)

Churchill Baby & Toddler Group wish you a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
JOIN US @CHURCHILL METHODIST  
Front Street, BS25 5NG  
MONDAYS 9.00-11.30AM

**4 & 11 DECEMBER**

Try us for FREE!

- Friendly group, bright hall
- Lots of toys, yummy snack
- Craft activity & songtime
- Cuppa & chat, easy parking

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**Christmas LUNCH**

**December 12th**

Christmas Lunch  
Roast Chicken & Stuffing, Roasties,  
Christmas Vegetable Medley & Gravy  
or  
Quorn Roast  
with Roasties, Christmas  
Vegetable Medley & Gravy  
and  
Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie Ball  
or  
White Chocolate Snowball Cookie

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspire

Rotary Club of Mendips

**Santa and Elf Fun Run**  
to raise money for  
**Weston Hospicecare**  
at Winchester Farm  
Draycott Rd, Cheddar BS27 3RP

**on Sat 16th December**  
from 10 am

Prices: Adult £10  
Adult with up to 4 children £15  
14-18 year old £6  
Fancy Dress awards for under 14s

Register at [www.mendipsantarun.com](http://www.mendipsantarun.com)  
or use QR code

Santa Suit provided for over 13s

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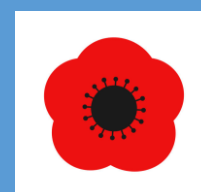
Santa Float Routes\*  
11-14 December 2023



\*We hope to bring Santa to all the roads shown, but the routes are subject to change depending on timing, weather and magic!

## POPPY APPEAL THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for all your donations to the Poppy Appeal. Our school raised the grand total of **£212.99!**



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