

This term's Christian value is COMPASSION.

Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3.12)

Achievers of the last two weeks:

- Nursery Jemima, Konor, Tasha, Faith, Jade and Dennis for having lovely manners and being helpful in Nursery
- Class 1 Stars of the Week - Farley, Chesny & Murphy
Emily for trying so hard with her writing
Riley for always doing the right thing
- Class 2 Sonny for caring about his classroom and his friends
Will for being **compassionate** and always caring for his friends
- Class 3 Rhiannon for working so hard on reading and spelling her words to Mrs Douthwaite every day
Daria for working so hard on her phonics & making good progress
David for super maths
- Class 4 Daniel for his **AMAZING** sewing skills
Kara & Cicely for great maths work - challenging themselves!
- Class 5 Archie Hunt for a super, written evaluation of the delicious paella
Carys for showing such **compassion** - she donated £5 to the Children's Hospice South West instead of sending Christmas cards

Other: **BRONZE: Jakub, Kelsey & Toby**

SILVER: Leah & Eleanor

GOLD: Suzy, Jared & Jayden R

- Well done to **School Council** for organising such an enjoyable school disco and raising so much money for the Children's Hospice South West
- Alissa for swimming, & Cicely & Cordelia for ALL their medals & trophy
- Molly for gymnastics medals & trophy
- **Compassion: Leo P, Ash, Miss Hull, Makayla, Wesley, Stan, Bonnie, Lola, Joshua D-R**

School diary dates:

December

- Weds 14th 2.00 & 6.00 Nativity
Thurs 15th Classes 1 - 3 panto trip
Fri 16th 9.00 Christmas Carol Service - hall - all welcome to join us!
2.30 end of Term 2

January 2017

- Tues 3rd school closed - INSET Day
Weds 4th Children return to school for Term 3
Thurs 5th Year 6 Lifeskills trip
w/c 17th Book Fair in school
w/c 23rd Book Week - more details next term
Tues 24th 6.15 governors meeting

Notices, messages, reminders...

- A reminder that all children should arrive at school for the **start at 8.45**
- Please ensure all children wear their **school shoes** to school! A few have been seen in **trainers** recently - these are not acceptable as school shoes
- Please encourage your child to **scoot safely** to school on Fridays - they should be in control at all times, away from others!
- All **clubs** will restart the week beginning 9th January 2017 - look out for the clubs letter in the first week of term!

Nativity Performances

December 14th at 2pm and 6pm

The children are ready for their Christmas extravaganzas today! The singing is truly awe-inspiring! To ensure that the hall doesn't become overcrowded at either performance, we have produced a numbered programme, for which we ask a nominal donation of £1.00 - entry by programme only.

We will be auctioning the sleigh, snowmen & Christmas trees after the evening show - remember your purses!





A huge thank-you to the children who sang at the **Community Carol Service at Radstock Methodist Church on Sunday 4th December.** The 20-strong choir really impressed the congregation with their singing, and it was lovely to join with the Academy of Trinity and St Nicholas Primary to enjoy the festive carol service.

Norovirus Information

We have been advised by Public Health England that an outbreak of norovirus is affecting hospitals and other health care settings in Bath and North East Somerset. Norovirus causes viral gastroenteritis, which is characterised by the sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. Please note the following advice:

Children and staff with symptoms of norovirus should:

- Stay away from work or school until they have been **free of symptoms for at least 48 hours** and avoid contact with others where possible.
- Keep hydrated by drinking fluids as tolerated
- If symptoms persist (more than 48 hours), phone the GP or the NHS non-emergency number 111 for advice.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly but particularly after toilet visits and before eating and handling food.

Alcohol hand gel is not effective against norovirus

- Do not visit friends or relatives in hospital or residential care homes as there is a real risk of introducing the infection to the establishment
- Do not handle or prepare food for other people until symptom free for at least 48 hours.
- Exclude ill children and staff from school trips and residential trips, consider postponing during an outbreak.

Environmental decontamination

- Clean then disinfect frequent contact surfaces such as toilets at least daily and when contaminated, using a chlorine-releasing product that is active against viruses e.g. sodium hypochlorite, such as Milton, 0.1% solution or 1000ppm available chlorine
- Increase frequency of environmental decontamination during outbreaks
- Wash soiled clothing and fabrics on the hottest wash the material will withstand
- Avoid sand and water play during outbreaks

St Mary's Christmas Fayre

So many people to thank! EVERYONE who joined us for our best ever Christmas Fayre... over £1500 raised to buy lovely additional things for your children in school!! The PTA did an **amazing job**, under the leadership of Linda Dyson, ably supported by Mrs. Buchan & Mrs. Lynch, Laura (who made the sleigh & snowmen!), Jo (who donated ALL the gifts!), Ali, Debbie, Lesley, Gemma...and many others – thank you all so much!

We are meeting on Friday 6th January 9.00 for a coffee and to review the event, and plan more for the 2017! Please come and join us ☺





If only ALL learning was this much FUN! Class 5 LOVED their English lesson...learning what a tomato at La Tomatina festival would feel like!! 😊

Parent Governor

The school **governors** have one nomination for a new parent representative. If you might be interested in this important role and would like more details as to what is involved, please come in and speak to one of the Headteachers, or other governors who are parents (Rob Langley, Debbie Hancock or Heather Bentley-Smith). The governing body would like to thank Caroline Tasker-Poland for her work.

Happy Christmas



See you in 2017!