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Dates for diaries

Tues 21 st Dec	Class 1 'Story Sharing' afternoon @ 2:00pm
Weds 20 th Dec	Class 5 Performance of The Tempest – Class 5 Parents invited at @ 2pm
Thurs 21 st Dec	Last day of term
Mon 8 th Jan	First day of Spring term

Christmas Dinner

There was a fabulous, festive feeling in the hall on Tuesday as the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch complete with table decorations, staff waitress service and Christmas crackers! There were lots of smiles, an assortment of Christmas jumpers, novelty gifts and joke telling while the all the staff helped serve over 100 Christmas dinners! Particular thanks go to Mrs Western for orchestrating the event and to the HSA for the Christmas crackers.



Tempest school photographs

A number of parents have enquired about the delivery date for the school photos. We have contacted Tempest and they have informed us the photos will be delivered in 2 parcels – one for photos ordered online and the other for photos ordered via the school. One parcel has arrived today and these photos have been sent out in the children's bookbags. We expect delivery of the next parcel next week and before we break up for the Christmas holiday.

Choir visits to Wells Cathedral and Torrwood Care Home

Mrs Jenkins and the school choir have been very busy this week performing at the Somerset Music Christmas Celebration Concert at Wells Cathedral on Monday evening, singing in our community concert with the rest of the school and then visiting Torrwood Care Home in South Horrington. We have had wonderful feedback from all these community events. Some

of the choir members said it made them feel really happy when they visited the care home because the residents smiled a lot, clapped and joined in by playing percussion instruments, doing actions and singing along to some of the songs. They thought it must be lovely for them to have visitors as they might not see lots of people and can't go out much. We thought you'd like to hear some of the comments from the residents too. June said, 'The children were marvellous; I couldn't take my eyes off them.' Constance thought the children were wonderful and great, whilst Alma told the staff that the children were absolutely great and that they knew all the words. We are very proud of our choir members for how they have contributed so positively to our local community.

Community Concert

The very inclement weather on Thursday morning meant we had a smaller audience than sometimes for our community concert, however it was lovely to welcome our regular attenders and to have Mrs Hayward (who used to teach at Horrington) join us. The children sang the Nativity songs for one last time and it was a really lovely morning.

Staff news

We are delighted to be able to share with you that we have appointed Mrs Rachael Bisgrove as our new administrative Assistant and we look forward to her joining the office team next term.

Buying devices at Christmas time

If you are thinking of buying technology for your children at Christmas then you might like to read the advice from the UK Safer internet Centre which includes buying guides to help you choose the best device. Please click on the following link:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

Dyslexia inclusive

We are delighted to be able to share with you that the school has been re-accredited for Inclusive Dyslexia Friendly Status by the Somerset Learning Support Service. Congratulations to Mrs DeVine and all the staff for their hard work in helping us to be re-accredited for this award.

Diabetes UK

Austin in Class 4 would like to thank everyone who purchased items from his stall at the Christmas Fayre. He raised an impressive £31 for the charity. Well done, Austin!

HSA news

The HSA Christmas Fayre was a fantastic end to our week of festive fun last week and thank you to everyone who helped make this such a success. Please see the attached HSA newsletter for more information.

Yours sincerely,



Julie Williams
Headteacher