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 Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm



FRIDAY FLYER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In last week's Flyer I referred you to our results. This week the government has published its primary school league tables: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/find-a-school-in-england> League tables aren't everything, but I hope you will still be pleased to read that our school is the 11th highest in Somerset for pupils meeting the government's standard in Reading, Writing and Maths. We are also in the top 10% of Somerset schools for pupils meeting the government's 'Higher Standard'! Furthermore, our children haven't only excelled this year. Our three year average (2016-18) for children meeting the standard in Reading, Writing and Maths is 75%, which is much higher than the average for schools in England (60%) and Somerset (58%). We can only achieve these outstanding results for the children through hard work and partnership with you, the parents. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr R Stead



Well done to Reception Class for putting on two excellent performances of their Nativity play. They entertained the whole school with their brilliant singing on Thursday and it was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents at their performance this morning.

A huge **THANK YOU** from the MSA.

Together this term, we have managed to raise an amazing **£3,632.14**

- * **25 Year Celebrations £779**
- * **Cake Sale £41**
- * **25 Year DVD sales £253**
- * **Christmas Cards £293**
- * **Halloween Disco £533**
- * **Big Breakfast £318**
- * **Quiz Night £387**
- * **Christmas Fair £1,028.14**



Thank you to everyone for your continuous support. We couldn't do it without you! The MSA wishes you all a restful and happy Christmas.

Diary Dates

Monday 17th December
 Kingsmead kitchen
 Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 19th December
 Christmas Sharing Lunch

Thursday 20th December
 Talent Show (just for the children)

Friday 21st December
 Last day of term
 Christmas Service at St Michael's Church at 2pm
 Parents welcome

Monday 7th January 2019
 INSET day

Tuesday 8th January
 School opens to pupils

Thursday 10th January
 Prospective Parent Tour at 9.30am.

If you know parents of a child starting school in September 2019, let them know! To book a place, please contact the school office.

Wednesday 30th January
 Year 1 Sports festival at Kingsmead

Friday 1st February
 Science Day

FOREST SCHOOL
WEDS 19TH DEC
CLASS R



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY

Thank you to those of you who wore your Christmas jumpers today to raise money for Save the Children. You raised £108.04!

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

- Class R The *Whole of Class R* for their amazing nativity performances!
- Class 1 *Talulah* for her excellent attitude in school and for producing so many lovely pieces of writing.
- Class 2 *Archie S* for working really hard on joining his hand writing in his excellent 'defeat the monster' tale.
- Class 3 *Anya and Adèle* for consistent hard work throughout the week in all subjects.
- Class 4 *Lucas and Oscar* for working really hard and contributing their ideas in group discussions. Well done both of you.
- Class 5 *Jemima* for a cracking Maths assessment!
- Class 6 *William* for being such a helpful, kind and caring member of Class 6.



Class 1 enjoyed a rather nippy Forest School this week, but we didn't feel the cold as we were far too busy having an amazing time. We cooked marshmallows and drank hot chocolate round the camp fire and made beautiful Christmas decorations out of walnuts to take home and put on our own trees. The whole morning made us feel very Christmassy! As ever, thank you so much to our Christmas ranger, Mr Wedderkopp, for creating such a wonderful forest experience.

Miss Gauntlett

More exciting chess news! Following on from our success at the first Somerset Chess Grand Prix, the schools league table for the Somerset Schools Cup has been published. Top of the list is Milverton's Bad Bishops which is an absolutely fantastic achievement! So well



done to Adri, Redvers, Finley, Daniel, George and Amarra for getting us to the top of the table. The next Somerset Chess Grand Prix is on Sunday 16th December and there is still time to enter using the link <http://www.somersetjuniorchessgrandprix.co.uk>

Schools Cup Standings

Milverton Community Primary School	20
Widcombe Church of England Junior School	15
Clifton high school	12
St Stephen's CofE Primary	12
St. John's C of E Primary School	12
Paddocks woods	10.5
Combe Down Primary School	10
King Edwards, Bath.	9
Oldfield Park Junior school	8
St Saviour's CofE Junior School	7.5
Blagdon Primary	6.5
Oakfield Academy	6
Hambridge Primary	5.5
Huish Episcopi Academy	5.5
Marlwood	5.5
Hazlegrove Prep	5
Millfield Prep	5
Bradley Stoke Community School	4
Bristol Grammar School	4
High Ham Primary	3.5
Bathwick st Mary	3
Chew Valley Secondary	3
Churchill Academy	3
Hayesfield Girls' School, Bath	3
Heathfield Community School, Taunton	3
Hotwells Primary School	3
Kingswood School, Bath	3
Merchant academy	3
Taunton School	3
QEH	2
St Dunstons, Glastonbury	2
Wells Cathedral School	2

On Monday, a team of 9 girls (Gracie, Isabella, Skye, Bethany, Rosie, Iris, Zöe, Eira and Devi) went to Kings College to play a competitive football tournament. In our first match we had to play West Monkton, where we drew 1-1. In our second match we played Holway, and managed to win 2-0. On our third match we played Thurlbear, and it was a draw at 0-0. We just about qualified coming second in our pool, meaning we had to go against Trinity in the quarter finals. Unfortunately, they just beat us

by one goal with the score 1-0. We all played really well and enjoyed it thoroughly, however we couldn't have done it without Mr Penny, Mr Coupe and all the other adults that helped us travel there. *by Gracie and Isabella, Class 6.*

Many children may be anticipating receiving internet-enabled gifts for Christmas. We work hard to help our children to understand how to have fun and stay safe online. One message we would like to emphasise as the holidays draw closer is that children should never get undressed in front of a camera. This is a campaign that London Grid for Learning (LGfL) has been running for some time. There is more information here: <https://safeblog.lgfl.net/2018/07/undressed/> Children don't always see the importance of what can seem obvious to adults. What seems like fun to them might be more sinister, or it might not, but unprepared children often won't recognise the difference. So please help us to keep your children safe by following this up with discussion with them at home. There is more general advice for parents available from the NSPCC here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/video-chat-sharing-streaming/>

Mr Stead