



Wellow Weekly
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Dear Parents,

This is the last letter for the term.

Last Thursday I spent a day with Class 4 and Class 2 at the egg theatre. They were wonderful. The whole day was filled with excitement and enjoyment. The children had written their own play script "Home for Christmas" through their PSHE/drama sessions with Mr Johnston. They based their ideas on the feelings of a group of children hiding in a trench in the hopfields in Kent during WWI. Mrs Adams typed up the script as the children were working on their lines and produced a backing track with songs and sound effects. Mrs Mapstone and the Class 4 team had rehearsed with the children and latterly had involved Class 2 and their team. I was moved to tears on occasions throughout the production - and I believe the children "lived" WWI through this powerful experience. Well done Class 4 and Class 2 - adults and children alike - another example of the strong teamwork that exists in St Julian's. Thank you so much for your support at the production and I am sure that you will want to thank the teachers personally for their hard work.

I used my spare time at the theatre to write the weekly newsletter and many other pieces on my laptop, only to find on my return to school that the entire body of work was lost! Hence the delay in getting this newsletter out.

On the same day Class 3 had a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the Police Headquarters in Portishead due to the success of Harry Evans. They met the police dogs and handlers, saw the design go to press and enjoyed a lovely lunch, to name a few things. The children were impeccably behaved. Look out in the local press for the article. Well done again Harry and congratulations to Class 3.

Earlier in the week Class 4 performed two songs in Bath Abbey where 17 other schools gathered to celebrate Christmas in songs and readings. Again they were true ambassadors for St Julian's. I am so proud of them.

A group of children accompanied me to the Christmas Markets last Friday (4.12.10) and I would like to thank the parents who offered to drive the children to the Park & Ride and supported us in Bath. The children were given donations by passers-by, which amounted to over £35, for their singing. I thought it appropriate to give this the Children's Society. Well done singers!!

On Thursday, when there were so few children in the school, Mrs Rodford had the super idea to invite parents to lunch! Thank you Mrs Rodford. I believe all enjoyed the experience and thought maybe we might do it again sometime in the future! What do you think?

On **Thursday 17th December** at 1800 we are going to meet in St Julian's Church for our **Carols by Candlelight** event. This is a new venture for St Julian's and I hope you will come out to support your children. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be provided during the event. Please return the slip overleaf to give us an idea how many mince pies are needed, and if you are able to make a dozen mince pies, see Tania Rorison who has agreed



to organise this for me. The children in each class will be singing for you and I have asked some parents to read their favourite Christmas poem. It is a chance to get into the spirit of Christmas and sing together. Let me know if you would like to read or recite a poem!

Christmas Parties take place on the afternoons of Monday (Class 1 & 2) and Tuesday (Classes 3 & 4). Please make sure the party clothes come in a clearly labelled carrier bag on the morning of the party. Children will have chance to change during the afternoon. *Apologies that, due to the delay in getting this newsletter out, some children will be unaware of the need for party clothes. We will do our best to give them Christmas sparkle!*

Those who have been into school recently will have seen that as visitors/helpers you have been asked to sign in and wear a St Julian's badge. Several parents expressed their delight that we are ensuring their children are well cared for and they feel confident that we take their safety seriously. On that note, it is vital that you inform us on each day of your child's absence from school. *If we don't have notification of the reason for absence you will receive a telephone call from the office to check where your child is.* Please note that school begins at 0855 and ends at 1515. *It is your responsibility to ensure that your child is in school on time and ready to learn.* Likewise at the end of school /clubs it is your responsibility to ensure your child is collected on time. Please do not cause the teachers to provide unpaid childcare. Your child will only be released from school care to a parent or responsible nominated adult. Written permission will be required for children to make their own way home.

Thank you to Ruth Brown who successfully applied for a grant from Frenchay Hospital to support the construction of a shaded area near the playground gate.

Class 3 were the winners of the fullest box for the tombola at the Christmas Fair, and have been awarded £15 to spend by the PTA. They will buy some new board games.

Christmas lunch was delicious and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the catering staff at St Martin's Garden Primary school and to all the staff who gave up their time to serve the children and decorate the hall.



Friday afternoon at 1345 will be our **Nativity Tableau**, narrated by Class 3 and acted by Class 1 and 2. Please come and join us for this final celebration of term. **Please note school closes at 1430 following the event in church**

During collective worship on Monday, I asked the children about their Christmas lists. Dangerous, you might think! I then talked to them about God's wishes for the world and we discussed what they would wish for - Peace, Forgiveness, No War and so on. Someone said "Family Time". *My prayer for you this Christmas is that you do enjoy the special family times and remember the reason we are celebrating. May I wish you a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Jane Gascoigne, Headteacher

DINNERS

As it is the last week of term, could everybody please order dinners required for the week by 9.30 am on Tuesday. This will enable us to calculate whether or not we need to ask you for extra money or, in many cases, issue refunds! We will do our best to sort this out by the end of the week. **If you wish to check your account, please do so at the end of the school day (or drop the office a line).** Most schools require orders for the week EVERY Monday (or weekly/monthly routines, which many of you have) and we are considering making this a rule at St Julian's!

Notice of Menu change

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meatballs on Monday Week 1 have been changed to Spaghetti Bolognaise.

CLUBS - BOOK NOW!

Cricket and **Raph's Football Club** will both have their last session this week. All other clubs are now finished.

Judo Club will start back on 13 January at 8.00 am in the school hall. The price for 10 weeks is £35. Please collect a School Judo UK letter from the foyer.

Mrs Handel's Lemons & Honey **Cookery Club** will start back on Tuesday 12th January 3.15-4.40 pm, price £6.50 per session. Handwritten forms are available from the foyer.

The **Thursday Football Club** run by Mr Young at Shoscombe Church school will continue next term. All children in Year 4, 5 and 6 are welcome.

The **Music Technology Club** run by Dan Harper of Writhlington Extended Services will NOT run at St Julian's in the New Year but it will run at Shoscombe Church School. All children in Years 5 & 6 are welcome to attend this at Shoscombe school. It will be from 1520 to 1615 on Wednesdays starting on Wednesday 13th January.

Sam Kirby who runs Tennis coaching and clubs locally, and who is known to some parents, can offer a **Tennis Club** for Years 1-3 on Tuesday lunchtimes from 1230 to 1310. The cost for 10 sessions will be £28, payable in advance. A flier has been sent out - this will need to be returned by Wednesday 16th December for us to decide if the club is viable. Sam needs a minimum of 10 children and has a limit of 18, so requests will be taken on first come first served basis.

A new **Basketball Club** will start on Friday after school from Friday 8th January for 5 weeks. This will be a free club and open to Y3, 4, 5 and 6.

Netball Club will run on a Tuesday after school from Tuesday 12th January. This will be a free club and open to Years 3-6.

We are writing to members of **Tag Rugby Club** for Y1/2 to see if they would like to continue next term, even though funding has ended. If anyone else is interested please collect details from the office. Cost £3 per session. £12 for the four sessions from Wednesday 13th to 3rd February.

Please use red club booking slips unless otherwise stated.

URGENT - OKEHAMPTON

Please send into school your next payment if you have not already done so by Thursday 17th December to allow us time to bank before Christmas.

EGG PHOTOS

The book of photographs was dropped off in school late on Friday and is available for you to look at in the foyer, together with order forms. If you want a photo BY CHRISTMAS the order must be in by Wednesday 16th.

LOST!

Not one, but TWO green cardigans from NEXT! Please check to make sure your daughter has brought home the correct cardigan. Please also continue to make sure that all items brought to school are clearly labelled with the owner's name (not the name of the previous owner, as we have sometimes found!)

A leather hat was left behind at the Christmas Fayre. If you have found it please let the office know.

REMINDERS

Please remember to check the letters list on every newsletter and ask for copies of any letters you have missed, so you can send in your consent forms for any trips that your child is going on. We try to keep a supply of spare copies in the foyer and update the website regularly but you can always phone/email to ask for one to be put in your child's book bag.

Letters sent out since last newsletter:

No	Date	To/subject
34	14.12.09	Tag Rugby club continue Term 3 (those concerned)

Dates for your Diaries:

14 Dec	C1 & 2 Christmas Party PM
15 Dec	C3 & 4 Christmas Party PM
16 Dec	C4 Sing at Manor Close 1400
17 Dec	Cricket Club
17 Dec	Carols by Candlelight St Julian's Church 6-7pm
18 Dec	Nativity Service in Church 1345
18 Dec	Last day of Term 2 SCHOOL ENDS 1430
4 Jan	Term 3 begins
INSET days	30 Apr 2010, 7 Jun 2010, 22-23 July

Saturday 19th December

Carols at the Red Post Inn 8pm, Red Post Inn, Peasedown St John

Sunday 20th December

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 6pm, St Julian's Wellow

Thursday 24th December

'Have we got news for you' Puppet Nativity 3.30pm, St John's Church Peasedown

'Have we got news for you' Puppet Nativity 5.30pm, St Julian's Church, Wellow
Midnight Communion 11.30pm, St John's Church, Peasedown

Friday 25th December

Traditional Holy Communion, 9am, St Julian's Church, Wellow
Christmas All Age Worship 10.30am, St John's Church, Peasedown

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Please return to school by Wednesday

Carols by Candlelight

Name: _____ Parent of: _____ Class: _____

I will be attending at 6 pm on at St Julian's Church on Thursday 17 December (and I can provide ___ mince pies)