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## Malborough with South Huish C of E (VC) Primary School

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 - Autumn Term Newsletter No.12

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Dear Parents and Carers

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas'...The elves have been busy decorating the classrooms for the children this week and we lit the first candle to mark the start of advent. We must say a huge thank you to Mick for generously donating our school Christmas tree this year. Everyone is looking forward to our carol concert around the tree on the 14th. With only two weeks to go before we break-up for Christmas we have a busy two weeks planned! We started our Christmas countdown with a visit from the touring theatre group, Theatre Alibi:



### THEATRE ALIBI

The children were enthralled on Monday by the nationally renowned Theatre Alibi who came from Exeter to entertain us with their play THE PARCEL.

The children were summoned to the village hall where a mysterious parcel had been delivered, addressed to the school. Suddenly, strange noises could be heard from the parcel and then two characters Kit and Tobin emerged who had been living in the box. Their story unfolded about the countries they'd been posted to and the adventures that followed.

What a lovely start to our week



### CLASS 4 ASSEMBLY

This week, class 4 were really proud to show our learning from throughout Autumn term. This included displays from children of their favourite piece of work. We also helped parents to understand and draw shadow and depth within portraits. All of the children worked very hard presenting and showcasing their work - well done!



### CLASS 3



Class 3 have been practising their gymnastic skills with Mr Mansell in the Village Hall. The children learnt about balance and they had some great ideas on how to perfect their skills whilst being very creative!

In PSHE, the children been looking at diversity within their class, the school, and the world. The children drew self-portraits and compared their similarities and differences with each other.

In computing, the class has been learning about recording audio. This week, they recorded their own podcast of life at Malborough Primary School. It was great to hear the children practising their clear, loud voices.





## CLASS 2

This week in D&T the children made and evaluated their vegetable kebabs. They carefully sliced, chopped and cut a range of vegetables and loaded them onto a skewer to then eat and evaluate at our class picnic.



## SAINT ANDREW'S DAY ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November marked the celebration of Saint Andrew. Members of our team Saint Andrew led a whole school collective worship to share with the rest of the school the importance of why the Saint is remembered. The children talked about how the day is celebrated and performed a traditional ceilidh dance!



### FOREST SCHOOL

The Year 2's made bread on the fire at Forest School this week. Topped with butter and jam the children were very impressed with their tasty baking efforts. They also spent time fire-lighting, creating interesting runs with the marble run and explored in the mud kitchen. They all thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor learning and the sun shone!



### A VISITOR FROM THE NORTH POLE!

The children in Class 3 came into school this week to find they had a visitor, an elf from the North Pole has arrived to keep his eye on the children before Christmas. He appears to get up to a lot of mischief whilst we're not in school. We're hoping that he may learn to follow the children's example and be good!



### CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION DRESS REHEARSALS

Please would you ensure that your child has their costume for their Christmas production dress rehearsals in school all next week. Thank you.





## ADVENT

Today in our whole school Celebration Assembly we lit the first Advent Candle, which is purple, symbolising hope.

Advent is the period of preparation before the birth of Jesus. The four Advent candles represent joy, hope, love and peace and they represent what Jesus meant.

The children were all enthralled as Mrs Stallard lit the candle and explained to them what it symbolises and asked them to reflect on what hope for in the coming week.

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that there will not be any after-school clubs running during the last week of term. After-school clubs will resume week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Full details of what clubs are available for the first half of the spring term will be distributed when we return to school after the Christmas break.

## PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who braved the cold weather (and left the World Cup!), to attend the PTFA Quiz night on Wednesday evening. You helped to raise £175.00 for PTFA funds which will go towards purchasing resources for the children. We look forward to seeing you all at our next event, our **Christmas Bingo**, on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** in the Village Hall. Eyes down at 7.30pm! The PTFA would be very grateful for donations of bingo prizes. Please bring any donations to the school office. Also, if you haven't already done so, please would you return your Sponsored Santa Run sponsorship forms to the school office. Thank you for your support.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day when we ask everyone to donate £1 to come to school wearing their twinkliest, sparkliest Christmas jumper. Please would you make your donation via our fundraising page at:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/malborough-with-south-huish-c-of-e-primary-sc> Thank you for your support.

## FESTIVE FAVES HAMPER DRAW

Don't forget to come to the school office to enter into the 'Festive Faves' hamper draw which will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.



## PE DAY & AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB

When we return to school after the Christmas break our PE lessons will take place every Tuesday, not Wednesday. This is so that we can have the use of the Village Hall for our indoor PE curriculum during the spring term. The Achieve4All Sports Club will be moving to a Tuesday as well.

### CLASS 3 TRIP TO RAMM

Miss Pears has arranged to take Class 3 to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum exhibition on 'Romans in Devon' as part of their topic work next term. This will be a great experience for the children and will put their learning into context, bringing it alive! A letter detailing the arrangements for the day and payment options for parental contributions will be sent home with your child next week.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Dance Club - 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Forest School - <b>Reception and Year 1</b> - a.m. Forest School - <b>Year 2</b> - p.m.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Whole school Church Service - 9.15am</b> Achieve4All Sports Club - 3.30pm to 4.30pm Eco Warriors - 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Class 2 Parents' Meeting</b> Christmas Choir Club - 3.30pm to 4.30pm Homework Club - 3.30pm to 4.30pm KYFC Youth Club - 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration Assembly at 9.15am <b>Year 5 &amp; 6 visit to the Houses of Parliament</b>

### DIARY DATES - New events in 'Red'

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December		PTFA Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1	Nativity at 9.15am in Church
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2	Christmas Production at 5.30pm in Church
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Sponsored Santa Run at the playing fields - a.m.</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December		Carols and hot chocolate around the Christmas Tree in school at 4.30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		Christingle Service in Church at 2.00pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December		'Festive Faves' Christmas Draw
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>		<b>NON-PUPIL DAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January		M&M Theatre performance of 'Cinderella' in the Village Hall
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Fire Service visit</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February		Number Day 2023 for the NSPCC
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>Break-up for Half-Term</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>Return to school</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Years 3 & 4	Visit to Exeter RAMM Romans in Devon exhibition
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>		<b>LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>NON-PUPIL DAY</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	KS2	Visit to Exeter Cathedral and Synagogue (TBC)
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>		<b>MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Key Stage 2 SATS Week</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		Break-up for Half-Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Return to school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

## ATTENDANCE

It is a government legal requirement that all children attend school for 190 days each academic year. The government requirement is that we monitor attendance and apply the legal requirement. The South Hams Federation is striving to achieve our goal of 98% attendance; it is our policy that no child's attendance should fall below **98%** in order for this to happen. Our Federation recognises that good attendance is central to raising standards and pupil attainment.

Parents are expected to	Schools are expected to	Governing Bodies are expected to	Local Authorities are expected to
<p>Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.</p> <p>Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness).</p> <p>Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.</p> <p>Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.</p>	<p>Have a clear school attendance policy on the school website which all staff, pupils and parents understand.</p> <p>Develop and maintain a whole school culture that promotes the benefits of good attendance.</p> <p>Accurately complete admission and attendance registers.</p> <p>Have robust daily processed to follow up absence.</p> <p>Have a dedicated senior leader with overall responsibility for championing and improving attendance.</p>	<p>Take an active role in attendance improvement, support their schools(s) to prioritise attendance, and work together with leaders to set whole school cultures.</p> <p>Ensure school leaders fulfil expectations and statutory duties.</p> <p>Ensure school staff receive training on attendance.</p>	<p>Have a strategic approach to improving attendance for the whole area and make it a key focus of all frontline council services.</p> <p>Have a School Attendance Support Team that works with all schools in their area to remove area-wide barriers to attendance.</p> <p>Provide each school with a named point of contact in the School Attendance Support Team who can support with queries and advice.</p> <p>Offer opportunities for all schools in the area to share effective practice.</p>

## ATTENDANCE

28<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Reception	77%
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	95%
Whole School	92.9%



The School Awards this week go to:

Year R: **Lola**

Year 1: **Layla**

Year 2: **Denzil**

Year 3: **Libby R**

Year 4: **Jake**

Year 5: **Georgia**

Year 6: **Maddison**

The Attendance Cup has been awarded to: **Class 3**

This week the House with the most points is: **SAINT ANDREW** with 177 points

Accelerated Reader Awards this week go to: **Georgia, Austin A** and **Georgina**

Our Lunch Time Award goes to: **Sophia** for being kind and caring at lunchtimes

Well done everyone!

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Stallard  
Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard  
Executive Head Teacher





OUR STARS OF THE WEEK





# Christmas and New Year Forest Days with Archery



**Tuesday 20th  
December**

**Tuesday 3rd  
January**

(non-pupil day for many)



Fire lighting  
Shelter building  
Outdoor cooking  
Whittling  
Hot Chocolate  
Marshmallows  
Xmas Archery  
'Natural Xmas  
Decorations'

9:30-3:30  
5 yrs to 14yrs +  
£35

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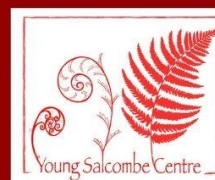
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# Creative Christmas FAIR



Celebration and Open Day  
at The Young Salcombe Centre  
Sunday 11th December 2022  
10am-4pm

*free entry  
donations welcome*



*Artists' showcase  
Art and craft for sale  
Tombola  
Refreshments  
Music  
Lucky dip*

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