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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Autumn Term Newsletter No.13

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Dear Parents and Carers

It must be nearly the end of the autumn term as we have seen twinkly angels, camels in gold lame trousers and shepherds searching for their flock throughout the school this week! Renditions of 'Away in a manger' have caused a few teary eyes amongst the staff so make sure to bring tissues for the performances next week.

We have seen temperatures plummet this week and kindly remind you that all children must come to school with a suitable warm winter coat each day.

There are many Christmas activities taking place next week so please make sure that you check all of the details in this newsletter and on the school website.

### ADVENT

On Wednesday the children visited the Church for a special Christmas service taken by Reverend Christian, Johnny and Becky. They learned about the meaning of Advent and Reverend Christian wore his special purple robes as we wait in anticipation of the arrival of Jesus. Becky spoke to the children about the true meaning of Christmas and the importance of spending time with family.



The service finished on a festive note with Becky playing the guitar as the whole congregation sang 'Merry Christmas everyone'.

### **MORE NORTH POLE MISCHIEF**

Class 2 arrived in class on Monday morning to find that Egbert the Elf had left the Class 4 Christmas presents in their class! The Elf had decided to take-over the class English Lesson. He decided that the children had to put their hands into a box without looking and use adjectives to describe how it felt inside. What could the presents be?



### **DELICIOUS DT!**

Class 4 has completed their DT lessons by collaboratively creating a delicious healthy soup.

Working hard, they chopped, peeled and blended vegetables, spices and liquids to create some great soups, which they all had the opportunity to try with some bread! They may even want to try and make some at home!



Class 3 have been learning how to make their own sandwiches. They used a variety of ingredients which resulted in lots of different smells wafting through the classroom! The children were very creative with their sandwich fillings and they all agreed that they tasted delicious.



## CHRISTMAS BINGO

The PTFA Christmas Bingo takes place this **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December**, in **Malborough Village Hall**.

Please do join and see if you can win one of the lovely festive prizes! Doors open at 6.30pm for 'Eyes down' at 7.30pm. We hope to see you there.



## SANTA FUN RUN



The Santa Run is all set to go on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am on the Malborough Playing Fields**. Please can all children running bring their trainers to run in. They will of course already be wearing their Christmas Jumpers, as it is also Christmas Jumper Day!

The PTFA will be selling teas, coffees and mince pies for spectators! Any mince pie donations would be gratefully received!

We would be really grateful if we could have any volunteers for help on the day. If you can spare an hour or so, please contact Mrs Knight or Naomi Coleman.

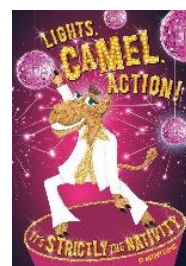
Please return sponsorship forms by the end of term along with sponsorship money! If you require any more sponsorship forms, or additional runners, please request from Mrs Roberto in the office. Thank you.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The children have been very busy over the last few weeks learning their lines and practising the songs for our two Christmas productions. Please join us for the start of our Christmas celebrations on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December when the **Key Stage 1** children perform '**A King is born**' at 9.15am. Please would you bring your child into school at 8.40am so that they can get ready for their performance.

**Key Stage 2** children perform '**Lights, Camel, Action**' at 5.30pm in St Peter's and All Saints Church. Please could the Key Stage 2 children be in school by 5.00pm to change into their costumes.



It will be the first time since Christmas 2019 and Covid-19 restrictions that we have been able to hold our Nativities in the church so do please come along for these special events if you can.



On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December we would like to welcome you to school where we will be singing Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree at 4.30pm. Hot chocolate will be served to keep you all warm! We are delighted that Father Christmas has confirmed that he will be able to visit us with his Christmas Float after our Carol singing, courtesy of Kingsbridge Rotary Club.

Finally, please join us for our Christingle Service, again the first one in church since 2019, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 2.00pm.



### **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Wednesday 14th 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.

### **MALBOROUGH HAND BELL RINGERS**

Malborough Handbell Ringers will be holding their Christmas Fair in the Church on Saturday 10th December from 10.00am to 12 midday. There will be a hand bell concert, children's crafts, raffle, coffee and mince pies. Everyone welcome.

### **ALUMNI BLACK TIE DINNER & AUCTION**

We are beginning our preparations for our Black-Tie Alumni Dinner and Auction, to be held next Spring. We will send out further details of this event as soon as we have them to hand. Watch this space!

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB**

Please follow the link below to find out about activities and clubs available during the Christmas holiday break: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/news/free-holiday-activities-with-hot-meals-now-available-for-children-during-the-christmas-2022-holidays/>

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Families in Devon on low incomes, whose children receive free school meals, will get support this winter to help them buy food during the school holidays. Devon County Council will be providing holiday food vouchers for children and young people who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals.

If you have children at school and your financial circumstances have changed, your children may be eligible for free school meals. You can find out by applying online through our Devon Citizen's Portal. The deadline for applications, to receive free school meal holiday vouchers for the Christmas school holiday, is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, so please apply as soon as possible.

Before the end of this term, we'll be sending eligible families free school meal holiday vouchers to cover both the Christmas and February 2023 half-term holidays at the same time. That's to give families more flexibility to prioritise and budget their winter food expenditure themselves.

Vouchers can be used at the following supermarkets: Aldi, Iceland, Tesco, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Asda, Waitrose and M&S Food.

## SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENTS

As we finish school for the Christmas holiday, please ensure that all school meals have been paid and no debts are outstanding. Please remember that school dinners should be pre-ordered via ParentPay and paid for in advance and a debt should not be accumulated. A packed lunch must be provided if you have a debt on your child's account. School dinners are £12.00 per week. Please log onto ParentPay and top up your child's dinner money ensuring you have enough credit for the rest of this term -thank you.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **\*\*NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK\*\***

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress rehearsals in Church
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity in Church - 9.15am Forest School - <b>Reception &amp; Year 1</b> - a.m. after the Nativity Forest School - <b>Year 2</b> - p.m. KS2 Christmas production in Church - 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Sponsored Santa Fun Run - a.m. - Playing Fields Carols & Hot Chocolate around the Christmas Tree - 4.30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Pop-up Shop - a.m. Christingle Service in Church - 2.00pm PTFA Christmas Raffle - p.m.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration Assembly at 9.15am 'Festive Faves' Christmas Hamper Draw - 3.30pm <b>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM</b>

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

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January		NON-PUPIL DAY
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January		FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January		M&M Theatre performance of 'Cinderella' in the Village Hall - p.m.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January		Fire Service visit
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February		Number Day 2023 for the NSPCC
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February		Break-up for Half-Term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February		Return to school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Years 3 & 4	Visit to Exeter RAMM Romans in Devon exhibition
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March		LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April		NON-PUPIL DAY
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	KS2	Visit to Exeter Cathedral and Synagogue (TBC)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May		BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
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

5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Reception	86%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	88.2%
Year 4	91.8%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	85%
Whole School	92.3%



The School Awards this week go to:

Year R: **Bertie**

Year 1: **Barney**

Year 2: **Thomas**

Year 3: **Libby R**

Year 4: **Harrison**

Year 5: **Oliver C**

Year 6: **Ella-Rose**

The Attendance Cup has been awarded to: **Class 2**

This week the House with the most points is: **Saint Andrew** with 113 points

Accelerated Reader Awards this week go to: **Amelia**

Our Lunch Time Award goes to: **Chloe for always be helpful and kind**

Well done everyone!

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Stallard  
Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard  
Executive Head Teacher







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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*



The Young Salcombe Centre  
Redfern House  
Gould Road  
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[youngsalcombecentre@gmail.com](mailto:youngsalcombecentre@gmail.com)



# Christmas and New Year Forest Days with Archery



**Tuesday 20th  
December**

**Tuesday 3rd  
January**

(non-pupil day for many)



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