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

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a festive last week of term this has been at a very 'Merry Malborough' school, we've even had a sprinkling of snow to set the scene for Christmas! Our week began with our Christmas performances, followed by Christmas Jumper Day - what a wonderful array of jumpers! - Carols around the tree and our Christingle Service; a truly lovely way in which to end the term.



### 'A KING IS BORN'

On Tuesday morning our Key Stage 1 children walked to the Church for their Nativity performance of 'A King is born'. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and members of our local community in the Church to watch the children in this their first Nativity in Church since 2019 and Covid-19 restrictions.



We are immensely proud of them all for learning their words, singing the songs with such enthusiasm and for giving such a wonderful and heartfelt performance. We hope that you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

### **'LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION!'**

On Tuesday evening it was the turn of our Key Stage 2 children to perform their Christmas production in the Church.

Following the format of a very well known TV dancing programme, the children retold the story of the Nativity. The judges were Caesar, the Inn-keeper's wife and the donkey, and what very strict judges they were too!



Mrs Stallard made a 'star' appearance when she took on the role of the innkeeper's wife, stepping in for Georgia who was unwell.

Three camels, Herbie, Ben and James dancing and singing along to 'Camel Funk' brought smiles to everyone's faces.

The children all worked very hard in readiness for their performance and we think you will agree that they were all stars.





## CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF

On Wednesday morning the children had great fun decorating Christmas biscuits. Needless to say, quite a lot of buttercream and icing didn't find their way onto the biscuits!



We have never seen so many 'chefs' wearing Christmas Jumpers before! If you haven't already done so, please would you make your Christmas Jumper Day donations for 'Save the children' via our donations page at:

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

Our Christmas bake-off was followed by a delicious Christmas lunch, prepared by our Kitchen Manager Mrs Roberts. The children tucked in to roast turkey and all the trimmings followed by Christmas cookies and ice-cream.





### PTFA POP-UP CHRISTMAS SHOP

On Thursday the PTFA held their pop-up Christmas Shop in school. The children all had great fun choosing gifts for their Mums and Dads, Grannies and Grandads. Once chosen, the presents were very carefully gift wrapped by Santa's Helpers Mrs Knight and Mrs Tann ready for the children to take home.

Thank you once again to everyone who has helped support our PTFA by contributing to this fund-raising event. You raised £220!





## CAROLS

On Wednesday afternoon parents, carers and members of the local community joined us to sing Christmas Carols. Our Choir, who have been practising very hard for a number of weeks, sang Carols and well-loved Christmas songs in the Church before we returned to



school to await the arrival of Santa (courtesy of Salcombe Rotary Club). This lovely Christmas get-together ended with hot chocolate and mince pies around the Christmas Tree. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this festive event.

## CHRISTINGLE

On Thursday morning the children all brought an orange to school with which to make their Christingles ready for our Christingle Service in the afternoon. With the help of Mrs Greaves, the staff and children carefully cut holes into the top of their oranges into which they inserted a candle. Four cocktail sticks with jelly babies were then stuck into each orange. Finally, a red ribbon was tied around each of them.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lucy Culkin from The Winking Prawn, the Salcombe and Malborough Co-ops, Ashby's and the Salcombe Meat Company for very kindly donating oranges to the school to make sure that we had enough for everyone, and to the Malborough Church Wardens for assisting us with our Christingle Service.

Finally, a very big thank you to Trevor Becker for coming into school each week to help us to learn and practise the songs in readiness for this very special Christmas celebration.

### **GOOD-BYE MRS MOORE**

We said "Good-bye" to Mrs Moore this as she leaves to focus on her 'Forest and Beach' business in Slapton. Mrs Moore joined our school over ten years ago when she came to teach the Reception Class. The children all wrote thank you letters to her which were collated into a memory book and presented to her on Tuesday.



We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you and we look forward to seeing her again when we visit 'Forest and Beach' next year. Our new Forest School leader, Mr Ian Blackwell, will be joining us next term.

### **CHRISTMAS BINGO**

Thank you to everyone who braved the freezing cold weather to attend our PTFA Christmas Bingo on Saturday evening. Thanks to your support, this festive fun-raiser raised the amazing amount of £728.60! We hoped that you all enjoyed your evening and we look forward to seeing you at our next event.

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Thank you to all of you who very kindly donated the prizes and bought tickets for the PTFA Christmas Raffle. Thanks to your generosity, the raffle raised £159.00. Congratulations to all the winning ticket holders!

### **FESTIVE FAVES**

The draw for the Festive Faves Christmas Hamper will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The lucky winner will be notified by phone. Thank you to all of you who bought tickets for this event. We will be able to let you know how much you raised when we return to school in January.

### **SANTA FUN RUN**

Sadly, we had to postpone our sponsored Santa Fun Run due to the very cold weather. We are hoping that Santa will be able to join us in the new year, (before he returns to the North Pole), to run around the playing fields with us. As soon as we have confirmed the date with Santa, we will let you know.



#### CLASS 4 VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



On Friday, Class 4 set off at 9.30am to go to London to visit the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Palace and the Houses of Commons and Lords.

Entering London, the children were thrilled to see Big Ben, the London Eye, Wembley Stadium, Leicester Square, Harrods and an abundance of Christmas lights, markets and shoppers. They were extremely excited to be in London and see all of the skyscrapers, memorials and a giant MacDonald's!

Once they arrived at the Houses of Parliament, the children and staff were searched by security and had to walk through some security gates.

We had a fantastic tour by a lovely lady called Hayley all through individual headsets. We went inside each room to see where the leaders of our country sit and we learnt about the history of the building, including some interesting traditions they have, mainly because of Guy Fawkes!



As we left our tour, Big Ben chimed, which was extremely magical considering it is a new renovation and with an abundance of Christmas lights everywhere.

On the way back, we managed to watch some World Cup football through restaurant windows, which the children were extremely pleased with. The trip back was a long one, but most of the children stayed awake and were still hyper! We arrived back after a fantastic day, which I'm sure the children will remember for a long time.

All of the children were extremely well-behaved and did the school and themselves proud- the tour guide even mentioned this specifically!

Well done class, and a massive thank you to Mrs Knight, Shelley, Lisa and Jackie for accompanying and helping us throughout the trip - it would not have been possible without you!

### 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! As you re-unite with family and friends over the Christmas holidays perhaps you could mention this event to them. Please register your interest by emailing us on: [malborough@southhamsfederaton.org.uk](mailto:malborough@southhamsfederaton.org.uk) Thank you.



### 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/>

### CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service followed by refreshments at 6.00pm
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Candlelit Communion Service at 9.00pm
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe at 11.30pm
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day services will be held at 10.00am at Holy Trinity, Salcombe and Holy Trinity, Galmpton.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

If you haven't already done so, 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.

### ACHIEVE 4 ALL

Achieve4All will be running their after-school sports club again next term. The first session will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The booking system is now live on their website so if you would like your child to attend this club, please go to [www.achieve4all.co.uk](http://www.achieve4all.co.uk) scroll down the web page and click on 'Book now'.





# WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2023

*\*New Winter/Spring Lunch Menu Week 1\**

No after school clubs this week	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>NON-PUPIL DAY</b>
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>
	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	M&M Theatre production of 'Cinderella' in the Village Hall

## DIARY DATES - New events in 'Red'

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January		Fire Service visit
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February		Number Day 2023 for the NSPCC
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February		Visit from Anthony Mangnall MP
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		<b>LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>NON-PUPIL DAY</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	KS2	Visit to Exeter Cathedral and Synagogue (TBC)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		<b>MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May		<b>BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III</b>
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		<b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM</b>

## ATTENDANCE AUTUMN TERM 2022

Reception	92.09%
Year 1	93.46%
Year 2	93.31%
Year 3	95.26%
Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	94.86%
Year 6	87.54%
Whole School	93.07%

# Congratulations!

The School Awards this week go to:

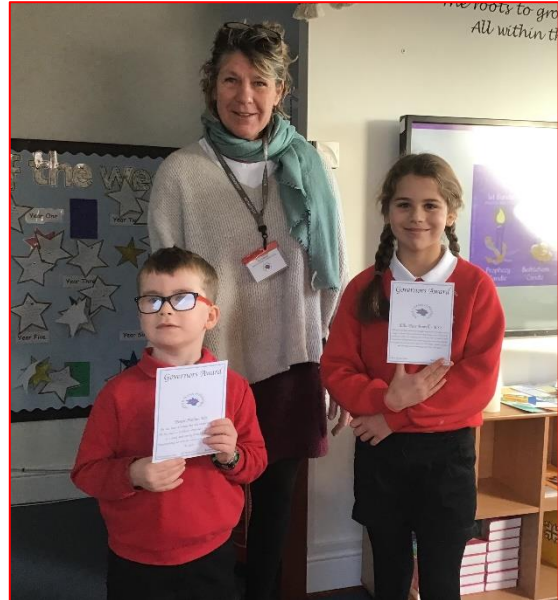
All the children! Each and every one of you has been amazing this week. You are all stars!

The Governors' Awards this term was presented to: **Denzil and Ella-Rose**

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

This week the House with the most points is:  
**Saint David**

The House with the most points this term is:  
**Saint George**



Well done everyone!

It just remains for us to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Yours sincerely

*L. Stallard*

Mrs L Stallard  
Head of School

*T. Coulthard*

Mrs T Coulthard  
Executive Head Teacher

