



## PTA Christmas Market

Here at school - Tonight 5.30 - 7.30pm

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Wear a Christmas themed jumper and bring a voluntary £1 donation to Save The Children.



If you haven't got a Christmas jumper, **don't buy one**, just get creative and decorate a plain jumper with tinsel, baubles, sparkles and glitter – go crazy ... it's Christmas!



**KS1 Nativity** - Please return the request slip for tickets to the office if you haven't already.



**Tree of light service - 9<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm**  
During the service, the tree of light will be illuminated.



**Christingle:** The Christingle service usually takes place before Christmas but this year it takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. Put the date in your diary! Year fives will make the Christingles on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, in school, for this service.



**Thank you for all your kind donation of cake items for the Christmas Market.**

### Handmade Christmas Decorations for our Christmas tree which is ready and waiting.

We would like as many of you as possible to make a decoration at home to go on our school tree – it's looking very bare! There will be a small gift for everyone who brings in a decoration. You can start bringing them into school from Monday. Please remember to label them with your name and year group.



**Donations:** Ollie has taken the collection for the Dogs Trust and the Cats protection league to Wickhamford. I am sure they will be so pleased with all of your generous offerings.



*Friends of Offenham Church calendars are for sale in the Village shop. Limited availability.*



## Elfridges 2023

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
(DURING SCHOOL HOURS)

Following the success of this lovely event last year, our Elfridges stall is making a comeback.

Children will have the opportunity to buy a surprise gift for someone special which they can bring home, wrapped and labelled, to put under the Christmas tree!

All gifts are £2 each and they can buy as many as they would like, so please make sure they bring some pennies on the day if you would like them to take part. There will be several different gift options, both for adults and children, for them to choose from.



**Music Concert – 6<sup>th</sup> December** - Please return your slips if you are able to come to the Year five cornet and Piano showcase.





**GIFTS FOR UKRAINE**

If you have a box that you've been filling – please make sure to bring to school by next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**Calling all go-getters.**

**Ready to try something new?**

scoutshw.org.uk/  
#SkillsForLife

Want to learn new skills and make new friends? Why not come along to our FREE Beavers Open Event at Scouts 1st Badsey?

**Who**  
All young people aged 6 to 8 years old with their parent/s or carer/s and adults interested in volunteering

**When**  
Wednesday 17th January 2024 6.00pm to 7.00pm

**What**  
Exciting Beavers activities for girls, boys and adults to join in


**Where**  
Scouts 1st Badsey Hut, Sands Lane, Badsey WR11 7EZ

**Contact**  
Julie at heretohelp@scoutshw.org.uk or call 07774 667074 to find out more

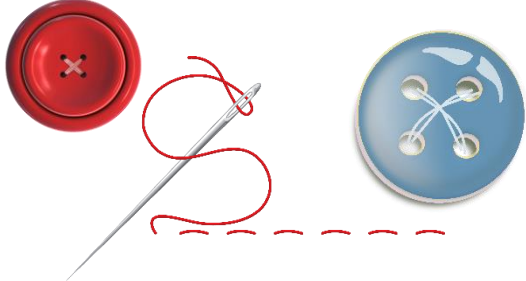


**This Week in Severn Class...**

Over the past few weeks we have been working towards making waistcoats in Severn Class. This is part of our DT unit which will see us designing our teddies a waistcoat by; creating a template, choosing the material, sewing the material together and then finally adding any embellishments we choose. The designs were very stylish! This week we started to sew our waistcoats – joining the two pieces of materials using a running stitch to form a seam. Some of us were very successful and our waistcoats are ready for further embellishments and buttons next week. We look forward to showing you our finished pieces.

**Parents On-line Safety**  
The Parents 'On-line safety' conference which took place last Monday was a very informative and hard-hitting course. There is the possibility that a recording will become available for those who couldn't attend. If the course runs again we will give you advance warning so that the date can be saved in your diary. If it goes ahead, we plan to hold a live stream of the event and provide a crèche so that as many of you as possible can hear these very important messages on keeping your child safe online.



**Darcey's Health and Well-being Box**

Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for happiness' – 'New ways November' and the first couple of 'Do Good December' calendar.

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| 27<br>Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it | 28<br>Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card | 29<br>Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen | 30<br>Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times | 1<br>Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others | 2<br>Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are |
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## IMAGE OF THE WEEK:

I love this painting of Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama – amazing friends who instilled joy in one another. They wrote a wonderful book together called the 'The Book of Joy'. If you're wanting a book to lift your spirits, this is the one to read!



## Thought of the Week:



This week we have continued to think about how we can live well together in community. We learned about British values and how we live them out in our school. We also learned about UBUNTU.

UBUNTU is an ancient African word used by Desmond Tutu to describe community. It simply means - **'I am what I am because of who we all are; I am, because you are'**,

Archbishop Tutu also said,

"We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white... rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female... all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family".

(Desmond Tutu)



## Music of the Week:

This week we have been enjoying listening to and watching an excerpt from the Royal Ballet. We have been listening to 'The Clog Dance' by Ferdinand Herold. He was a French composer in the late 1700's and was known for his opera and ballet compositions as well as his works for piano and choral pieces. There is a link to the ballet as well as an orchestral piece below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BT9naCq0fdE>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwuQ-Oj0IkU>



## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- 01.12.23 – PTA Christmas Fayre – 5.30 – 7.30pm
- 01.12.23 and 02.12.23 – Winter Wonderland at Church
- 02.12.23 – Hedge Planting with the Parish Council
- 04.12.23 - Last swimming session.
- 06.12.23 – Music Concert.
- 07.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 13.12.23 and 14.12.23 – KS1 nativity play – 5.30pm
- 21.12.23 – Christmas Service and Christmas party at school (parents are very welcome at Church).
- 21.12.23 -TERM ENDS FOR CHILDREN
- 22.12.23 Staff Training Day
- 08.01.24 - TERM STARTS
- 09.02.23 - Staff Training Day
- HALF TERM - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February
- 22.03.24 - TERM ENDS
- 08.04.24 – TERM STARTS FOR CHILDREN



Childnet – Information for parents about online issues: <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

## Reader Helpers



If you can spare an hour or so to come and listen to children read, please speak to a member of staff. You will then be provided with all the required safeguarding forms to complete.

## PTA DIARY DATES

- 01.12.23 – PTA Christmas Market
- 08.12.23 – PTA Elfridges Event



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# REMINDERS



**RECYCLING** - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area – you can bring your pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



**Water bottles** - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day. If your child would like juice at lunch time, please send another bottle. ONLY WATER IN CLASS.



## Safeguarding



Please could we ask that if your child has hurt themselves at home and has a scratch, bruise or bump that you email the office alerting us to this.

## REMINDER – SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before. **ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**



## Golden Apples:



**Avon** – Sorrel & Isaac



**Malvern** – Oran & Terry



**Cotswold** – Leah & Myles

**Severn** – Ellie B & Jack A

## Awards This Week:

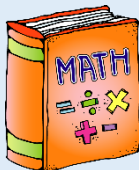
### English stars of the month

Avon – Summer      Malvern – Kara  
Cotswold – Phoebe      Severn – Isla G



### Maths stars of the month

Avon – Emilis      Malvern – Skylar  
Cotswold – Jack P      Severn – Charlie



### Science stars of the month

Year one – Archie  
Year two – Jessica S      Year three – Bashir  
Year four – Jude      Year five – Alina



**Viv Bear** - Ffion



**Cheer Bear** – Martha

**Sports Award** – Jacob W



## Stars of the Week

**Avon** – Finlay

**Malvern** – Isla S

**Cotswold** – Jacob M

**Severn** – Ollie



## Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Jacob M, Jessica O and Leah.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Jacob, Jessica and Leah and we say thank you that they are part of our school family. We pray that they may grow in wisdom and grace, give dignity and respect to others and that they may know your hope and joy every day. Strengthen and bless them on their birthday and every day throughout the next year. Amen.

## Housepoints

1<sup>st</sup> - **Emeralds** with 335 housepoints  
2<sup>nd</sup> - **Rubies** with 332 housepoints  
3<sup>rd</sup> - **Sapphires** with 317 housepoints

## Attendance

Avon –92%      Malvern –95.7%  
Cotswold –98.4%      Severn –99%

**Overall-96.4%** ✓