



Welton Primary School

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Head's start...

With Christmas well and truly in our sights, we have lots of exciting events coming up over the next few weeks! I'm sure, like me, you're glad that your children are still at school right up until the 21st December! I'm particularly looking forward to the KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances on Wednesday 19th December. I have already begun to hear the songs being practiced and the children are singing Christmas tunes as they walk around the school- it's lovely to hear! We also have our grand Christmas Fayre to look forward to. The staff and PTFA are busy making preparations but it's thanks to you for helping to make it a really good event. This year we have decided to have the Fayre straight after school on Friday 14th December. This will make it a challenge for setting up however we hope that this will enable as many of you as possible to join the fun! I also hear that we might be lucky enough to be visited by Father Christmas! The children are invited to have a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 12th December at which they may wear a Christmas hat or jumper if they wish! All Christmas dinner orders must be made on the ParentPay system please. Also on the 12th December are our Christmas discos! Once again, thank you to the PTFA for organising – don't forget to book your child's ticket! On Friday 7th December, Midsomer Norton Methodist Church have invited our choir to take part in their annual Christmas nativity event (I will provide details about this next week!). This will once again hopefully be a wonderful event. There's certainly lots to look forward to! With festive wishes, Mr Snell

Reception Class Outdoor Area

Our Reception Class are delighted with their new and improved outdoor learning area. The removal of the tree and fort (which had become slippery and dangerous due to the dampness) has made a real difference to the amount of space available for the children. The re-surfacing has also made the area much safer and I know the children are really enjoying the new equipment. It'll only be a short wait until we get the marking painted around this area - the wet weather has meant a delay with this. It's thanks to the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership for fully funding this transformation. The Wren children wrote thank you letters to Mr Williams who was really touched to receive them. Their portraits of him were wonderful too!

Pupil Premium Grant

Is your child eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant? This could be an extra £1300 towards your child's education if you are entitled to certain benefits. Contact the BANES helpline on 01225 394317 for more information.

Monster Maths!

Children in Wren class would like to invite their parents to a Monster Maths event in the school on Thursday 13th December 9am-10am. Look out for an invitation!

Flu Vaccination

Children in YR-Y5 are being offered a free NHS Flu Vaccination next Tuesday 4th December. The vaccination is delivered via a nasal spray to minimise discomfort. Further details and to confirm registration can be found by visiting bit.ly/2JyylgB

Christmas Shows

Don't forget to ensure you get your tickets for the upcoming KS1 and KS2 Christmas Shows on Weds 19th Dec! We have allocated as many as we can fit into the Somervale School hall so apologies if you cannot bring your whole family! KS1 begins at 5pm, KS2 at 6.30pm. See letter sent home this week for further details regarding tickets and arrival times.

Tea Party

Year 2 parents are invited to an end of topic tea party next Friday 7th December in the dining hall. We hope you can join us!

School Gates

Please do not park on the school site to collect your children at the end of the day, unless on school business. We will once again be closing the gates at 2.30pm from Monday 3rd December. Thank you.

Foodbank

To let you know that we are a registered Foodbank voucher distributor. If you are struggling to afford food, especially at this time of year, please contact Mr Snell or Mrs Heal in confidence. They will be able to check eligibility and provide a voucher for you and your family.



Dates for your diary:

Weds 4th Dec	Flu vaccinations today YR-Y5 (see bit.ly/2JyylgB for details)
Fri 7th Dec	Mufti day for Fayre tombola donations KS1: Chocs/sweets, KS2: Any bottles
Fri 7th Dec	School choir members invited to sing at MSN Methodist Christmas Nativity 6pm
Mon 10th Dec	KS1 Cinema Trip
Weds 12th Dec	School Christmas Dinner - book on ParentPay. Christmas jumpers/hats allowed.
Weds 12th Dec	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Discos. Please book tickets.
Fri 14th Dec	Christmas Fayre straight after school
Weds 19th Dec	School Christmas performances at Somervale School for KS1 and KS2
Fri 21st Dec	Awards assembly and Head Teacher's tea party. Details/invitations to follow.
Fri 21st Dec	LAST DAY TERM 2
Mon 7th Jan	INSET DAY 3 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tues 8th Jan	FIRST DAY TERM 3

Year 3 Trip to Cheddar Caves and Museum of Prehistory

Just after half term, Year 3 went on an amazing trip to Cheddar. This term, they have been learning about the Stone Age so the Cheddar caves, museum and pupil workshops provided them with a fascinating insight into life in and around the gorge, during that period in our history. Although they didn't explore the gorge on foot, they were able to observe the incredible limestone cliffs and were astonished to learn that they were formed 30 million years ago, when the whole area was covered in a shallow sea!

Before lunch they had a guided tour of Gough's Cave. They learnt about how Stone Age people used the caves for shelter and saw a replica skeleton of Cheddar Man (10,000 years old). They were fascinated to learn that DNA has helped to trace his nearest living relative - a history teacher from Cheddar! The Kingfishers also loved examining the incredible rock formations within the caves such as the Diamond Chamber, Mirror Pool and the Frozen River, which apparently also looks like slime!

The afternoon was spent outside the museum with their Stone Age guide (Oog) learning about tools and techniques for flint knapping, fire making and other activities essential for human survival. They tried on reindeer skins and spent time in a typical Stone Age shelter before going around the museum exhibits to further develop their understanding of how our ancestors lived but also how archaeology is constantly shedding new light on prehistory. They were quite surprised to learn that our ancestors may have been cannibals, although not all archaeologists agree! The pupils represented Welton very well indeed; they asked and answered many fantastic questions, extending and applying their learning and behaving well at all times. Well done Kingfishers!

Don't forget to follow the school and PTFA on Twitter!
@SchoolWelton and @WeltonPTFA



The 'Smartie' challenge raised a grand total of £326.64!
Well done to all who took part!

5 reasons to get your child vaccinated

- 1. Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends
- 3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare



www.nhs.uk/child-flu

BATH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL

The Snowman with Michael Morpurgo

Sunday 9 December

5-6pm

Bath Pavilion

Tickets £8

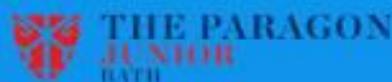
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Family



An extraordinary tale of true Christmas magic! Join one of the UK's most acclaimed children's writers, Michael Morpurgo, to celebrate his re-telling of the much-loved story by Raymond Briggs, *The Snowman*. Michael will read an extract from his magical new novel and everyone will get the chance to do a live draw along with *The Snowman* illustrator Robin Shaw. *The Snowman* himself might even make an appearance! Enjoy lots of snowy and seasonal fun for the whole family in the foyer ahead of the show, this is an event you won't want to miss!

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