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ST. ALDHELM'S NEWS

December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We have enjoyed a fantastic Autumn Term at St Aldhelm's. Please read on to see the events children have experienced this month, Y1&2 Nativity [page 2](#), Christmas Jumpers [page 3](#), Christmas Lunch [page 4](#), Christmas Service & Winter Music Concert [page 5](#), Christmas Craft Day [page 6,7&8](#), Global Worship update [page 9](#), Celebration Worship [page 10](#), Community News [page 11&12](#).

I am really pleased to share that the new website is now ready to be launched. It is with the website company who will make the switch from old to new ready for the new term. The web address will remain the same: However the functionality will be quicker and easier to use. The home page is split into 3 sections: the welcome, latest news and upcoming events. There are 6 tabs at the top of the page, with drop down menus to find information easily:



Newsletters can be found under the News & Events tab.

We thank Mrs Tizard, as she leaves the school today, for her contribution to our school. We wish her lots of luck for her new job.

On behalf of all members of staff, thank you for all the cards, gifts and Christmas messages. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Kind regards

Mrs P Cohen

Headteacher

SPRING TERM DATES:

06.01.20 INSET DAY

07.01.20 Term 3 starts for children

09.01.20 Maths Problem Solving Day

10.01.20 Y5 Swimming starts

13.01.20 Y3 Egyptian Workshop

Clubs start this week – Session 1

20.01.20 Personal Safety Week

22.01.20 Parent Voice 2:45pm

29.01.20 Y5&6 Performance 5:30pm

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04.02.20 Celebration Worship 2:30pm

05.02.20 Spring Music Concert 9:15am

10.02.20 Safer Internet Week

12.02.20 KS1 Film Night

13.02.20 Y5 Enrichment Taster Day – Whitstone

Y5 Kilve Parent Meeting 3:30pm

14.02.20 Y5 Last Swimming Session

Learning Showcase 2:30pm

End of Term 3

24.02.20 Term 4

28.02.20 Y4 Swimming starts

04.03.20 NSPCC Assembly for children

05.03.20 World Book Day

06.03.20 Celebration Worship 2:30pm

11.03.20 Y5 Kilve Residential (11-13th March 2020)

18.03.20 Y5&6 NSPCC Workshops

Y3&4 Spring Performance **2pm**

19.03.20 Y3&4 Spring Performance 5:30pm

20.03.20 NSPCC Event

30.03.20 Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm

31.03.20 Maths Problem Solving Day

01.04.20 Easter Service 9:30am – St Aldhelm's Church, led by Y2 & 3

02.04.20 Parent Consultations 3:30-6pm

03.04.20 Celebration Worship

End of Term 4

20.04.20 Term starts for everyone

Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Week

(New or amended dates for parents)

**‘The Tale of Two Birthdays’
The 2019 Nativity Performance by Y1&2**





Christmas Jumper Day

13th December 2019



Thank you to Gracie's great nanny for sharing the beautiful knitted nativity set with Year 1 – a beautifully crafted Nativity Set.





Christmas Lunch
17th December
Thank you Mrs Page,
Mrs Allsop and the
Lunchtime Supervisors



Christmas Service at St. Aldhelm's Church



Thank you to Year R and Year 5 for a beautiful nativity service in church. The children led the singing, narration and acting of the nativity story. It gave everyone a chance to be calm and still, to take a moment to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas and celebrate the peace and joy together.



Winter Music Concert – Wednesday 18th December 2019

Classes, staff and parents were treated to a wonderful mid-week Winter Music Concert this week. Individual children performed a chosen piece on guitar or piano. It was a fabulous showcase of commitment, determination and practice and all children demonstrated fantastic courage to perform to such a large audience. It was brilliant to see the progress that has been made since the previous concert, from earlier in the year. Thank you to Mr Davidson and Miss Whiting for their ongoing specialist tuition and for preparing the children for the concert.

We look forward to hearing children learning the violin at our Spring Concert on the 5th of February 2020.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

Children enjoyed a variety of art and craft activities this week. From cutting and sticking, to moulding and sculpting, from mixing and chopping to icing and eating, from joining and fixing to colouring and decorating, fun was had by all!







We would all like to say a big
THANK YOU
 to all the volunteers who came in to
 help on Craft Day.
 Mrs Piskadlo, Mrs Robertson, Mrs
 Connock, Mrs Philpott, Mrs Pagram,
 Mrs Nightingale, Mrs Shellard, Mrs
 Brake, Mrs Hosegood, Mr Ridley, Mrs
 Haskins, Mrs Pulsford, Mrs Jeffery, Ms
 Sugg, Mrs Oakman
 Thank you, your time and support was
 very much appreciated ☺.



For the attention of all parents and carers with a child due to start school in September 2020.

If your child is due to start school for the first time (born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016) then it is very important you make an on time school place application.

Deadline for primary admissions is 15th January 2020

To download the primary booklet for parents, to make an on-line application and for further information please visit the local authority website

www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions and choose the page Apply to Start School.

GLOBAL WORSHIP UPDATE

Our second Global Worship week, focused on the Christingle and the important work of the Children's Society. It was lovely to welcome so many families into St Aldhelm's Church on the 3rd December for the Christingle Service, led jointly by members of St Aldhelm's School and the families and leaders of St Aldhelm's Messy Church.

We wish to thank everyone for their candle contributions. We were able to donate a total of £140.87 to the Children's Society. It is important to think of others less fortunate than ourselves and good to know our contribution will help to support young people in need.

Thank you for your support – we appreciate your kindness and generosity.



Thank you to Mrs Lees, Mrs Greaves, Mrs Pulsford, and Mrs Mann for their time and contributions which enabled every child to make a Christingle.

We also wish to say a big thank you to Tesco for donating the oranges.





A big well done to all the children who received certificates in this month's Celebration Assembly! ☺



St. Aldhelm's Community News

St. Aldhelm's Christmas Fayre 2019

The Christmas Fayre was a great success again this year. The mix of child-led stalls, external crafts, refreshments, opportunity to see Father Christmas and the fantastic raffle meant there was something for all. The event raised a grand total of £1059.93 – an incredible total. This money will go straight into our new library furniture fund.

An enormous thank you goes to the Friends of St. Aldhelm's (PTA) for the planning and effort that went into this event. The committee created and sold raffle tickets ahead of the day, provided the top prize and prepared the grotto and crafts beforehand. Thank you to all parents who got involved and supported. Thank you too to the staff who were also involved in planning and for everyone who helped on the day.

The final thank you goes to the families who supported the event by donating raffle hamper items, sweetie jars and coming to the fayre on the day. We hope you enjoyed it!

The Sweetie Jar totals were:

Year R	18 jars	Year 4	30 jars
Year 1	15 jars	Year 5	52 jars
Year 2	19 jars	Year 6	19 jars
Year 3	28 jars		

Well done Y5 Woodpeckers with a great total!



Friends of St. Aldhelm's PTA

The PTA are also pleased to share that the Christmas cards, tea towels and mugs sold raised £145. We also raised £186.33 to go towards the library furniture, through our mufti day.

This brings our total of fundraising so far to a whopping total of £1346.26. Thank you for your support. We will be able to start looking at library furniture in the new year ☺

Wow! We received a letter of thanks from the Royal British Legion for our contribution of £263.06. This was an amazing amount to have donated and reflects the generosity of our staff and families and the respect we have for our armed forces.



If your child is feeling inspired by the Christmas creative crafts, you may wish to follow the link to the entry form for the competition opposite:

<https://www.homebargainscompetitions.co.uk/>



Home Bargains is running a competition for all Primary School children to design next year's Alder Hey Charity Christmas Cards.

The 12 winning designs will be manufactured and sold in our stores for Christmas 2020 with all profits going to Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

PLUS each winning artist will receive a £50 Home Bargains voucher for their school!



St. Aldhelm's Church News

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 22nd December, 6pm

Crib & Christingle Service Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, 4pm

Christmas Day Family Service Wednesday 25th December, 11am

You are all welcome to our services. All services will be held in St Aldhelm's Church

Next Messy Church

Sunday 5th January 2020, 4 – 6 pm at St. Aldhelm's Church

This is an event for parents, carers and children of all ages. Do come along and join us!

All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

A contribution for the pot would be much appreciated but is in no way obligatory.

If you would like to come or would like more details, please contact Janice Minchin by Friday 3rd January on 01749 880627

