



Autumn Term Newsletter No.14 (20.12.19)

It has been a festive week to end the autumn term. On Monday, KS2 enjoyed a Christmas treat with a trip to the cinema while KS1 were entertained to a musical Christmas story by Reverend Nathan's JUMP team from Cuthbert Mayne. Then on Tuesday evening, KS2 and the school choir treated staff and family to a magical choir service at Upton Vale Baptist Church, made all the more impressive by the choral BSL signing choir. Many thanks to Miss Pritchard and Mrs Wall who brought all this together and led the children through rehearsals. See some of the photos in our [SMSC Blog](#). Thanks to Miss Lees and Ms Down for their rehearsing of the BSL choir at lunchtimes which you can read more about under the [Hearing Support Centre](#) tab on the website.

This morning we enjoyed a celebration assembly to recognise the many talents and achievements of the young people in our care. Staff from across the school nominated individuals for special badges to acknowledge their above-and-beyond work in the different school values. Children were also selected for a special Head Teacher award for [progress in handwriting](#). Mr Hopkins' musicians were also singled out for a special certificate and mention. The children also thanked the adults for their dedication and hard work over the autumn term. Their sustained respectful clapping highlighted their genuine appreciation, which was lovely to see. We also said thank you and good luck to Mr Rogers as today is his last day. It appears that Lego is releasing a new figure called *Mr Rogers* which I'm sure will be on sale in all good shops.

School Meals On-Line

From January we are changing our school meal booking system. You will have to pre-book on-line via the School Gateway using 'Meal Manager'. This will allow you to look at the options with your child. In school it will help with better management of the bookings and reduce waste as we can order in advance. It will help ensure individuals have the meal they ordered as we will be checking this off in the kitchen beforehand. You can find more information and the spring term menu under the Parent and Carer tab - [School Meals](#).

After School Club Booking and Cancellation

If you've booked your child into ASC and then find out you don't need the place, please notify the office. Sometimes staff are expecting children who don't turn up and then have to chase up parents with phone calls to ensure they are safe. Thank you for your support.

Admissions to Reception in September 2020

If you haven't yet applied for a place for your child, or know someone who might need a gentle reminder, please note that the deadline to apply for a place is 15th January 2020. Ideally you should apply on line (<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/primary-place-2020/>) but if you would like a paper version, or any help with the process, please see any of our office staff who are happy to help.

Christmas Stresses

We know that while Christmas is an exciting and happy time it can also bring along some stresses for children and adults alike. To help us parents manage this magical time, we would like to share this gentle guide of why children might behave in the way they do. You can find it under the Well-being in Action tab, in the *Supporting Families* folder, titled [Christmas Stresses](#).

Token Collection for Collins Big Cat Reading Programme

If you are a reader of The Sun or know someone who is, we'd really like your help. We're aiming to collect 3500 tokens which are printed in The Sun every day starting from Saturday 23.11.19 and running until Saturday 18.1.20. If we reach our target we have a chance to claim a whole school reading scheme from Collins called *The Big Cat Reading Programme*. This would really help boost our reading collection so if you think you can help please do collect those tokens and send them in.

Polite Prompt for Polite Parking Please

Please can I again ask for your help with parking around school. Local residents regularly write to me with concerns about their drives being blocked and access for emergency vehicles being restricted. It must be very frustrating for them. Please can I appeal to you again for your consideration about this. Thank you.

Happy Christmas to all our wonderful families and friends.
Tim Hughes

Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



Suitable for older readers: *The Snow Sister* by Emma Carroll



Suitable for younger readers: *Meerkat at Christmas* by Emily Gravett

Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations again to **Cherry Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **97.5%** attendance. School target: 96% The whole school achieved **95.6% last week**



Stars of the Week

Beech	Zoe- for making super progress in her phonics and always trying her hard in everything she does. You take responsibility for your behaviour and are a fantastic role model to all of your friends!
Pine	Evie B is a fantastic member of Pine class. She always tries her best in everything she does and consistently shows all of our school values. Thank you for being a brilliant role model all term
Oak	Sophia- for always showing respect and kindness to every member of the class. Thank you for being a role model to others!
Apple	Liam - for continually trying hard to ensure his work is beautifully presented. He listens well in class and uses this to help him add detail to his work.
Birch	Hollie F - For exemplifying all of our core values in everything you do. Thank you for being a shining star!
Rowan	Ruby T - for a great improvement in listening and participating in class resulting in amazing work in class. Keep it up!
Cherry	Avalon - for always showing a keen interest in her learning and showing aspiration and determination to always achieve her best work. She is also incredibly helpful. We are very proud of you Avalon! Well done!
Maple	Charlie K is a fantastic member of Maple Class. He shows all four of our values everyday. He works incredibly hard during every lesson showing a keen interest in his learning and he is also very helpful around the classroom.
Willow	Serena has approached her work with a great attitude this week. She has shown excellent persistence and concentration when creating her chocolate box and should be very proud of the outcome.
Holly	To all the children in Holly Class - I couldn't choose one of you this week; in my eyes you are all wonderful! It has been a real pleasure and a privilege to be your teacher. You are a wonderful group of children who I will truly miss. Thank you all! Keep working hard and trying your best: I know you will all go on to be dazzling stars in the future!
Hazel	Finley - for being such a positive, enthusiastic member - of Hazel Class and someone who models all the attributes of a good friend. You are working hard and making some great progress! It is a pleasure to teach you Finley!
Hawthorn	Karla- for superb effort this term. She shows great positivity and aspiration in all that she does, and has made wonderful progress due to her excellent attitude.

Diary Dates

Tue 7.1.20	First day back for the children after the Christmas break
Wk beg 2.3.20	Year 6 Residential Week
Wk beg 9.3.20	Advance notice: parents evenings will be held this week Science Week—lots of whizzing and popping coming up
Wed 11.3.10	Science homework fair supported by our friends from Dunboyne Court

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION