



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week! On Monday, the Year 5 children had a visit from the Science Dome, which was set up in our Hall! Leo and Mia from 5JC write: *'It was an amazing 3D experience about outer space and our universe. I learnt that Jupiter has a moon called Europa which could have life on it (Leo). I learnt that Uranus is so far away that it takes more than a lifetime to get there!'* (Mia). Thanks to Mrs Ruffle and Miss Cleall for organising this for the children.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to every one who has donated to our Christmas raffle. Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday via WisePay. We have lots of fabulous prizes including a fantastic £100 cash prize! We will send out a list of prizes on Tuesday – we hope you will be able to support us with this fundraiser.

Christmas fun night

Please don't forget to buy your tickets for our Christmas fun night – **ticket sales will close on Tuesday, 12.00pm** so we can do our shopping! You should buy the ticket via WisePay – we will give it to your child before the event takes place on **Wednesday, 4th December**. All children are invited to come back into school at 4.00pm in their comfy clothes (pyjamas welcome). Children attending any of the after-school clubs can go straight to the fun night after their club, as long as they have a ticket. Children in KS1 and Reception will be able to watch a performance by Krazy Kev in the school hall, they need to be collected at 5.30pm. Children in KS2 have a chance to watch a Christmas movie with their year group. They need to be collected at 5.45pm. Tickets will cost £4.00 – this will include a drink and some sweets.

Christmas jumpers

Don't forget we are hoping to hold a Christmas jumper sale on **Friday, 6th December** from 2.30pm till 3.00pm. Now's your chance to dig out any jumpers that your child (or yourselves!) have grown out of, please send them into school before Wednesday 4th December, and we can sell them on – raising funds and recycling at the same time! We have made the decision that we will not have a second hand uniform sale this term – we have plenty on the rail so please ask at the office if you need anything.

Christmas Performances

Just reminder of the dates for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performances this Christmas.

Reception:

Performance 1: Wed 11th Dec, 9.15am - Child's surname **A-H**
 Performance 2: Thurs 12th Dec, 9.15am – Child's surname **I-Z**

Year 1

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Year 2

Carols and Mince pies – Tuesday 17th December 2.00pm

Year 4

Advent service will take place at school on Monday, 16th December at 6.00pm.

The children and staff have decided that they would like any money collected from their performances to go to Julia's House. You can bring cash along to the performance, but if you would prefer to pay via WisePay, that would be very much appreciated as we try to avoid having cash in the office. Thank you in advance – we love to encourage our children to use their talents to help others in need.

Deadline to order a hot Christmas lunch is Wednesday 18th December at 9.00am

Advent and Reserve Advent Calendar

This morning in our Celebration of the Word we talked about the start of Advent, which will be the focus of our RE learning as we prepare for Christmas. We use this time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus, as we remember God's promise to the Prophets and to Mary. We would like to use this time to help others in our local community by collecting for our local **Food Bank**. Your child will bring home a 'date' – either via Marvellous me or

a slip of paper in their bag. This is the date they should bring a donation in, if you are able to do so. The collection will build up in each class, so that by the time we get to the Christmas holidays, we will be able to make a significant contribution. If you are able to send in anything at all, that would be great. The food bank has told us they are in particular need of the following: Tinned meat (ring-pull) Corned beef, Danish ham, Single serve cereal, instant oat pots, Weetabix, Kellogg's variety packs, Tinned vegetarian meals such as veggie chilli, macaroni cheese, vegetarian ravioli, Tinned ravioli (ring-pull) Chocolate/Sweet treats, Sauces i.e. mayonnaise, ketchup. Thank you in advance.

Smart watches

We have noticed an increasing number of children wearing smart watches to school. If your child has one, please ensure that they understand that they can only use it to tell the time in school – no messages, photos etc. If they do not follow this safeguarding rule, they will not be able to wear it on the school premises. Thanks.

Forest School News – Volunteers!

Mr Yarrow is in need of some assistance in developing our Forest School site, on Wednesday 4th December (12-2pm) if any parents/carers are able to assistance please contact the school office. (Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided!)

Stars of the Week:

Super Role Model:

RJ: Layla; RP:Arlo; 1JC:Indie; 1WH: George; 2NW: Carter; 2MS: Teddie; 3NL:Archie; 3DB:Jasmine; 4DC:Lily; 4PM:Irene; 5RH:Mason; 5JC:Leo G; 6KB:Ophelia; 6HT:Mila.

Learning Champion:

RJ:Gemma; RP:George; 1JC:Beau; 1WH:Helna; 2NW:Favour; 2MS:Ryan; 3NL:Skylar; 3DB:Malika; 4DC:Alex; 4PM:Harry; 5RH: Sophie; 5JC:Olivia; 6KB:Olly; 6HT:Phoebe

Dates for your diary:

Mon 2 nd Dec	All day	Staff training day – school closed for children
Weds 4 th Dec	12pm-2pm	Preparation for Forest School- Parent volunteers needed- Please contact the office
Wed 4 th Dec	4.00pm	Christmas Fun Night for children – ticket only.
Fri 6 th Dec	2.30pm – 3.15	Christmas jumper sale
Weds 11 th Dec	9.15am	Reception Christmas Performance Child's- surname A-H
Weds 11 th Dec	10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance Child's- surname A-H
Thurs 12 th Dec	9.15am	Reception Christmas Performance Child's surname I-Z
Thurs 12 th Dec	10.00-12.00	Choir visit to Charminster Library – Year 4 and 5 Choir members only
Thurs 12 th Dec	10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance Child's surname I-Z
Mon 16 th Dec	6.00pm	Year 4 Advent Service
Tues 17 th Dec	2.00pm	Year 2 Carols and Mince Pies
Wed 18 th Dec	All day	Christmas party day – more info to follow
Fri 20 th Dec	2.50pm	End of term – Christmas jumper day

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

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