

Wraxall's School News



Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving

What a busy end to the term and 2021! It has been amazing to see the enthusiasm of the children since School has returned and particularly over the last few weeks. To hear the words "Guess what Miss Townsend, today was the best day ever!" after the tobogganing trip was music to my ears. "I loved going down the slopes with the snow coming down...the best school trip ever" was Michael's response to the whole school day out and Abigail said that "it was the best trip ever". Sophie particularly enjoyed "sliding down the slopes really fast".

I was very impressed, once again, by the entrepreneurial skills of Oak class. The Christmas Fayre was amazing and thankfully I was able to pop over from St. Mary's to take a look. I loved Jamie's 'Hook a Bauble' idea and was also impressed with the craft stall which had an air of Blue Peter about it – with several that had indeed been made earlier! As Sienna summed up perfectly "It was fun to play different games and play with friends. The stalls were really good" What more could you possibly want! Check out the photos below to see a wide range of the Christmas activities over the last few weeks.

Thank you once again to all those who completed the parent survey. I will share some of the updates with you after the holidays, but in the meantime, take a look at some of the class learning that has taken place over recent weeks. There are a wide range of enriching experiences for the children. Thank you to all the staff for making these possible.

I would like to end 2021 by saying a huge thank you for all your support this year. I have never doubted that you want the best for our school and children. All of your offers of help and your generous donations of time, resources and suggestions are hugely appreciated. A BIG thank you also to the FWSA who have been amazing and to our governors who continue to provide challenge and support to ensure that Wraxall is the very best it can be. Thank you to All Saints' Church and to Elize for her kindness and enabling further links with the Church.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2022!

Amy Townsend

Diary Dates for January 2022

4th January 2022 - INSET DAY – school closed to all pupils

5th January 2022 - Return to School - Term 3

11th January 2022 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming at Backwell Leisure Centre – Afternoon only

12th January 2022 – Flu immunisations

18th January 2022 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming at Backwell Leisure Centre – Afternoon only

25th January 2022 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming at Backwell Leisure Centre - Afternoon only .



Stars of the Week

Reception – Connie & Seraph, Ryan Year 1/2 – Henry & Jessica

Year 3/4 – Whole class & Emma, Corbyn, Elsie

Year 5/6 – Grace & Eloise

Headteacher's Award

Corbyn, Bow

Wellbeing

Go for a walk and look for
Christmas Lights



Father Christmas
pays us a visit!



"I loved seeing Father Christmas. I loved how he dressed up. I love him so much!" Connie

"I loved his bell ringing.
I love him as well!"
Belle

A Christmas Fayre
Welcome from
FWSA elves!

"I loved him when he talked to
us and rang his bell." Jesse



Emma Parker, who works at Charlton Farm, the local Children's Hospice South West was delighted to come and collect the homemade Christmas tree decorations. Emma says 'Thank you so much to all the year 3 and 4 students who put such time and effort into making these lovely Christmas tree decorations. We have hung them up in Charlton Farm's reception and the bunting has already drawn many compliments and smiles from people visiting the children's hospice. We are so pleased with the students' lovely homemade gift and grateful to the school for thinking of the children and families we care for not just at Christmas but 365 days a year.'

Compassion Projects

Each class has been carrying out a compassion project this term. They have been thinking about a way to demonstrate compassion to the wider community. Here is Silver Birch Class' beautiful bunting.



Tobogganing





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Christmas Fayre



In class learning









Watch this space for...

Chinese New Year

World Book Day 2022

Skiing lessons for Year 5-6



Wishing everyone at

Wraxall CofE Primary School

a very Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year!

from Miss T

SAFEGUARDING & E- SAFETY

“Everyone is responsible for safeguarding”

Wraxall CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. If you are a parent, child, volunteer or member of staff you should share any concern you may have about a child or an adult with either our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Amy Townsend or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Tamsin Hayward or the Safeguarding Governor, Hazel Mallett. If this is not possible or appropriate and you need to report a concern yourself the numbers below are the main contacts:

Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) 01275 888211 (weekdays 8.45am-5pm or 4.30pm on Friday)

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

Anyone can refer a safeguarding issue via the NSSCB website (North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board).

If you would like more information then please check out the school website for the LSP Safeguarding Policy and a Wraxall School Policy Summary.

Church News

Wraxall with Failand Parish Christmas Services

Carols By Candlelight at St Bartholomews - Saturday 18th December at 6pm

All Age Carols at All Saints, Wraxall Primary School - Sunday 19th December at 4pm

Crib Service at All Saints, Wraxall - Friday 24th December at 4pm

Christmas Eve Holy Communion at St Bartholomews - Friday 24th December at 9pm

Christmas Eve Holy Communion at All Saints Wraxall - Friday 24th December at 11pm

All Age Christmas Service Christmas Day at 10am

Pupil Premium (Free School Meals Benefit)

Free School Meals

There are two schemes for free school meals:

Universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2 – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school

Free school meals for people on qualifying benefits – you'll need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should still apply for free school meals so as the school is given additional funds, known as pupil premium, to support those children with their learning in school and to assist with other school costs. This can include: 1-1 support, extra reading, phonics and contributions towards trips and enrichment activities.

Qualifying benefits for free school meals

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included.

How to apply

Free school meals entitlement is for the child, not the family, so you will need to apply for each child when they start school.

If your child is starting school in September, you should apply during the summer holidays as we cannot deal with your application earlier. Applying too early could result in your application being removed.

If you are moving into North Somerset from another area you will need to apply. You will need your National insurance number to apply.

When to reapply

Due to the roll out of Universal Credit, all pupils that are currently eligible for free school meals will be protected until the end of the school stage they are in on 31 March 2022. This means if your child is receiving free school meals at primary school in March 2022, you won't need to reapply for them until they start secondary school. Children do not receive free school meals in college. If your child changes school or address before 31 March 2022, email fsm@nsomerset.gov.uk so we can update your free school meals record.

When parents and carers finally have the chance to spend some quality time with their child over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are sackfuls of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. We've compiled our own 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions for how to ...

MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONLINE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS

1 EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Budding bakers will relish helping out in the kitchen with some tasty festive treats. Spend some time together researching child-friendly Christmas recipes online (the BBC Good Food site is an excellent place to start), and then you and your little elves can rustle up gingerbread santas, marshmallow snowmen or reindeer shortbread. The only thing that's more fun is eating your creations afterwards!

WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW...

2 THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST?

We've all had that Christmas compilation CD that was almost perfect, if it wasn't inexplicably missing one of your best-loved tracks. In this era of music streaming, however, your little helpers can assist you in compiling a definitive playlist of all your favourite seasonal songs – no more pining for The Pretenders or wishing for Wizard.

3 DECK THE HALLS

There's no such thing as 'too many' Christmas trimmings! Let your child channel their excitement into some creative crafting, and you'll make memories as well as your own DIY decorations. There are loads of step-by-step guides online (including video walkthroughs on YouTube) for seasonal showpieces like paper plate angels, handprint wreaths and cupcake wrapper Christmas trees.

4 A WINTER'S TALE

Everyone enjoys a story at this time of year: after all, the whole celebration is based on an engrossing yarn. Sites such as Audible are an excellent way of entertaining excited young ones, with classics like Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and seasonal short stories by Enid Blyton alongside more contemporary Christmas tales by the likes of Tom Fletcher, JK Rowling and Ben Miller.

5 BROUGHT ME SOME CORN FOR POPPIN'

Snuggling up against the winter weather with the family (and a generous helping of chocolates) to enjoy a well-loved movie is a delightful Christmas tradition. The usual streaming services have some classic candidates on offer: *Home Alone* and *The Santa Clause* are on Disney+, while Amazon Prime has *Elf* and *The Grinch*, and Netflix goes with *The Princess Switch* and *The Christmas Chronicles*.

6 GUESS WHAT I FORGOT?

Friends and family pitting their wits against each other on Zoom, Teams or Skype really took off during lockdown, so why not revive the tradition over the holidays? Your questions could be on the biggest news, sport and showbiz stories of 2021, or be Christmas themed, or you could stick to classic general knowledge. Ideal for those days between Christmas and New Year.

7 A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW

From turkey on the beach in Australia to roller-skating to church in Venezuela, Christmas is celebrated in a variety of ways worldwide – curious youngsters might enjoy discovering other nations' festive traditions online. Google's Santa Tracker is a brilliant (and free) starting point, with games, activities and animations to help children enjoy learning as they count down to the big day!

8 THE NEAR AND THE DEAR ONES

Between time constraints, distance, the weather and Covid precautions (or a combination of all four) for many families it just won't be possible to physically spend time with everyone they'd ideally like to this Christmas. Video calling technology, of course, takes some of the sting out of the disappointment by virtually transporting loved ones into your living room.

9 KIDS FROM ONE TO 92

If Santa's brought your young ones a console this year (or they already had one), it's a perfect excuse for some quality time while they gleefully trounce you at FIFA or Mario Kart. Digital versions of traditional board games like Monopoly and Cluedo are available on most platforms, too: get the whole household together for a modern take on some old-school family fun.

10 CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THOSE FACES

People used to express their gratitude for a thoughtful Christmas gift with a thank you card or a dutiful phone call. Not in the digital age: now your relations can see first-hand on video calls how delighted the children are with their presents – and even how they look in that slightly questionable hand-knitted pullover.

Thank you



Let's connect this CHRISTMAS (SOME WAY)

By now you'll have seen our collaboration with Musicalalternative for this year's National Online Safety Christmas song. If you feel like joining in – perhaps with your family or with your class – we've reproduced the lyrics here for you!

1 We don't want a lot for Christmas,
There's nothing we really need
And we don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree
We just want a screen-free day
Unless we're calling family far away
What more can we say?
Let's connect this Christmas, some way

2 I don't want a lot for Christmas
But here's some other things I'd like (I'd like)
Offline school from now till summer
Time outside to ride my bike

3 And I don't want to spend this Christmas
Surrounded by a million screens
Unless they're showing happy faces
The fam on Zoom or my friends on Teams

4 The iPad's great to stay in touch
With people we don't see that much
So what more can we say?
Let's catch up this Christmas, some way

5 And I won't ask for much this Christmas
Not even a PS5 (or a)
iPhone ProMax, Switch OLED,
A million-terabyte hard drive

6 It's time for some fun with mates
But TikTok, Insta they can wait
As for family, what do ya say?
Let's hang out for the Christmas holiday

7 All the screens are shining so brightly
everywhere (oh it's Christmas)
And the sound of high-pitched ringtones
fills the air (and mince pies)
And everyone's distracted (stockings)
My mental health's impacted (presents)
Can't we use devices so we're ALL connected?
Sharing memories that we've all collected?

8 Oh, I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm asking for (and I)
Just wanna spread some smiles
Show some kindness, let's make sure
Nobody feels on their own
Share so everybody knows
Through a screen, or face to face
Let's connect this Christmas, some way

9 Connected this Christmas some way,
please let's be
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