

# Wraxall's School News



*Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving*

What a lovely start to Term 2 this year, with lots of enrichment and fun for the children as we draw nearer to the Festive season. Last week Key Stage Two took part in decoration and Victorian History workshops at Tyntesfield. Their artwork is going to be exhibited on one of the trees as part of Tyntesfield's special Christmas display – look out for our Wraxall Primary Tree! The children represented the school amazingly with beautiful behaviour and manners and we even received a mention from the staff who commented to us how polite our children were and what a credit to the school they are. If anyone visits the Christmas display please do share your photos of the tree with us!

Today was our school Remembrance Service and the children demonstrated the school values of Compassion and Respect beautifully. Year 5/6 led us in some quiet reflection and prayer and the children were super quiet for our silence at 11am. It was lovely to see some parents join us for the silence too.

Pine class' classroom was certainly full of the festivities on Tuesday, when Mr Leech was visited by a Robin after school. I think they must have been visiting to see how much effort the children have been putting into their learning and they'll be reporting back to Father Christmas how amazing our Wraxall children are.

I can't believe that it will be almost December when I sit down to write the next newsletter. We will have already had our Church and School Christmas Fayre and watched a Nativity performance by the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School by then. The St Mary's pupils are very excited to meet our Wraxall children next week and enjoy some break time with them too.

Have a lovely weekend – hopefully it won't be too soggy!

Amy Townsend

## **Dates for November/December 2022**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November -**

**Bristol Old Vic Theatre School - Nativity performance for the whole school at St Marys**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November -**

**Individual School Photos for the whole school**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November -**

**Children in Need - Yellow and/or spotty, dotty clothes**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November -**

**Open The Book Drama in the school hall.**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December -**

**EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance -2pm at All Saints Church**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December -**

**Christingle Service 2pm**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December -**

**Christmas Dinner - Whole School**

**Child-led Christmas Fayre**

**KS2 Carols by Candlelight Service - 5.30pm – Church Grounds – Weather Permitting.**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December -**

**Last Day of Term 2 – Christmas Parties and Non-School Uniform**



## **Star of the Week**

**Lunchtime Awards – Ada & Annie**

## **Headteacher's Award**

Natasha

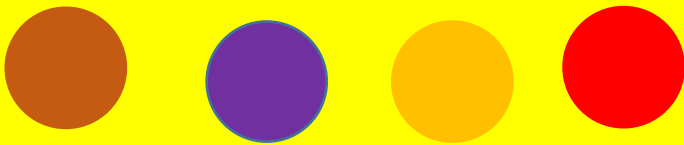


Phone a friend who  
you haven't seen for  
a while



## Children in Need

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November it is Children in Need. We are inviting all children and staff to wear yellow or spotty clothes for the day, in exchange for a small donation to the Children in Need charity. There will be donation pots in each classroom.



## A Musical Treat...

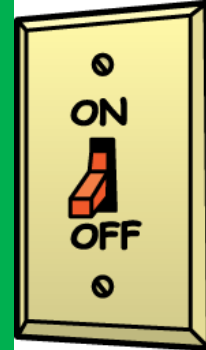
We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Declan who has very kindly offered to organize a special Violin concerto for the children on the afternoon of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you Declan – we're really looking forward to this!



## WAYS TO HELP THE WORLD

Turn off the lights when  
you're not in a room.



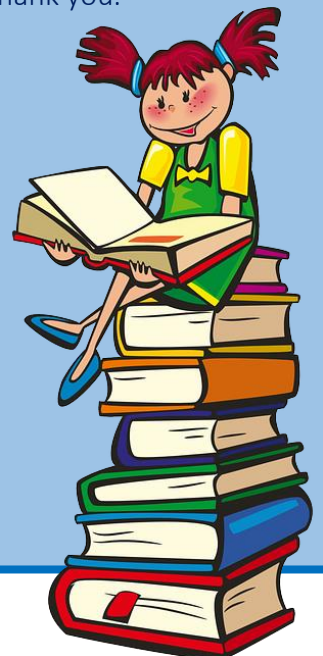
## BOOK FAYRE

Thank you to Miss B for organising this year's book fayre and to our parent helpers who gave up their time to process the individual purchases.

The sale has raised £326.95 for the school in new books, which will be winging their way home with the children for you to enjoy with them, as their Reading for Pleasure books.

Thank you to all the parents and children who supported this event.

A big thank you to the parents who helped run the fair at the end of each day. Your help was really appreciated by the school. Thank you.



# What have we been learning in class this fortnight?

## Maple Class have been...

Exploring space and the book 'Look Up!'

Finding out about the Festival Diwali

Making Rangoli patterns using wooden shapes, pencil and pastel



## Willow Class have been...

Learning about Guy Fawkes and

The Gunpowder Plot.

We made firework pictures in art.



## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our KS2 children led us in Reflection and prayer during our Remembrance Service this morning. It was lovely to see so many families join us for our Remembrance silence this year. Thank you to All Saints' Church for hosting us.



*"The Year 5 and 6 pupils read some prayers and we had a two minute silence. It made me feel quite sad...the people who fought for us were very brave to do so." Isla*

## Pine Class have been...

Learning about Prehistoric Britain and the timeline from the beginning of the world.

We have been learning about light during Science.

## Oak Class have been...

Reading our new English book 'Hidden Figures' and writing persuasive letters.

In Maths we have been using short division.

## UKRAINE FUNDRAISING

On the final day of last term our children raised an amazing £140.21 which has already been donated to the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal. They have also had a thank you email from the local Ukrainian food bank for donating the rest of the items collected.

They really appreciated the food and toiletries. Some of the toys that they could not take at this time (due to lack of storage) we still have and will hopefully sold at the Christmas Fayre.

A HUGE thank you to the parents who supported the children in their fundraising and helped them to set up their event.

**Well done Elsie, Sophie,  
Abigail and Charlotte!!**

## Christmas Plans!!!

Check out the email that was sent out to you earlier this week for all our exciting upcoming events and trips, with the Festive activities beginning on Tuesday next week, when the whole school are heading to St Mary's to watch Bristol Old Vic Theatre School perform a Nativity performance. This was thoroughly loved by the children last year and we are pleased to be able to hold the event again this year. While at St Mary's the children will have the chance to have some break time and meet some of the children from our partner school. St Mary's are VERY excited!



## WRAXALL WELCOME

A big warm Wraxall welcome to Yeut Hei, known as Ellie, who joined our Year 6's this week. Please say a big hello to her if you see her when you are around the school.

## **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, Vicki Sheppard 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: If your concern is regarding the Headteacher you should contact Gary Lewis, CEO for Lighthouse Schools Partnership

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

North Somerset Social Care 01275 888 808

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

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

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**

### **Nailsea Foodbank Christmas Appeal**

#### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

As we have done in previous years, the 4 branches that make up Clevedon and District Foodbank CIO (that's Clevedon, Portishead, Yatton and us) will be working together to provide Christmas Hampers for people as requested by our referring agencies. It will come as no surprise that given the cost of living crisis, we expect demand to be even higher than in the Covid years.

We are starting to gather together the items to fill these hampers, and there are a number of items that we would really appreciate. These are listed below. We obviously need these items before we pack the hampers, so would like to ask for them by the end of November. If you able to help, we would like to thank you for your generosity towards people living locally who will find this Christmas a real struggle.

**Advent Calendars** - these mean so much more if they are in the children's hands at the right time.

**Drop off at School or at the Cross Tree Centre/Parish Office by the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**Donations of Vouchers** - As a change to previous years we will no longer be accepting Christmas Gifts - we have asked for vouchers (£5/£10) high street, supermarkets. For anyone wishing to donate direct – please contact the parish office for bank details. Again drop off at school or the Cross Tree Centre by 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Donations of Christmas Foods** - Medium tins of salmon, Large tins of ham, Cranberry Sauce, packs of stuffing, Gift cards, Christmas Puddings, family sized Christmas cakes or Christmas cake slices, iced slab fruit cake, tubes of crisps, savoury biscuit treats, nice packs of biscuits, tins of biscuits, tins/boxes of chocolates, 1ltr cartons of fruit juice, hot chocolate, packs of 80 teabags, shampoo and shower gels.

#### **All Saints Church with Wraxall School Christmas Fayre**

The annual Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am-2.00pm in All Saints Church and Cross Tree Centre. There will be Gift Stalls, Face Painting, Bacon Rolls/Soups, Kid Craft, Books, Raffle, Tombola and a Santa's Grotto. Some of the stalls including Santa's Grotto will be run by the FWSA. Donations for the raffle and tombola would be much appreciated, let us know if you are able to volunteer on the day. Contact Meg 01275851501 or Elize 01275852442 for further information.

#### **Marriage Event - Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm-9.30pm**

Trinity Centre, Holy Trinity Church, Nailsea, with speaker **Katherine Hill**. The aim of the evening is to encourage those in younger stages of marriage and beyond. Covering topics such as Time, Money and Family. If you would like to attend, please do let us know so we can cater light refreshments accordingly. [ianhwills@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ianhwills@blueyonder.co.uk) (Ian) or (Morey) [rector.wraxallwithfailand@gmail.com](mailto:rector.wraxallwithfailand@gmail.com)

#### **Sunny Saplings**

Our resident toddler group, Sunny Saplings is running as usual on Friday mornings 9.00-11.00am in the Cross Tree Centre. Come along with the little ones for snacks drinks and friendly chat. Contact Elize for more information. **Next First Monday Monthly Coffee Morning – Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> December**



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING



Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.



## 1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

## 2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

## 3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

## 4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

## 5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

## FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

**Childline:** talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at [www.childline.org.uk/get-support/](http://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/)

**National Bullying Helpline:** counsellors are available on 0845 225 5767 or by visiting [www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html](http://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html)

**The NSPCC:** the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at [www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/) and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

## 6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

## 7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

## 8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

## 9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

## 10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

## Meet Our Expert

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