Federation of West Leigh Infant &
Backwell C of E Junior School

Newsletter 4- Term 2
Tuesday 19 December 2023

Backwell Federation Newsletter
Term 2 Federation Value - Challenge

On our website - Links

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Important Dates - Terms 2 & 3

- Wednesday 20th December – BJS Christmas Dinner Day
- Wednesday 20th December – Last Day of Term – Non-school uniform day/wear a Christmas jumper day
- Thursday 4th January – First day of Term 3
- Friday 5th January – WL Gym club starts
- Friday 12th January – BJS 5PB Cake Sale
- Friday 26th January – WL Book Fair arriving
- Friday 2nd February – BJS 3W Cake Sale
- Thursday 8th February – BJS PTA Valentines Disco
- Friday 9th February – WL Fox cake sale
- Friday 9th February – Last day of Term 3

Rabbit News

The children in Rabbit Class have been enjoying the challenge of designing and making their own glove puppets. As part of this process the children had to learn how to sew a running stitch and an over stitch. The sewing stitches proved a little challenging at times but we had plenty of adult helpers who sorted out our tangles and knots to get us going again. A BIG thank you!

We were all very pleased with our finished glove puppets.

WL Year 2 Trip to Bristol Aerospace

On Tuesday 28 November, Fox and Hedgehog classes visited the Aerospace Museum in Filton to celebrate their learning about the history of aviation. At the museum, they got to explore Concorde and took part in a workshop where they worked in teams to build and test their own model Concordes. They also explored the museum and saw some of the historical figures and aircraft they have been learning about including George White, the Wright Brothers and the Bristol Boxkite. Both classes behaved beautifully and represented West Leigh extremely well!

WL EYFS Christmas Performance

We would like to say a massive well done to all of the children that took part in our Christmas Nativity. Lots of hard work went into the performance and the children had lots to learn! They really impressed us with their ability to learn the songs, their lines and the dances, whilst still remaining excited and enthusiastic about putting on a show for others to watch. Thank you to all who came to watch. We hoped you enjoyed it as much as we did!

WL KS1 Christmas Performance

A huge well done to all of Year 1 and Year 2 for a fantastic Christmas performance. You all worked so hard to learn your lines, the Makaton for the songs, dance moves and where you needed to be and when. We were all so proud of you!

A special mention to Miss Harris-Davis who was our incredible lead director and put in so much effort to make it such a success.

WL Superstars

Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 30th November

Reception – Mollie, Jude

Year 1 – Reuben, Matty

Year 2 – Ivy-Belle, Matthew

Thursday 7th December

Reception – Cleo, River

Year 1 – Hugo, Teddy

Year 2 – Evan, Nyla

West Leigh PTA – Christmas Fundraising!

A massive THANK YOU for your generous support so far this year – for all your donations, volunteering, baking, attending events and supporting the PTA's activities this term! Together, our Christmas activities, including: Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto, Christmas Raffle, Secret Shop, Christmas Performance film, Cauliflower Cards, Lions Santa Float Collection, have raised over £3,500 so far; a fabulous achievement!

We have been working with the school on what the money can be spent on so look out for an update on this next year.

Christmas Fair - It was great to hold another Christmas Fair this year, including a special visit from Father Christmas and special guest stalls! It was amazing to see it so busy

Special Thank You's go to:

Mr Steel and Lisa the elf.

School teaching and support staff - including Mr Webster on the tombola and Mrs Steel warming the mulled wine.

Matt and Andrew for filming the Christmas Performances (and Bianca for co-ordinating).

Finally, we wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to more fun fundraising in 2024!

Year 2 Moving to Junior School September 2024 & Reception Starters 2024

Please follow this link to find out more about applying for junior school places and starting school in September. **Applications must be submitted before Monday 15th January 2024.**
https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/applying-school-place

WL Parent Tours

Do you have a child or know anyone with a child who is looking for them to start in Reception in September 2024. We are running School Tours on the following dates:
10/01/24 @1.15pm
17/01/24 @1.15pm
24/01/24 @1.15pm

Please contact the office to book.

Polite Notices

Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for January so that the kitchen can plan ahead. Many thanks.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please can you ensure that you leave a message or email the office to let us know by 9.30am on the day of absence and each day thereafter.

Norovirus – 48hr rule

As we head into the Winter season we would like to remind parents that if your child is unfortunate to catch this bug, regulations state that they are not able to return to school for a least 48 hours from the last episode. Please also remember to contact the school to record your child's absence each day.

Foodbank Christmas Opening Times

Clevedon

Closed Monday 25th Dec
Open Wednesday 27th, 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Closed Monday 1st Jan 2024
Open Tuesday 2nd Jan 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Please note the new address - Unit 3 Neads Court Knowles Rd BS217XS

Portishead

Open Fridays 12-2 pm

Nailsea

Open Friday 22nd Dec 12.30-2.30 pm
Open Friday 5th Jan 12.30-2.30 pm

Yatton

Open Thursdays 9.30 am - 11.30 am

BACKWELL C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Celebration Assembly - 'Backwell B' Awards

Our Backwell B awards include: Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible

Celebration Assembly – 1st December 2023

Year 3 - Charlie C and Grace D

Year 4 - Zenara and Juliet

Year 5 - Iris and Thomas P

Year 6 - Samirah and Tom R

Celebration Assembly – 8th December 2023

Year 3 - Rowan and Freddie R

Year 4 - Tadg and Dylan

Year 6 - Covey and Ben R

Celebration Assembly – 15th December 2023

Year 3 - Arlo and Logan T

Year 4 - Eloiuse and Jack

Year 5 – Judah, Abi and Chase

Year 6 – Covey, Georgie and Indy B

CONGRATULATIONS!

Year 3 Ancient Egyptian WOW Day

Year 3 had their Ancient Egyptian WOW day on Thursday 7th December
Egyptologist, Ali Ball, visited and spent the whole day talking to the children about Egyptian Gods, showing them real-life artefacts and teaching them to write in hieroglyphs. Ali truly encapsulated the children with her vast knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians and was able to show them her own experiences of the time she had spent in Egypt, including photos of her stood next to the pyramids so the children could really understand just how ginormous they are. The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to dress up as an Ancient Egyptian and spending a whole day exploring the history they have been learning about since September.

FEEL FAB CHRISTMAS STARS

FIND YOUR CHRISTMAS STARS

NAME _____

HOW MANY DID YOU COLLECT?

IF YOU NEED TO RESEARCH SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES ONLINE MAKE SURE YOU ASK PERMISSION FIRST. IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO ASK FOR SOME HELP FROM AN ADULT & STAY SAFE WHEN TRYING ANYTHING NEW. Activities can be done in any order. Certificates are available from your school.
Can you achieve CHRISTMAS GOLD by collecting at least 7 stars from the list? Let your teacher know if you do!

We would love to see some of your attempts on Twitter using #FeelFabChristmasStars and tagging: @AshtonSSP @CSETSports1 @NSSPEA1

Go for a 'Christmas lights walk' as a family - where are your favourite lights?	Perform at least one random act of kindness a day.	Set yourself a daily Christmas Star Jump challenge e.g., 3 sets of 10. How many can you do a day?	Make a Christmas table decoration and design your own name place markers for your family.
Make Christmas cookies or mince pies. You could go big and make a gingerbread house!	Host a Christmas games night and play all of your favourite games.	Make your own Christmas music playlist... what songs will you choose?	Ride your bike, walk or scoot for at least 10 minutes a day.
Organise a Christmas movie night or even a whole week, then everyone gets a chance to watch their favourite film.	Is it going to be a white Christmas? If so, why not get outside and have fun! No snow? Enjoy playing outdoors anyway!!	Turn your Christmas cards into next year's present tags.	Donate or gift a toy or something else in new or good condition to charity.
Make up your own game using balloons. Give it a name and play it with your friends or family.	Get creative with art... make a snowman or angel paperchain. Perhaps even design your own tree ornaments.	Enjoy reading a Christmas book... maybe a trip to the library is needed?	Prepare hot chocolate for your friends or family. Will you be adding marshmallows and whipped cream?

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YATTON, BS49 4HL

YATTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

FOOTBALL FUN DAY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RMC SPORTS

Yatton Junior FC, Rock Road
9 -3pm 5-11 years old
22nd December

£11 .50 FOR YAJFC PLAYERS
£16.50 FOR NON YAJFC PLAYERS

TO BOOK EMAIL INFO@RMCSPORTS.CO.UK
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YATTON JFC
ACCOUNT NO 01849264
SORT CODE 30-99-51

FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1 & ABOVE

GYMNASTICS CLUB

NEW GYMNASTIC CLUB

SCOTCH HORN LEISURE CENTRE
Brockway Road, Nailsea, North Somerset, BS48 1BZ

With a strong emphasis on gymnastic skill development and fun, this club is for boys and girls. All children get the opportunity and autonomy to work on gymnastics fundamentals including handstand shape and correction, cartwheels and round-offs or the more complex skills including somersaults and flics.

- Quality gymnastics coaching
- State of the art inflatable equipment
- Fantastic large sports centre hall
- Free parking

ONLY £54 6 WEEK TERM

Thursday Club
4th January - 8th February
Session 1: 4.15 - 5pm
NEW Session 2: 5pm - 5.45pm

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE. BOOK NOW AT
www.gymclubs.co.uk/gymnastics-clubs
Any enquiries contact Head Coach **Bex** on **07967 402061**

GYM CLUBS