



MESSAGE FROM THE
HEADTEACHER

December



As we approach the Christmas break pupils have been busy preparing both the Lower school Nativity play and the Middle/ Upper school Christmas Fair. We hope that you enjoyed supporting your children at one of these events.

School continues to be busy, with many of our P16 pupils regularly accessing work experience placements in the local community and at establishments such as The Newt, Somerset. They are also, along with some of our KS4 pupils preparing food in school for our catering van. Again we would welcome families to support this venture by visiting the van when it is in Frome.

Steph Garrett leaves us after Christmas to begin her maternity leave and we are pleased to welcome Vikki Mead to replace her. Vikki is a very experienced teacher and has spent the last few weeks getting to know the school and in particular Hawks class which will aid a smooth transition. Emma Westlake is also going to be departing on maternity leave. We wish both Steph and Emma all the very best at this exciting time for them.

We wish all of our families a great Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd January.

SCHOOL DATES

16th December 2022 - End of Term 2

2nd January 2023 – Bank Holiday

3rd January 2023 - Start of Term 3

30th January 2023 - PLIM Evening

8th February 2023 - Relationships, Sex and Health Education

10th February 2023 - End of Term 3

20th February 2023 - Start of Term 4

2nd March 2023 - World Book Day

31st March 2023 - End of Term 4

17th April 2023– Inset Day

18th April 2023– Start of Term 5

25th April 2023 - Relationships, Sex and Health Education

1st May 2023– Bank Holiday

2nd May 2023– Inset Day

15th May 2023 - PLIM Evening

26th May 2023 - End of Term 5

5th June 2023 - Start of Term 6

18th June 2023 School Fun Day - TBC

7th July 2023– Sports Day

11th July 2023 – Annual report evening

14th July 2023– Reserved Sports Day

21st July 2023 – Inset day / End of Term 6

A big thank you to all that came and supported the Christmas fair we made a whopping £450.



A huge thank you to Michelle at [Center Parcs UK](#) for arranging the donation of 10 Christmas trees and decorations for the school. The children's faces lit up when they were delivered to the Classrooms.



A huge thank you to Mole Valley for donating a 10ft Christmas tree for the school's hall. The children enjoyed decorating it.



School News..

As part of Hawks Class theme, 'Twisting a Tale' they visited both Hunting Raven bookshop and Frome library. Tina at Hunting Raven answered questions about working in the bookshop and pupils had the opportunity to serve some customers whilst there. Liz at Frome library talked about what services are available at the library. The pupils had the opportunity to browse the library and select some books to read in school.

Thank you to both Tina, Manager at Hunting Raven and to Liz at Frome Library.

We are always looking for ways to engage with local employers and businesses. If you feel you could help then please contact Sally Smiles, Careers and Working Futures Lead here at Critchill School.

Friends of Critchill School

Thank you to all staff and parents who donated to the Christmas Hamper. A special thank you to THG LABS who donated the beauty hampers.

Tickets are available from the office for £1 each. The draw will take place on Wednesday 14th December. If your child is on transport and you wish to buy tickets please send the money in an envelope addressed to the office and we will send your tickets home.

Good Luck



Black Swan Arts Young Art Competition

Are you aged between 5 and 19 years? Would you like to enter a brilliant art competition?

Black Swan Arts Young Open is the largest curated young art competition in the South West.

If your work is selected, it will be exhibited at the galleries across Black Swan Arts centre through the Easter Holidays. Prizes include workshops with professional artists and vouchers from Postscript. Open to everyone & anything goes!

To enter online, please go to www.blackswanarts.org.uk

Deadline for entries is midnight on 3 February.