



Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

Headteacher's Message



We have now reached the end of Term 2 and with that, the end of 2020. What a year 2020 has been! Who knew 12 months ago, what the year would have in store for us? Despite these uncertain times, I am forever impressed with our school's community spirit.

From the start of this academic year all the staff and I have been overwhelmed with the adaptability, bravery, resilience and perseverance of our families. You turning up to school every day with your children has meant so much to us as it's the truest sign that you trust in our health and safety procedures, policies and risk assessments. The staff team have worked tirelessly to ensure we have upheld the highest safeguarding practices. Attendance has remained high, averaging 98.10% - this is higher than the national average of 96% and in a Covid year! We have also been extremely fortunate not to have had to close **ANY** of our 'bubbles'!

Some of the most memorable moments for me have been hearing the children's laughter on the playground, seeing them walk happily into school each morning and hearing their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn as I walk past the classrooms. The resilience shown by the children and their joy at being back at school has been infectious. Their appreciation for, and attitude towards learning has been amazing, as has the way they have settled back into a different way of school life.

Closely beside the children are the staff. What would our school be without them? I feel privileged to work with such an incredible team. Their commitment to delivering high quality education was also transferred via online learning during the initial lockdown. The pandemic did not dampen our staff's drive or creativity. All continued to work tirelessly to ensure children could continue to learn in what was a very difficult and uncertain time. I am enormously

proud of what has been achieved and of the warm, welcoming, supportive and exciting learning environment we have all created together.

So far this school year, the support from you all to our local, national and international communities has been tremendous: supporting HelloYellow for Mental Health; Odd Socks day for Anti-Bullying; UK based Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Collectively raising £862.24 - this is brilliant! To add to this, our dedicated PTA continue to support our school in a variety of ways including sourcing and decorating our amazing Christmas tree, decorating the school corridors and organising fundraising activities throughout the year which are fun for the children. This all involves them giving up their time to meet, plan and make everything happen. Thank you to everyone who is a part of this team.

We move towards 2021 with great optimism and hope that life can return to some sort of 'normality' but one thing will never change – our school is a thriving, vibrant, joyful and welcoming place to be and learn. I thank each and every one of you for your continued support. Please ensure you enjoy some quality time together over the holiday and don't forget to keep opening the [Trinity Advent Calendar!](#)

I wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

See you all on 6th January 2021.

Mrs Parsons



Message from the School Governing Body

As we're now at the end of term, I thought I would give a brief update on the work of the Governing Body since the start of the academic year; understandably, given the circumstances, our main focus has been ensuring that the school is meeting the social and learning needs of your children following the school closure in the Spring and Summer. As you may be aware, the Governing Body now represents both St Mary's, Timsbury and Trinity Church School in line with Mrs Parsons' Executive Headship of both schools. We are very fortunate to have good representation from both school communities on the Governing Body; if you ever have any questions you are welcome to get in touch: jen.hird@msnpartnership.com.

Finally, I want to wish you all a merry Christmas on behalf of the Governing Body. We've now reached the point in December where every other song on the radio is Christmas themed; everyone has their favourite - for me, it's Shakin' Stevens "Merry Christmas, Everyone!" (appreciate I'm showing my age here!). However, when it comes to Christmas Carols, my favourite has always been 'In the Bleak Midwinter'. This year, more than any other, the words hit home; the pandemic has affected us all in different ways, and there is no doubt that Christmas, just like Eid and Diwali, will look very different to years gone by. Nevertheless, it's good to remember that whatever the circumstances of your celebrations this year, we all have the capacity to 'give our heart'.

Mrs Jen Hird, Chair of Governors

Best Class Attendance



Joint winners for this week are **Cedar** and **Willow** Class – well done!

Our overall attendance winners for Term 2 are **Willow** Class with **99.3%** – closely followed by Cherry Class with **99.2%**! Congratulations!

In Term 2, we have had **119 children achieving 100% attendance**, and **89 children maintaining 100% attendance for the academic year** from the start of term in September which is fantastic, especially in such a challenging year. All these children have received their attendance certificates today. Well done and keep it up!

Deanery Carol Service

Trinity pupils from years 3 and 4 were involved in producing a virtual multi-school carol service for the Deanery. Follow the link to enjoy the festive collaboration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRK5ViO1gu0>

Gracewell

The children were delighted and very touched to receive a beautiful Christmas card and a big tub of candy canes from the residents at Gracewell Care Home this week. We have missed going to visit our friends there, but hope to do so again next year. Some of the children who have enjoyed visiting previously made some lovely Christmas cards which were sent to Gracewell to remind them they are in our thoughts. We wish all the residents and staff a very happy and healthy Christmas!



Headteacher's Award

w/e 19th December

Conker: Brodie
Chestnut: Scarlett H
Cedar: Alfie R
Willow: Isabella, Eliana and Scarlett O
Cherry: Solomon
Maple: Morgan
Redwood: Harvey and Roman



PTA Quiz



Many thanks to everyone who took part in the PTA Family Quiz - we were so impressed with your amazing animal knowledge! 5 entries had 100% correct answers and the winner was drawn during assembly today - congratulations to Jessica in Y1! Runners-up are Molly and Elsie in Y6, Jack J in Y5 and Evie in Y4. Well done everyone - we raised £54 towards PTA funds.

Secret Santa Shop

The first PTA Secret Santa Shop was a huge success! The children really enjoyed choosing gifts for their parents or other grown ups and we hope you all enjoy opening your gifts on Christmas Day. We raised over £200 which is incredible!

Thank you very much for your support - Merry Christmas to you all from the PTA Team!

Message from Somer Valley Food Bank

Our Christmas opening hours are as follows:

Wednesday, 23 December

Open as normal at Radstock and Paulton

Friday, 25 December (Christmas Day)

CLOSED

Monday, 28 December (Boxing Day Bank Holiday)

CLOSED

Wednesday, 30 December

Open as normal at Radstock and Paulton

Friday, 1 January 2021 (New Year's Day)

CLOSED

Monday, 4 January

Open as normal at Midsomer Norton

Dates for your Calendar 2020/21 - Term 2 & 3

Date	Event	Notes
Mon 4th January	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tues 5th January	INSET DAY	Whole School
Wed 6th January	Term 3 starts	Whole School
Wed 6th January	Modern Foreign Languages Day	
Fri 22nd January	Visiting Theatre Production: The Wizard of Oz	Whole School
Fri 12th February	No TASC today	
Fri 12th February	End of Term	Whole School
Mon 22nd February	Term 4 starts	Whole School



Office News:

School Lunches - Term 3

The menus for Term 3 are now available on ParentPay for you to book for the new term. Please remember that children cannot change their choice on the day so it's important to ensure they are happy with the choices you make for all courses. Bookings need to be made by a Thursday for the following week and don't forget to cancel any lunch bookings on days your child is bringing a packed lunch instead.

Food waste has reduced significantly and lunch numbers are a lot more accurate because of you all making such an effort with these measures, so thank you!

Help paying for childcare

The Government has set up a very useful site to help you find the right help for you in relation to childcare costs. Funding can be used to pay for additional nursery fees or for our wraparound care provision. To see if you are eligible click this link: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

We wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas!

Mrs Clayton and Miss Hathaway



Important

Track and Trace over Christmas holidays

If your child has a positive Covid-19 result between Saturday 19th – Thursday 24th December 2020, you MUST:

1. Send an email to mnsp-covid19-alert@msnpartnership.com titled - "Positive Result - Student".
2. On receipt of the automated response, follow the link to complete the Google form and submit.
3. A response will be received by MNSP Senior Staff and the relevant School Headteacher notified.
4. Telephone contact will be made to confirm/clarify details.

We will then be in touch with any close contacts to advise self-isolation in accordance with Government guidelines - please ensure you have notifications enabled on SchoolPing and SeeSaw.

2021 Admissions

Have a look at our brand new Virtual Tour [here](#).

If you know of anyone with children reaching school-age in time for next September, please share the link or direct them to the website - www.trinitychurchschool.com - as there is a link on the home page. The deadline for new Reception applications is 15th January 2021.

Healthy Eating

As we look forward to the start of the New Year after a festive season of indulgence, can we remind all parents of children who have packed lunches that these should consist of healthy choices, which are not only better for our physical health, but promote concentration and focus too. Lunches need to be provided in a lunch box/bag and not carrier bags.



Family Matters

The Christmas edition of the Family Matters magazine has been produced digitally - you can read it by clicking [here](#).



Outside Achievements



Well done to **Tobious** for working hard to achieve his Blue with White Stripe Belt in Martial Arts



The countdown to Christmas



Don't forget to check the Trinity virtual advent calendar every day - it is now live on the school website. Which is your favourite window so far?

<https://www.trinitychurchschool.com/>

In addition, the children in all year groups have helped us create our 2020 Nativity - they were filmed separately in their bubbles and Miss Treasure has spent a lot of time editing them all together. The link will be sent to all parents by class teachers via SeeSaw - we hope you enjoy it!

A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to our fabulous kitchen team who continue to provide freshly cooked school meals for the children every day. Despite a difficult year, they have remained positive and enthusiastic and on the last day of term have provided a delicious Christmas lunch which the children enjoyed with crackers and hats! We are lucky to have our kitchen on site and the team are very much appreciated - **Merry Christmas, ladies!**



BOOK NOW!

WE'RE BACK IN JANUARY!

LEARN | PLAY | GIG!

- FREE FIRST SESSION
- TWO HOUR sessions for ages 7-11 or 11-18
- Instruments can be provided for free
- End of Year Gig every July!

LEARN GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS OR SINGING

To watch a video of what we do, find your nearest school, or to book a free taster, visit our website www.therockproject.com

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