

## This term's Christian Value: Peace

### Message from the Headteacher

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at St John's! This week has been a busy week of classes filming for our Christmas service and nativity plays, all of which we hope to publish on our school YouTube channel and Facebook page in the coming weeks.

This week's advent candle has been lit and symbolises peace, which is also our Christian value of the term. Through their collective worship children have explored peaceful places around them, making peace with others, the life of St Francis of Assisi and peacemakers in our world today.

Last night I had the pleasure of attending the welcome service for our new Vicar at St John's Church, I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Guy and his wife Kate into our community.

As our final week of the term approaches we have lots to look forward to. With thanks to the Methodist Church in Midsomer Norton we are able to send every child home with kits to make their own Christingles. The PTA have organised a virtual pantomime and Christmas muffin day for the final day of term. And of course we have the joys of Christmas dinners planned for next week.

A busy week ahead but plenty to help us get into that Christmas spirit! I look forward to sharing it all with you in next week's newsletter.

Best wishes  
Mrs West-Gaul

### After school Pick-Up

**If you can see your child or the teacher struggling to see you, please could you pull down your face mask to reveal your full face so the teachers are then able to see you.**

**Thank you for your cooperation**

## Next week's Worship Theme: Christmas

### Next week:

Tuesday 15th: Christmas Dinner for EYFS and Year 1

Wednesday 16th: Christmas Dinner for Years 2 and 3

Thursday 17th: Christmas Dinner for Years 4, 5 and 6

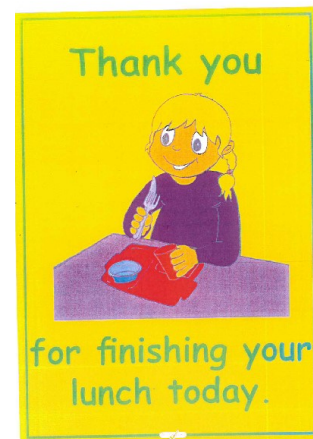
Friday 18th: Virtual Pantomime and Christmas Muffin

### **Achievosaurus**

Well done to everyone who has received an Achievosaurus Certificate this week:

<b>EYFS</b>	Flynn Darcey
<b>Year 1</b>	Anna C Poppy W
<b>Year 2</b>	Wesley Sophie
<b>Year 4</b>	Sandy M Stanley
<b>Year 5</b>	Daksha Josh
<b>Year 6</b>	Evie C Talli P

## Next Week's Manner of the Week



## Reading Corner—Year 3

This week in our Home Learning we have focused on 'The Winter's Child' by Angela McAllister. It is an unforgettable tale of the meaning of friendship, family and change and has beautiful illustrations that capture the magical atmosphere of the story. We have enjoyed sharing the story through our video lessons and have written a diary entry and letter, among other activities, based on this magical story. Next week we are writing book reviews so look out on Purple Pages for what we enjoyed most about the story and to find out a bit more about it!



## Learning in the Nursery



This week at nursery we have been doing lots of fun activities including christmas themed phonics, helping Santa spell his name, listening to and joining in with the story of The Gruffalo's Child using our interactive tuff spot. And making our very own elf hats!







## Christmas Services

**Carol Service  
December 20th at 6pm.**

**Crib Service in the  
Churchyard at 2:30pm on  
Christmas Eve.  
No booking necessary.**

**Christmas Eucharist on  
Christmas Day at 10am.**

**Please call Carol Moore to  
book on 01761 412226 if  
you would like to join us.**


## METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTINGLE

Normally a number of families in the community attend our **Christmas Eve Christingle service at 6pm**. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are not able to hold the service in the church this year due to numbers and not being allowed to sing.

However we are going to hold the service ONLINE at our church **Facebook page (Midsomer Norton Methodist Church)** so that families can join in from home.

Your child will be provided with a Christingle pack to make a home. We will make the Christingle as the service progresses...along with social media interaction and Christmas songs to sing along to (including the now famous 12 days of Christmas !!)

Do join Rev Robinson and Will Wesley as part of your Christmas celebrations!




*Seasons Greetings*

*Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*

*'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!*

*From all of us at Midsomer Norton  
& Radstock Rotary Club.*

## Learning Behaviour of the Term



I'm a Stickosaurus. I am not easily distracted. I can focus on my activity for a long time. I pay attention to details.

