



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 10th December 2021

Bethlehem Candle



Faith has untold power to inspire and sustain our respect for others, for believers come to know that God loves every man and woman with infinite love

Fratelli Tutti 85

As we celebrated the second Sunday in advent last Sunday the second candle on the wreath is also purple and symbolises faith, also known as the Bethlehem Candle.

This week the children have had a fabulous time choosing their festive jam jars and Christmas Gift purchases and Jumpers, thanks to the hard work of our PFA. We may not have had our Christmas Bazaar, but we

certainly have had a lot of fun! We have the prize draw today and of course the Auction continues through to Sunday. Thank you PFA—you are fab!

Mrs Woods

Diary Dates December

Friday 10th	National Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 10th	PFA Prize Draw
Wednesday 15 th	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Friday 17 th	Whole School Mass 10am (St Aldhelm's Church live stream)
Friday 17 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 17 th	End of term 2. Children leave at 1pm
January	
Tuesday 4th	Children return to school Term 3
Tuesday 11th	St Francis Class commence swimming



Huge thanks to **Hortico Plant Centre in Sherston** for donating our fabulous Christmas tree. Hortico has a Christmas shop full of decorations, gifts and award winning homemade wreaths. With plenty of parking, no crowds, and a coffee shop that's open 7 days a week, they're well worth a visit.

The Nursery, Pinkney, Sherston, Malmesbury SN16 0NX

Food For Life! Changes to our school meals

From next term you will notice some positive changes to our lunch menu. We have teamed up with the Soil Association "Food For Life" standards and are now implementing some changes! We will be following a process of development over a period of time from the Bronze award through to Silver and maybe one day Gold!

We will be:

- ⇒ Offering a menu based around food that is freshly prepared on site from predominately unprocessed ingredients.
- ⇒ Demonstrating compliance with the national standards for food and nutrition and implementing a range of steps to make healthy eating easier and a top priority.
- ⇒ Sourcing environmentally, sustainable and ethical food where possible.

In January we will be launching this new standard with these positive changes:

- Our new salad bar – a daily range of healthy salads for children to serve themselves.
- Meat free Monday – delicious new menu will include, Tomato and Lentil soup and crusty bread and butter Chickpea and spinach curry Omelettes
- Our meats are now locally sourced from Andrew Hiscocks local butcher from Cricklade and RD Johns Manor Farm family butchers. We will serve top quality gluten free burgers and sausages.
- Our bread is baked at the Old Bake House on the High Street!

In the spring we will continue with our planting plots and hope to support the kitchen by growing our own vegetables.

We hope you will encourage your child to try our new healthier menu and support us as we implement and embed these lunch menu changes. Thank you!



Bee happy!
healthy soil,
people and planet.



meat that can
be traced back
to the farm

seasonal
ORGANIC
SUSTAINABLE
free range
LOCAL
traceable
healthy

Supports our
communities

freshly prepared
food (and no nasty
additives)



**Time to start school? Spread the word to family, neighbours and friends!
DEADLINE 15TH JANUARY**

If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at our school for admission from September 2022 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team. **Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2022.** If your child is Catholic, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school by this date.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place>

Weekly 29 Nov—3 Dec	St Lawrence 97.9%
St Anthony 98.4%	St Francis 98.0%
St Aldhelm 95.6%	St Scholastica 99.2%



Running late? Parents, need to accompany their child to the office to sign in, if they arrive after the 8.50am bell.

Reminder The school day ends at 3.10pm for KS1 children and 3.20pm for children in KS2. In the unlikely event you need to collect your child early, please complete a leave of absence form, which will confirm the reason, which is logged in attendance as an authorised or unauthorised absence. A leave of absence form can be obtained from the school website.

tyKeS Christmas Holiday Club

Monday 20th Tuesday 21st

Gingerbread Houses- Card making and Wrapping Paper printing- Christmas Playdough- Christmas Stories and Hot Chocolate station- Popcorn and a Christmas Movie- Christmas baking- Christmas Messy play- Talent Shows- Games on the Land.....and lots more!

Wednesday 22nd Christmas Turkey Lunch (with all the trimmings and crackers) and a VERY Special Visitor (HoHoHo)

Plus lots of the above!

...Still plenty of spaces available- please call Karen 07733068519 or email ks.childminderservices@yahoo.co.uk

AUCTION OF PROMISES

Scan the QR code to view the Lots:



E-Scooters and the Law. We have been asked to circulate this information to parents.

An electric or e-scooter is likely to be on many Christmas lists this year, whether for children and adults. However, we'd like to remind parents that e-scooters (and other "powered transporters" including hoverboards, Segways and u-wheels) are not currently legal to use in places to which the public have access. This includes roads, pavements, cycle paths and town centres. They may only be used on private land with the prior permission of the landowner.

E-scooters are considered in law to be motor vehicles and as such must comply with the same laws as other motor vehicles, including licencing, third party insurance and safe construction requirements. They are clearly not intended to be safely used by children.

The only exceptions for legal use in public are those rented as part of a limited number of trial hire schemes, mainly in town centres or on college or workplace campuses. These schemes use regulated scooters, carry insurance and require hirers to hold at least a provisional UK driving licence (or equivalent). There are currently no such schemes in Wiltshire.

Breaches of the law relating to motor vehicle use are generally criminal offences and the potential penalties depending on the nature and seriousness of the offence range from fines and penalty points to disqualification from driving. Dangerous use or impairment through alcohol or drugs can lead to a conviction including imprisonment.

For further information on the use of e-scooters please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>



During this uncertain time prayer is more important than ever. All of the schools of the Diocese need our prayers and so each week we shall pray for different, specific schools and all that work and learn in them.

Please try to spend some time, each week, thinking and praying for the schools

All Schools in Clifton Diocese at Christmas

Holy Spirit, be with the children of these schools we pray for this week.

Bless them, their teachers and all who work at the school. Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and understanding to their search for knowledge and strength to continue to learn despite the difficulties.

Thank you, Lord for the gifts that they all bring to their community.

May everyone connected with the school remain safe and well. Amen

Message from Pope Francis



"May the joy of the gospel be always in our hearts especially this Christmas." Pope Francis

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=47.2>

Bumper two week issue! Loads of activities and things to read in this two week special edition