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END OF TERM - This term will end tomorrow, Friday 17th December and children may be collected at the normal time of 3.15pm. The new term will start for children on Wednesday 5th January as the school will be closed for an inset training day on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

MERRY CHRISTMAS WHITCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL! What a year it has been so far! Alongside a return to 'normal' schooling, in which we've enjoyed learning back in our classrooms, we've relished a number of highlights this year, ranging from a farm visit, 'stolen penguin' and numerous parent assemblies in Term 1, to a smorgasbord of excitement in Term 2, featuring charitable events such as 'odd socks' and Children in Need 'spotty' day, audio visual delights such as our cinema visit and virtual reality experience, special visits from 'Open The Book' and 'Bumpy the reading dog', all topped off with a week of amazing festive events, highlights being our Nativities, parties and our walk to Lapland, attended by Santa himself! Thank you to everyone in our school community, who once again have helped ensure Whitchurch is a place where we are all 'achieving our best together'!



THANK YOU - Following our Christmas events, we extend a warm thank you to the PTA for all their efforts this year so far. They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure so many events take place, from our Halloween disco to assisting Santa's elves in crafting the pencils he gave to children! Thank you also to parent/carer readers who we have begun welcoming back into school, as well as parent/carers who have joined us for assembly. You truly are a valuable cog in the wheel that is Whitchurch Primary School, and we salute you for your efforts! Thank you!

MRS LAWSON It is with some sadness we bid farewell to Mrs Lawson today. Mrs Lawson will be very much missed by all stakeholders in our school. To staff she has been a superb deputy, giving guidance, assistance and support throughout her time as a school leader. These abilities have also been shared with parents, whom Mrs Lawson has worked alongside to make sure their children achieve the very best, and of course Mrs Lawson has been such a popular and appreciated member of the school with the children, for whom she has striven to ensure they make progress whilst of course remaining, above all, happy and enjoying their school experience.

Good luck in your new role as Head Teacher Mrs Lawson, we all wish you the very, very best!

MRS HARDWIDGE - We are all fully aware Mrs James will be taking up Mrs Lawson's deputy responsibilities in Term 3 and 4, continuing the excellent work of educational advancement and teaching and learning improvement, but who will take up the reins of Special Educational Needs coordinator?

Step in Mrs Hardwidge, who will be joining us for two terms from Portishead Primary School! Mrs Hardwidge has worked at Portishead School for a number of years, in which she has built up an extensive knowledge of SEND provision and enabling children to 'learn and achieve together!' We are delighted to work alongside Mrs Hardwidge, and it shows the value of being in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership when we can obtain such an experienced member of staff. Mrs Hardwidge will be in school on Thursdays and Fridays, and I'm sure you join us all in welcoming her to Whitchurch!

PTA CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG/ CHRISTMAS PARTIES – Thank you to all of those that came along on Tuesday evening for our carol singing event. A good sing-a-long was enjoyed by all. All of the children enjoyed their Christmas parties on Tuesday.



CHRISTMAS DINNER – Children enjoyed their Christmas dinner yesterday with crackers supplied by the PTA.



MENU CHANGE – On the first Wednesday back in January the school dinner will be sausage and mash rather than a roast dinner.

SPONSORED WALK WHITCHURCH TO LAPLAND - The results are in and school to Lapland is 2125 miles and the children recorded 2423.5 miles so they can officially say that they collectively walked to Lapland!

Please send all sponsor money into school by Friday – thank you for your continued support and your very kind donations so far!



RECEPTION – Children in our Reception class enjoyed using the children's kitchen this week and made some amazing mince pies!



BUMPY – Our therapy dog came in to read with Year 3 last week and made an extra special effort to dress for the occasion!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Reminder – Clubs will start the second week back in January as usual. Please pay on Parentpay for your child to attend.

YEAR 4 – Year 4 will be taking part in swimming lessons from January 6th for two terms. Please pay on Parentpay and return your consent form. Thank you.

PENGUINS – Children in Penguins class will be taking part in gymnastics lessons from 20th January at Bristol Gymnastics Centre. Forms will be sent out next term.

PARENTPAY – All arrears on Parentpay must be cleared by the end of term. Please check your account and pay any money owed. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – Reminder - school uniform can be ordered direct from the supplier at www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/whitchurchsomerset.

PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work. Photos may be viewed on the website shortly!

Last week's children are:

ROBINS: Thea has been praised – Mihnea has received the showcase award

PUFFINS: Amara has been praised – Soraya has received the showcase award

PARROTS: Louie has been praised – Diego has received the showcase award

PENGUINS: Sergio has been praised – Lily has received the showcase award

SWANS: Maisie has been praised – Ethan has received the showcase award

SWALLOWS: Jake has been praised – Billy has received the showcase award

KESTRELS: Henry has been praised – Cole has received the showcase award

KINGFISHERS: Orion has been praised – Evie T has received the showcase award