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NEWSLETTER Thursday 19th December 2019

Dear Parents,

NATIVITY WEEK – REFLECTIONS

Those of you who attended these events already know just how brilliant the “shows” were this year. Both KS1 & KS2 did brilliantly and entranced the congregations with their antics. I can honestly say that, one day in the dim and distant future, when I’m a bit long in the tooth to do this job, I will really miss this aspect of my life.

The performances always touch a nerve inside me and, for a few brief moments, something of the real spirit of the festive season comes sharply into focus. Of course, whilst the children are the most important part of these seasonal events we mustn’t forget that without a whole team effort these results would never be possible.

And so I want to thank you all, the parent body, for putting in the effort and time to provide such fantastic costumes that helped to give the children the confidence to get into character and do their best. Clearly the school staff also had a big part to play and I publically want to thank each and every one of them for giving the extra that is required to create something so special.

I believe that every child should have the right to feel special sometimes and generate the happy memories and positive experiences upon which their confidence can grow and blossom. Everyone who was a part of the team helped this to happen with aplomb this year. Why not give yourselves a pat on the back – if that is physically possible!



FUNDRAISING FOR ROWCROFT

WOW! After today’s Christmas jumper day Landscope have raised an amazing **£600.51** in support of Rowcroft Hospice. My heart is full of gratitude, and I know Paula would have been thrilled! THANK YOU ALL!

I’ve yet to collect from other Trust schools, so the total will grow. We plan to meet with Rowcroft staff to pass on our donation for the great service they give.



FOLS CHRISTMAS FAIR

Next..... I want to say a few words about the Christmas Fair and the brilliant result produced by our hard working team. If you were a member of the merry group

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involved in the preparation and running of the fair huge thanks from team Landscope. The atmosphere at the Fair was just so warm ~ I could tell that everyone was having a great time. So please accept my thanks, whether you were a “do-er” or a “spend-er” or both. We have some great events coming up in the next two terms but they can’t be done without your support, so please do sign up and lend a hand; not only does it help raise funds for all your children but everyone has a few laughs along the way! Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM VICKY:

What a busy term FOLS has had with bags 2 school collection, film night, Christmas cards and the Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who has played any role in making these successful events.

I am delighted to say that the result of everyone’s hard work is that before we have a final count FOLS has raised over approximately £1600 at the Christmas fair which is a great achievement for a school the size of Landscope.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

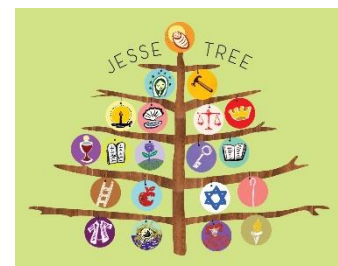
...Was a great success today; a delicious feast! I don’t think I’ve ever heard the school as quiet during the afternoon session as we all got down to the serious work of digesting everything. Many thanks to Linda, Annabelle and Ellie for “pulling out all the stops.”

Thanks also to FOLS who provided crackers for all the children.



SCHOOL VALUES

We have been exploring Advent and the children have been enjoying stories about the Jesse tree ~ a very old Christmas tradition first started in medieval times. The Jesse tree and specific ornaments are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES: still to come...

THURSDAY 20TH 1PM : END OF TERM CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE IN ST MATTHEW’S

A chance to sing some traditional carols alongside the children. The service will end by 2:00 ready for our traditional early finish for the end of term. Join us if you can – but be prepared for a bit of a squash and also be ready to join in! Best singing voices please

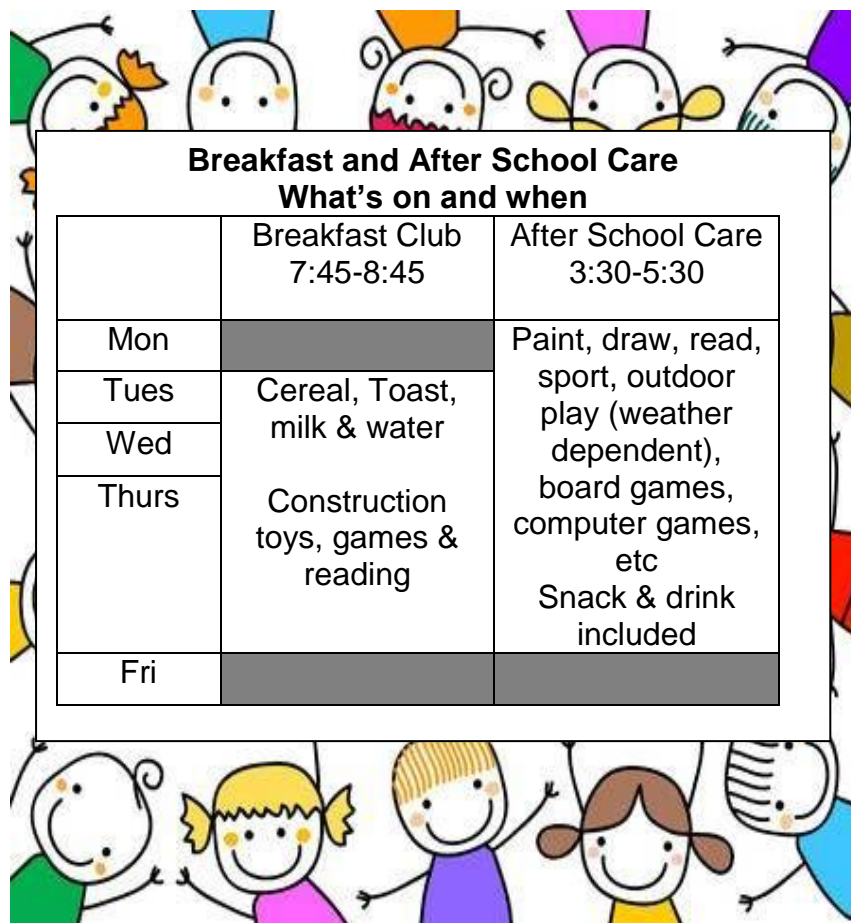
VISITS TO BUCKFAST ABBEY

Classes 2 & 3 had a great time at Buckfast Abbey last week. They enjoyed listening to stories, exploring the abbey and making Christmas decorations.

There were some real wow moments and they spent the day enthralled!



A REMINDER OF OUR WRAP AROUND CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Breakfast and After School Care What's on and when		
	Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	After School Care 3:30-5:30
Mon		Paint, draw, read, sport, outdoor play (weather dependent), board games, computer games, etc
Tues	Cereal, Toast, milk & water	Snack & drink included
Wed		
Thurs	Construction toys, games & reading	
Fri		

Other Clubs running next half term:

Monday 3:30-4:30
Table tennis (Premier Sport)

Monday 12:45-1:15
Key Stage 2 **Song Machine**

Tuesday 3:30-4:30
Football Club (Saints South West)

Tuesday 3:30-4:30
Badminton (Premier Sport)

Thursday 3:30-4:30
Hockey Club with Mr Tanner

Friday lunch time
KS2 High 5 Club with Mrs Ray

POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING

5 Ways to Wellbeing: Number 5~ Give/ Be kind

We all know that warm, fuzzy feeling of doing kind things for someone else. There are many psychological and physical benefits to the 'giver' of kind acts: it helps to reduce stress and anxiety, releases feel good hormones and helps us practise gratitude.

It is important to help our children to learn to be kind, share and show interests in others. Inspired by Annabelle in Yr 3, who has organised a reverse advent calendar for the foodbank, in January we will be having kindness and 'actively caring for others' as our focus in our Wellbeing Week. Details to follow..... we could all do with a little bit of that warm, fuzzy feeling, especially in January! 😊



LANDSCOVE FAREWELL & WELCOME...

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Trist tomorrow~ we will miss all she brings to school each day and wish her well on the next part of her educational journey. She has worked closely with our new class 2 teacher this week, ensuring she's ready to take up the reins of class 2 ~ and so it's a warm welcome to Miss Jenny Foster who joins us in January.

SAFEGUARDING and ATTENDANCE

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officer is Miss Barlow. It is also possible to express concerns to the multi agency safeguarding team (MASH) directly on 0345 155 1071 or email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)		Number of sessions missed per class: (session = a whole morning or afternoon)
Whole school	%	
Class 1	%	
Class 2	%	
Class 3	%	
Class 4	%	
Well done to class ~ %		sessions

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

- * Break up 2.00 Thursday 19th December
- * The staff return on Monday 6th but the children get an extra day & should return on Tuesday 7th Jan ready for a brand new term. Please make every effort to get them here on time.

And so, that is about it for 2019. Thank you all for your continued support, whether it is related to fund raising, in class help, taxi driving or simply trusting us to do the very best for your children when they come to school every day. Long may it stay that way.

This just leaves me wish you all a Happy Christmas and a particularly good 2020 from Karen Barlow, Hayley Redmayne, Jo Woods, Anne Smart, Lucy Field, Anna Neville, Tasha Kearle, Sophie Drew, Amy Raymont, Laura Trist, Catherine Monroe, Amanda Grant and myself Jill Ryder. May the sun shine on all members of our school team in 2020 – the children, the parents and the staff.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous new year.

Jill Ryder.

