



Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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December

Wednesday 4th @ 2pm - Foundation Stage Nativity

Thursday 5th @ 10.15am - Foundation Stage Nativity

Monday 9th @ 3pm - Redwood Class Assembly & Ukulele performance

Wednesday 11th @ 2.15pm - Year 4 singing carols for Active Living group

Thursday 12th @ 3.30 to 5pm - PTA Film Night

Friday 13th @ 3.20 to 5pm - Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th @ 6pm - Carol Service in Church

Wednesday 18th - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th - Pantomime! Jack & The Beanstalk

Thursday 19th - Volunteers, PTA and Helpers tea and cake in school - 2:40 - 3:10

Friday 20th @ 9am - Christmas Service in Church

Friday 20th December - school closes for Christmas Holidays at 3:20pm

Monday 6th - INSET DAY

Tuesday 7th January 2025 return to school

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Attendance this week is
96.4% great work!

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Church on Friday morning, the children sang beautifully and it definitely finished the week on an uplifting note! We look forward to welcoming Rev Sue back in to school in early December to lead a service for the children.

Later this week, I will be meeting with the school council to go through the 'Learning Hub' designs that the children created in response to the Learning Conversation. We can't wait to look through all of the great suggestions and begin to put a plan together for how it will take shape.

In school, the festive feeling is setting in and Nativity preparations are well under way! A quick reminder that the Early Years Nativity tickets will be available from office on Thursday - 2 tickets per family.

With warmest wishes

Mr Dominic Shillabeer

INSPIRE THRIVE EXCEL

This week we would like to celebrate the successes of Arabella in Hazel Class. She has been journeying up to Portishead on a weekly basis to join the Academy of Gymnastics, showing a real dedication to this sport and clearly **excelling** in something she loves! We wish her the best of luck in her upcoming Christmas performance.

If your child is taking part in similar activities or clubs, please send in your news to the office@axbridgefirstschool.co.uk email.

PTA Bingo Night

Many thanks to the 70 parents, children and wider families who attended our first bingo night on Friday, which was a great success! A big thanks goes to the PTA for organising it so well and for Mrs Maunders doing a great job on the calling! £330 was raised and will go towards our new learning hub project.



Our Christian Values are:

**Faith
Hope
Love**

Our Christian Vision for all of our children is;

"I have come so that you may have life, a life in all its fullness"

John 10:10

Our Learning Skills are:

**Thinking
Social
Self-management
Communication
Research**

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week, we are so proud of you!

| | Pine | Hazel | Chestnut | Redwood | Oak |
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| Star of the Week | Eadie | Evie | Chloe | Teddy | Sophia |
| Christian Values | Connie | Lacey | Loki | Monty | Maceo |
| Learning Skills | Reuben | Jesse | Annabelle | William | Lucy |

Headteacher's Awards

| Star of the Week | Ziggy | Christian Values | Seth | Learning Skills | Phoenix |
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House Points

| | Black Rock | Crook Peak | King's Wood | Strawberry Line |
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| This week | 791 | 771 | 648 | 706 |

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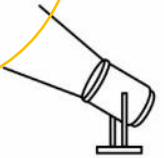
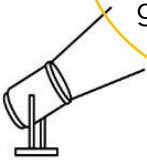


Class Spotlight - Chestnut Class

In Chestnut Class we have been busy learning how to Morris Dance and follow instructions to learn a simple routine. We learnt that Morris dancers traditionally 'dance up the dawn' at around 5am on May 1st to welcome in the summer. This has linked to our English writing unit on instruction writing, where we have been creating our own set of instructions about Morris dancing. We have been learning about the importance of 'bossy' verbs and adverbs in instruction writing to ensure the reader knows what to do and how to do it.

In Geography, we have been learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We have been studying maps and then created our own salt dough maps of the UK. We then labelled and painted them to include physical features such as Ben Nevis and The Pennines.

In Maths, we have been using different strategies to add and subtract from a two-digit number. We have been using counters and tens frames as well as timelines and 100 square. In music, we have been learning to play several notes on the glockenspiels and developing skills to accompany a song.



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Dear Families,

School Local Partner Opportunity at Axbridge Church of England First School Academy

I am writing to inform you of that we are looking for a new Local Partner to join our Partnership Board. We are very lucky at Axbridge to be served by such a committed, caring and driven Partnership Board, who have continued to support and challenge the school to be the very best it can be. Partners have the opportunity to express their own views, to listen to the views of other representing the school and its community and to influence pupils' education for the better. We are seeking to appoint a Partner, to help us deliver on our vision, to provide an excellent start to children of this academy, whilst serving and working in unison with the wider community.

Role and Expectations

As a School Local Partner, you would be part of a team (Local Partnership Board) with a range of responsibilities.

No school experience is needed. Your role would be to support school leaders with your skill set and be the checks and balances, helping the Trust Board ensure that we get the best for our young people. Training will be given by the Wessex Central Team.

This volunteer role is not a 'hands-on role' and is less onerous than perhaps one is a school that is not in a trust. The Trust Board hold ultimate responsibility and set overall strategy. The Wessex Central Team is made up of staff with a wide range of business and educational skill sets that support schools and local Partners. This allows Partners to focus on the education and development of young people.

The Local Partnership Board meets six times throughout the academic year as well as taking part in quality assurance visits/checks throughout the year. The term of office is typically 4 years, as laid down in our Articles of Association.

Although parent governors are voted for by the parents of the school they are not delegates, nor do they always have to act as a spokesperson for the parents. Parent governors are not required to resign once their children have left the school, but may serve out the rest of their term of office.

How to Apply

We currently have a very active, supportive partnership body and any successful candidates will join an effective, enthusiastic team who work for the good of the school and children within it. The range of skills on offer is wide and varied. Due to the diverse nature of the work undertaken, we are always looking for new expertise to complement our existing skill set, although we would not want to discourage those with other capabilities or skills from applying.

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If you would like to put yourself forward for the role, please contact Ms. Page in the school office for an application form. All applications should be received by Monday 1st December 2024.

If the number of candidates **exceeds** the current vacancy/vacancies, an election will be required and voting slips and details of how to vote will be brought home to you by your child/children.

If the number of candidates is **equal to** the current vacancy/vacancies, the candidates are deemed to be "elected unopposed".

If the number of candidates is **less than** the current vacancy/vacancies, the remaining vacancy/vacancies can be filled by persons appointed by other members of the governing body. These persons must be parents of school age children, but not necessarily from this school.

All enquiries about this election should be made to Patricia Page, the Returning Officer at the school.

We look forward to receiving your application and should you wish to discuss the role in person, please make a call to the office to arrange a meeting, where I look forward to discussing it further. Many thanks in advance of your support.

Yours faithfully



Dominic Shillabeer
Headteacher



FILM NIGHT

The PTA are hosting a film night on Thursday 12th December.

Please note you are giving permission for your child to watch this film and have noted the rating of the film

FILM: The Grinch (U)

TIME: 3:30pm – 5pm

PRICE: £3.00 per child for snack and squash or water

To book your child's spot please email PTA@axbridgefirstschool.co.uk with your Child's Name and Class

Please email and transfer money before 10th December

To pay please transfer money to PTA account using Film Night and Child's name as reference

Axbridge First School PTA

Sort Code: 30-91-84

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