



Hamp Nursery & Infants School Newsletter

December 2021



Well done everyone, we have made it to the end of a very busy term! The children and staff have continued to rise brilliantly to the challenge of adjusting to school life during the ongoing pandemic and with the help of you all, we have been able to successfully implement changes as we have gone along - thank you for your patience!

Hopefully we will all remain healthy over the holidays but can I please ask that you contact the school by email if your child tests positive for Covid-19 so that we can monitor the situation (sch.055@educ.somerset.gov.uk). In the unlikely event that we need to contact you, this would be by text and/or email, and it is therefore very important that we hold correct telephone numbers and email addresses for parents/carers. Please note that there is no facility to reply to these messages.

I hope you will have the opportunity to spend time with your families during the Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all on 5 January 2022.

Mary Weatherburn, Headteacher

Events this Term



We had an exciting photo shoot day with a photographer this term. She took hundreds of photos of all the different activities we do, ready for our new school website which will be launching in the spring term.



During our Autumn theme week, the children worked together to make a class scarecrow and enjoyed going on the scarecrow trail with their friends in school and parents/carers on parents day.



We walked to the local church to learn more about Harvest. We listened to the Vicar and he told us how important it is and what food comes from Harvest.



The children planted a tree for each class as part of the Forest School area. The children helped dig a hole for each tree, put it in and then covered it up with soil.



For Children in Need, the children came to school dressed in spotty clothes and brought in coins to help create Pudsey Bear shapes. Thank you for helping us raise a total of £370.19!



Sam from Somerset Heritage talked to us about ammonites and dinosaurs that may have lived underwater in Somerset. We made fossils and decorated an ammonite.



The children in the Humpty Dumpty and Five Little Ducks rooms enjoyed a pirate themed day with Somerset Heritage. The children had a great time.



Some of our Year 2s visited Robert Blake school to take part in a Bushcraft session. We collected resources and tied knots to create natural mobiles which we brought back to school.



The children have worked really hard on filming their nativity and we hope you will enjoy it as much as we have. Special thanks to Mrs Burrow and Mrs Jolliffe for coordinating the whole project.

Christmas Activities

Sadly, we were again not able to perform our traditional nativity this year, so instead each class has contributed separately to a filmed version for you to enjoy watching at home, via [Google Classroom](#). The children really enjoyed it - we hope you do too! You will find the nativity project (Christmas at Hamp) and story (Higgledy Piggledy Nativity) on [Google Classroom](#)

In addition, photographs from our party days, Fun Day etc will be posted to show you the fun activities the children enjoyed this week.

Staffing

We are saying 'goodbye' and 'good luck' to four members of staff this Christmas:

Mrs Horne, our Business Manager, is leaving for a new job

Mrs Trunks, Teaching Assistant, is retiring after working here for 21 years

Mrs Bonas, Nursery Practitioner is retiring after working here for 13 years

Mr Leveigh, Class Teacher, is leaving at the end of his fixed term contract

Thank you to them for all their hard work, and we wish them well in the future.

In January, we will be welcoming back Mrs Dutfield and Mrs Clements, after their maternity leave.

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts this term; we have raised money for Children in Need, The Royal British Legion and the local women's refuge as well as for our school. Money raised from the Christmas Card sales and our Christmas Fun Day supports our school fund and has contributed towards the cost of pantomime workshops, individual photographs for parents and Christmas parties for the children.

Important!

Please remember that applications must be completed for children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior school in September 2022 - the closing date is **15 January 2022**.

Information on how to apply can be found on www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions. Please let us know if you need any help with your child's application.

School and Nursery Closure in the event of Severe Weather



Should it be necessary for us to close the site in the event of severe weather, we will inform Somerset County Council of any closure and the information will appear on their website - www.somerset.gov.uk. The local radio stations will pick up this information for broadcast and/or publication on their websites.

We will also use the text/email service to advise parents/carers, and weather permitting, we will endeavour to put up a notice on the main school gates. If it is necessary for us to remain closed for more than one day, this information will be publicised as above for each day of closure.

Dates for your Diary 2022

4 January	School and Jack & Jill nursery closed for holiday in lieu of Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Five Little Ducks and Humpty Dumpty nursery classes reopen
5 January	School and Jack & Jill nursery reopen after the Christmas break
21-25 February	School and Jack & Jill nursery closed for half term break
8 April	Parents' day - school and nursery classes closed for staff to meet individually with parents
11-22 April	School and all nursery classes closed for Easter break
2 May	School and all nursery classes closed for Bank Holiday
30 May-3 June	School and Jack & Jill nursery closed for half term break
4 July	Parents' day - school and all nursery classes closed for staff to meet individually with parents
21 July	Last day of term for Jack & Jill nursery
25 and 26 July	School closed for inset days
27 July	Start of school summer holiday

Missed Flu Immunisation

Somerset SAINT will be offering FLU vaccination clinics on the dates below, these clinics are for school aged children who have missed their FLU vaccination in school (we are unable to vaccinate children whose schools we have yet to visit unless there is a valid medical reason).

Walk in clinics - all 10am - 2pm :

Date	Location
20/12/2021	Minehead Middle School, Ponsford Road, Minehead TA24 5RH
20/12/2021	Cheese & Grain, Market Yard, Justice Lane, Frome BA11 1BE
21/12/2021	Crispin Hall, 83 High Street, Street BA16 0EZ

22/12/2021 Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Close, Yeovil BA20 2DD
29/12/2021 Bridgwater & Albion RFC, Bath Rd, Bridgwater TA6 4TZ
30/12/2021 Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Close, Yeovil BA20 2DD
31/12/2021 Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN

Appointment only clinics below :

If you would like to attend a clinic that requires an appointment please email Somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk

Date	Location
21/12/2021	Taunton
22/12/2021	Chard
23/12/2021	Shepton Mallet
23/12/2021	Wells

Reminder!

Letters and important information is sent home regularly but also posted to our website - www.hampnurseryandinfantschool.co.uk. If you need to check term dates and inset days, you will also find our school calendar on the website; please make a note of these dates to avoid any confusion.

School reopens on 5 January - please ensure your child brings their full PE kit back to school on that day - t-shirt, daps, joggers and shorts.

As previously advised, with effect from next term, all children will be taking part in a Forest School outdoor learning lesson each week. Please ensure your child brings a pair of wellies, waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat to school on the first day of term, which will remain here until the end of the school year. Please label all items with your child's name.

We will have to remain in 'Amber' measures when we return in January so this means that current bubble times will continue. Can I please remind you that all adults (unless exempt) are required to wear face coverings at all times when on school grounds.

Thank you.

Happy New Year to you all!