

Milborne Message - 3rd December 2021

Message from Sharon Staddon

Dear Families,

3 weeks until Christmas now.... and we are full swing into Play practising and Carol Service planning and rehearsals.

Please could all play costumes be in school on **Monday**, 6th December.

A little fun courtesy of St Mary's Middle School, if you haven't already seen it. It is well worth a watch and you may recognise some familiar faces from Milborne.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3f1jSO6uyRo>

This link will take you to the DASP Music Advent Calendar, each day will be a little piece by various instruments. If your child would like to learn a specific instrument, then please contact DASP Music direct.

<https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=7d2ca6e961f60df034a7355cba31375c>

The School Christmas Post Box will be in the main School Reception area for the children's **Christmas cards**. It will be available until the 10th December morning drop-off.

Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper day in aid of 'Save the Children' - the School Council would like to fundraise for this cause. This is also the Friends of School Christmas lunch day. Therefore please could children wear their Christmas Jumpers with either their School PE kit if it is their normal PE/OE day or their School Uniform. Online donations can be made using the following link:-

https://trk.justgiving.com/f/a/dH43VQLSt1gpxR3-ICsOfg~/AAME8QA~/RgRjixfjP0T1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuanVzdGdpdmluZy5jb20vZnVuZHZJhaXNpbmVtU3QtQW5kcmV3LUZpcnN0LVNjaG9vbD_E_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPWxjX2ZycF9zaGFyZV90cmFuc2FjdGlvbI9mdW5kcmFpc2VyX3BhZ2VfbGF1bmNoZWQmdXRtX2NvbniRlbnQ9YWU2ZGNIjNGQtZDc0Ni00YTMyLTg3ZWQtMjA0NGY0NDhiY2JjJnV0bV9tZW50Zm93ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NvdXJjZT1wb3N0b2ZmaWNIJnV0bV90ZXJtPTE2Mzg0Mzc2MDI1MThXA3NwY0IKYY7jkqhhp1aZbFIdb2ZmaWNIQG1pbGJvcml5LmRvcnNldC5zY2gudWtYBAAAAM~

The suggested donation is £2, but please feel free to donate however much you would like. Please do remember to **GIFT AID your donation**, as this is an extra way to help raise money for the Charity.

The number of items, small toys and fidgets have reduced so thank you to our parents for helping. There are still a few children bringing things in from home. Please can you ensure and double check your child's school bag so they are not brought into school. It does cause upset when lost, but they are also very disruptive during learning time.

Christmas performances - In line with Government Guidance regarding gatherings indoors, please could all adults wear masks whilst in the school building. Also in line with Government Guidance, adults will also need to have a Negative Lateral Flow test result as well.

The tickets will be strictly **limited to 2 per family due to Fire Safety numbers**. We have restricted the numbers in each show so that we can socially distance ourselves. We will have all the windows and internal doors open to create air flow. During tea and coffee please could we remind parents to socially distance themselves from other parents as it is not possible to wear masks whilst drinking your cuppa!

The booking system will open **TODAY @ 18:00 (6pm)**. It is the same system you use to book your parents evening appointment. The link is:- <https://milborne.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

PLEASE NOTE: We are working hard to make sure that this can go ahead in the usual way but we may have to make changes nearer the time, if circumstances and Government Guidance changes.

DOODLE:- The Winter Calendar will soon be arriving in Doodle, a seasonal challenge where your child can unlock festive rewards by Doodling daily!

Between the **1st and 24th of December**, encourage your child to complete an x-a-day exercise each day in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish to unlock a calendar door. They'll find accessories in DoodleMaths and the parts to build Santa's sleigh in DoodleEnglish. And if they open all of the doors, they'll also receive a virtual Winter Calendar badge!

Top Tip:-

Being mindful of our responses to behaviour incidents will help us to “co-regulate” or work with the child. That means steadying yourself before you can understand what is happening for the child.

Stepping back and taking a brief moment of time – for example being aware of your breathing – allows you to be self-aware and make a conscious, deliberate response.

We can all be present physically but, sometimes, our minds are somewhere else, so once we have self-regulated we then need to tune into the situation. The child may be feeling angry, disgusted or frustrated but, whatever their emotion, we need to focus on the feelings that are driving the behaviour and make sure that the child knows we value them.

We can do this by saying things like, “wow, I'm wondering if you're really angry”, in order to establish why they have reacted in the way they have.

The language you use is important because it provides the space for the child to do some thinking with you. As an adult, it can be frustrating when somebody tells you that they know how you feel. Well, the child feels the same but doesn't have the social niceties to accommodate those frustrations.

Thank you to the **Town Parish Council** for their donation of £150 towards our new outdoor equipment. This continues to be something that we are working on in collaboration with FOS and other agencies.

ONLINE SAFETY POST - NETFLIX TV SERIES 'SQUID GAME'

You may well be aware of a Netflix TV series called 'Squid Game' which was released in mid-September, it is now one of the most popular series on Netflix. However, it has a certificate rating of 15 years old due to its extreme violence, and so it is not suitable for primary aged children.

Fantastic Friday Film Lunch It was lovely to see the children enjoying a film while they ate as a special treat



Squid Games:- Children may not have watched it themselves but they may well come across it on the internet in one way or another. This programme is age rated 15. Please make sure that you continue to monitor what your children are watching on TV as well as what they are viewing online as well. This is always good practice and helps keep your children safe whilst online.

Please make sure that you set your profiles on Netflix to age-restrict content. A Parental guide to Netflix here: <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>

As always, you can find further information about online safety on our school website.

Advance Notice:- as the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** falls during the May Half Term school holiday, we have been given an extra day off in lieu. This will be taken at the end of the summer term, meaning that we will now finish on **Thursday 21st July**.

Enjoy the weekend and spending time with your children,

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon

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Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:-

6th Dec - Christmas Play costumes to be in school
7th Dec - Play Rehearsal
10th Dec - FoS Christmas lunch/party
10th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day (**online donations**)
13th Dec - Christmas Play (2pm)
14th Dec - Christmas Play (9:30am)
15th Dec - Food Links Christmas Lunch - **order by 8th December.**
16th Dec - Carol Service (1:45pm @ Church - children to go home after)
17th Dec - Celebration Assembly (9am - INVITE Only)
17th Dec - Cinderella Pantomime - online viewing
17th Dec - Last Day of School - **pick-up @ 1:15pm**
20th - 31st Dec - Christmas Holidays

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3rd Jan - BANK Holiday
4th Jan - First day back in school (everyone)

EXTERNAL INFORMATION:-

- **MOSAIC Bingo night:- TONIGHT - 3rd December** at Royal Oak, Milborne St Andrew - Please see the poster sent last week for more information.
- **MESSY Church** - Sunday 5th December at Milborne Village Hall - Please see the attached flyer.
- **Dorset SEND** - <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/send-newsletter-3124434?e=5ad5011868>
- **Family Information Service** - <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/october-fis-newsletter-3124362?e=5ad5011868>
- **Dorset's Country side** - <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/enjoying-dorsets-countryside-e-newsletter-november-2021?e=5ad5011868>