

Milborne Message 20.12.19

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed seeing the children perform in their **Christmas performances and in the Christmas Church Service** as much as I did. Whilst it is a very busy time in school it is also a very special one.

Thank you to all those who came along and joined in the Carol singing on Friday evening. Luckily, it stayed dry for most of it! It was a great way to get into the festive spirit and raise both local awareness and funds for the school. Well Done Caroline and Friends of school for organising it.

The staff and children have worked very hard and despite much illness, the performances all went down a treat. The children have all been very proud of their achievements and will remember this for many years to come (with a little help from the DVD!)



Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for the combined hard work that made them all possible, Friends of School for providing refreshments and Mrs Hosford for arranging all the tickets and performances.

Sleeps 'till Santa - The video is on the Wessex FM website from today, if you would like to watch it <https://www.wessexfm.com/listings/sleeps-til-santa-2/>

If you are lucky enough to get a **new phone** over Christmas please make sure we get any new numbers. It is really important we have three up to date contacts for each family. This can be done in the usual way of phoning or emailing the office but we also hoping to share Parent Lite with you in January, which would mean that you could update personal data electronically through this forum at any time.

Please see the message below which I have copied from The Middle school to share with you:

At our middle school in rural Dorset, we have always enjoyed looking at the various Christmas adverts and messages sent out by different organisations such as John Lewis, the BBC and others. This year, we set ourselves the challenge of creating our own version and spreading this message to as many people across the world as possible. This is part of our ongoing education to show pupils the ways beyond fundraising to have a positive influence and improve the world around them. We are trying to break the 1,000 views barrier by our Christmas assembly on Friday of this week and would be so grateful if you were able to show the video advert to pupils in the school and leave us a like or a positive message to inspire our school. Even better if you can pass the video on to somebody else as well.

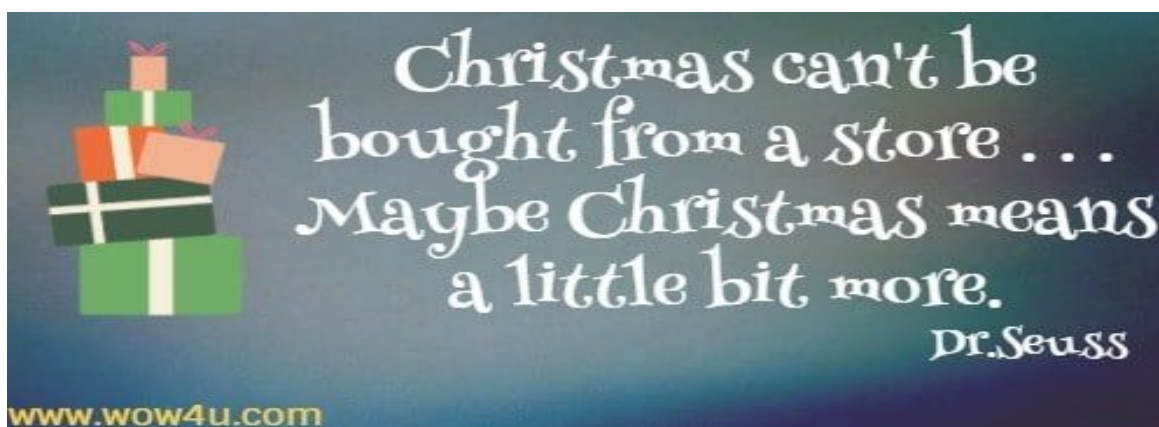
YouTube Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdO_ID4ftsk

Congratulations to the winners of the mugs this term.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Christmas	George Harry	Edana Krystian	Sophia Brodie	Scarlette Maisy	Ruby Anya

Lastly, Christmas can be a very difficult, stressful time for many. It is easy to be put under pressure to buy expensive gifts. I thought I would take the opportunity to reflect on what makes Christmas special and I know your children will remember the time you spend with them this holiday doing simple things. Every year, this is what they want to talk about when they return, not the gifts they have received. It would be great to see some of these experiences on **Tapestry** too.

When we remember a special Christmas, it is not the presents that made it special, but the laughter, the feeling of love, and the togetherness of friends and family that made that Christmas special. Catherine Pulsifer



I think the best gift this Christmas would be to fill other people's buckets and in so doing fill your own. These acts cost nothing but mean the world. If you have examples of your children filling buckets and if you are happy to share yours please send them to us. We would love to display them in our Bucket filling hall display when we come back. (returnable slips at the end of this newsletter)



Wishing you all a lovely Christmas break and happy bucket filling from all of us at Milborne school.

Yours sincerely,

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Key information

- **SCHOOLCOMMS** - Please see the letter home yesterday (copy also attached incase) with the children regarding this new online consent and payment method for all internal clubs, school trips and any payments required from parents. This is a new system, admin wise, to Mrs Hosford, so please bear with us whilst we 'iron out' any initial glitches. All credits from Libacura have been manually transferred over and are now available on your Schoolcomms accounts. If a credit has been transferred, you will have received an email 'thanking you for your payment'.
If you would like to pay by childcare vouchers, this is still possible by the same method as you have already been doing as these details are still the same. The only difference being, they need to be paid in advance i.e a month in hand, so the payment can be input as a credit on your Schoolcomms account which will then enable you to use the credit, rather than having to make a card payment at the time of booking.
If you have any issues please either come into the office or phone / email the office and I will endeavour to answer all your questions from a parent user point of view as I use.
- **BASKETBALL Club** - Action Van will be providing an Afterschool Club on Thursday, starting 9th January for 6 weeks. Please book and pay for your child's place via Schoolcomms.
- **WILD ART Club** - Spring term. Please see the attached form to be completed and returned to the office with payment if not paying online. Thank you.
- **TENNIS Club** - Spring term. Please see the attached form to be completed and returned to the office with payment if not paying online. Thank you.

- **ROBINS** - Shire Hall school trip is available to consent and pay via our new Schoolcomms app. If you have not already returned your form and payment, please do this via the online method. Any forms and payments will be noted on Schoolcomms and a receipt will be emailed. Some of you may have already received a receipt, if not please check you 'Junk Mail'. Thank you.
- **Wellington Boots** - ***Please can all children take home their wellington boots for the holidays.***
- **HOT School Meals** - The new Spring Term menus were sent home last week. Parents are able to order their children's hot school meals right up until the 28th February. Please also double check that you have placed orders for the first week back. Last day to order for 6th January will be midnight on 30th December.
- **Safer Internet:-** Many children are talking about playing the game Fortnite at home. Please be aware that this game has a PEGI rating of 12 years old and is therefore not suitable for children under this age. More information about online safety is available on the school website.
- The next FoS meeting will be on 21st January 2020 @ 8pm in the Royal Oak Pub.
- **The Sun Newspaper - Thank you!** For all the tokens handed into the office so far. So please continue to ask Family, Friends and co-workers who buy The Sun newspaper to please keep the tokens printed daily.
- **Libacura** - Please ensure any outstanding balances have been paid by the end of today.

Key Dates:-

- 20th Dec - Last Day of Term (1:15pm Close)
- **21st Dec - 5th Jan - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
- 6th Jan - Children back to school
- 13th Jan - Robins Shire Hall trip (***Victorian packed lunch required***)
- 21st Jan - FoS meeting (8pm in Royal Oak pub)

Wider Community Information:-

- **St Andrews Church, Milborne** - Christingle Service on 15th December 2019.
- **Dorset Council Recycling news** - Please follow the link to the latest newsletter and information:- <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/recycle-for-dorset-august-2019-newsletter-3118937?e=5ad5011868>
- **FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE** - Please follow the link to the latest newsletter and information:- <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/novemberfisnewsletter?e=5ad5011868>
- **Baby & Toddler Groups** - Please visit www.playandbloom.co.uk for more information.