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## Special Awards

### Special Award Winners this Week

Willow 1	Amelia H
Willow 2	Evelyn W
Yew 1	Max M
Yew 2	Ben M
Oak 1	Philippa S
Oak 2	Marko S
Cherry 1	Scarlett J
Cherry 2	Lily A
Beech 1	Danny M & Rose J-C
Beech 2	Ben S & Grace P
Maple 1	Lily N
Maple 2	Sara W G
Red 1	Adam H
Red 2	Bilyana T

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Well Done!

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## FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We have been so excited to hear about all the walking, cycling, scooting, running and exercise that your families have been getting up to to support "Laps to Lapland". Thank you so much....do keep on logging all those laps.



Thank you to Mrs Bird and the wider team for all the support during Anti Bullying Week. Mrs Bird has been working with several groups of children, classes have thought about anti bullying charters and our policy is being updated in line with latest guidance. Thank you also for the continued generosity for the food bank. As I said this truly is compassion in action.

Sadly, we have had to make the decision that **Christmas cards** will not be allowed in school this year. The sheer number of cards coming into school from hundreds of households would just not be manageable with all the restrictions we currently have in place, even if kept within year group bubbles. We have been asked how is it different from the school handing out Christmas cards/photos. The simple answer is that these products came from ONE source and are safely quarantined for the recommended 72 hours before being distributed. The children are not able to bring in their pencil cases, Forest School clothes or PE kits in bags, so this is just an extension of this current rule. As always, our main priority is to keep all the children and staff safe, especially before the Christmas holidays.

The staff have been thinking carefully about how we can make Christmas really special for the children in school this year. Having spoken to some of the children, they have expressed the chance to have fun with their friends - that's understandable considering the current pandemic!

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## Mrs Gascoigne's "Golden Book"

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Golden Token this week: **Maple 1 - the whole class!**, Hannah G (W1), Evelyn B (O2).

Contact the Governors via [feedback@combedown.com](mailto:feedback@combedown.com)  
Contact the PTA via [combedownpta@gmail.com](mailto:combedownpta@gmail.com)  
Contact the Prayer Group via [prayergroup@combedown.com](mailto:prayergroup@combedown.com)

So on Friday, 4th December, the day will be filled with Christmas cheer! The children will be able to spend the day making **Christmas crafts and playing various games**. We will allow the children to bring in a game from home on Tuesday, 1st December. These games will quarantine in each classroom for the recommended 72 hours ready to be played on the Friday. **Please ensure all games are named.**

We are very excited to announce that a very special person will be hosting our weekly Celebration Assembly on Friday, 11th December. **Father Christmas** has let us know that he is able to take an hour off his present wrapping to take part in our assembly. As he is currently very busy in the North Pole, he will be on TEAMS along with the 14 classes. We cannot wait to see him!

On Monday, 14th December, it will be our '**Christmas Jumper/Hat**' day. The children (and staff!) will be encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper or hat/hair accessories - we know this is a highlight for the children!

*Mrs Gascoigne, Head Teacher*

### **Making Music!**

As you know, many musicians are currently unable to perform on the world's stages, and we were extremely lucky last Friday to have Justin Adams, the rock guitarist, in our school! He would normally be touring and performing around the world, but because he can't right now, he brought some of his own infectious brand of rock vibe into school! He gave some inspiring live performances to the year 1s and the year 3s last Friday - lucky children! He then led (with Jeni Reid, the organizer,) instrumental workshops, which got all the Year 3 children playing and jamming with him! They also performed for the school on Teams at the end of the day, so that the whole school got in on the act! Not only is he a brilliant musician, but he's also a great communicator, and brought a bit of his own musical story in to share with the children, who clearly loved the whole experience. We thank the parents for generously supporting this venture, and hope to re-book him in the New Year, while we can!

*Ms Paterson*



### **Reminder - drop off times**

There is an increase in children arriving late for school and/or not being collected on time. Please can you stick to drop off and pick up times to avoid congestion at the gates and also to ensure the children are not arriving with different year group bubbles. In addition, parents should be accompanying their children to the school gate unless school has received a letter explaining that (children in Y5/6) the child is able to walk to and from school alone.

*Many Thanks*

### **Reminder - no bags in school please**

Just a polite reminder that children should not be bringing bags/ back packs into school at the moment unless this is absolutely necessary.

Please do not send your child in with anything other than their packed lunch box, snack, water bottle and a coat. They will be given all their resources in school.

Please make sure EVERYTHING they do bring in is named, including their uniform so that any lost items can be returned directly to them.

*Many Thanks*

### **Laps to Lapland Update**

A huge thanks to everyone that has taken part in our Laps to Lapland challenge so far. We have left the UK and are currently somewhere in the North Sea having travelled 427.2km. We have also raised £1,494, which is nearly 50% of our target so thanks to everyone for their donations, we really appreciate it.

There is still a long way so please get walking, running, biking over the next couple of weeks and help us reach our destination. Keep the photos coming in as well as we will share these at the end of the challenge.

*Many thanks, The PTA*



### Unlikely Heroes Christmas Party

The Unlikely Heroes team that brought you the Summer Holiday Club and the Light Party are back with a Christmas Party episode that will go live on YouTube on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. If you would like to receive a free party pack to help you join in with the craft and games including loads of Christmas puzzles to do in the holidays then please register before the 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Go to [www.unlikely-heroes-christmas.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.unlikely-heroes-christmas.eventbrite.co.uk).



### Bath Carol Trail 5<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> December

Many of the children are involved in the Bath Carol Display for Holy Trinity Church, Combe Down which will be in the window opposite the Co-op from Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

But 26 other churches are involved creating a trail of displays across the city to visit this December - will you be able to guess all the Carols and sing your way to Christmas this year? Do visit the website to find out more.

[Bathcaroltrail.wordpress.com](http://Bathcaroltrail.wordpress.com) If you have any photos of yourselves at the displays that you are willing to share - please email them to [children@htcd.church](mailto:children@htcd.church) as we would love to gather a selection of photos of the trail in action. Thank you for all your artwork and singing that has made this possible.

*Claire Morrish, Children's Minister*



### Cleaner It Up!

Well done to one of our parents who has written and published her first book. The book is called **Cleaner It Up!** by **Barbara Bowes** and gives tips, advice and funny stories about how to find, hire, manage and retain a cleaner for your home. Lyndsey Henderson has run a very successful cleaning company in Bristol for the past 6 years and is sharing her wealth of experience in this fun and light-hearted book.

OUT NOW on Amazon for £4.99. It makes a great gift for a family member you might not be able to see this Christmas. Or just buy for yourself!

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cleaner-Up-manage-retain-cleaner/dp/B08NWX35N8/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=cleaner+it+up+book&qid=1606394987&quartzVehicle=121-1650&replacementKeywords=cleaner+it+book&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cleaner-Up-manage-retain-cleaner/dp/B08NWX35N8/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=cleaner+it+up+book&qid=1606394987&quartzVehicle=121-1650&replacementKeywords=cleaner+it+book&sr=8-1)

Upcoming Dates (subject to change, please always check the website):

December 2020

**14**  
DEC **Christmas Jumper Day**  
⌚ 08:30 - 15:30 | ☑ Whole School

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**17**  
DEC **End of Term 2, 3.15pm**  
☑ Term Dates

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**18**  
DEC **Inset Day - school closed to pupils**  
⌚ 08:45 - 15:15 | ☑ Staff Training Day

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January 2021

**04**  
JAN **Term 3 starts, 8.45/8.50am**  
⌚ 08:45 | ☑ Term Dates

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**04**  
JAN **PAT Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils**  
⌚ 08:45 - 15:15 | ☑ Staff Training Day

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February 2021

**12**  
FEB **End of Term 3, 3.15pm**  
⌚ 15:15 | ☑ Term Dates

**Forest School Timetable**  
Term 2

	09.00 – 10.30	10.45 – 11.45 10.45 – 12.00	13.00 – 14.00 13.15 – 14.15	14.00 – 15.00 14.15 – 15.15
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 2	Year 2	Year 4	Year 4
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November			Year 3	Year 3
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1	Year 1	Year 5	Year 5
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December			Year 6	Year 6
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R	Year R	Year 4	Year 4
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December			Year 3	Year 3

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**Letters home this week:**

**Christmas Lunch** **Whole school**

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