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### Special Award Winners this Week

Willow 1	Arabella B
Willow 2	Finley S
Yew 1	Mikey M
Yew 2	Zach A
Oak 1	William B
Oak 2	Annabelle M
Cherry 1	Carter B
Cherry 2	Chloe W
Beech 1	George R
Beech 2	Isaac P
Maple 1	Tabitha B
Maple 2	Sophie S
Red 1	Maia G
Red 2	Stanley W

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Well Done!

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## FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER

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What an amazing and varied week we have had yet again. The opportunities in the curriculum that our children are able to engage with are so diverse this week.

The week started with **Year 4** enjoying a **Christmas Experience** in Holy Trinity Combe Down, providing them with the opportunity to explore the Christmas story in a creative manner. Mr Withers, CEO of the PAT, who was impressed with the activities and the children's engagement, joined them. Thank you to Holy Trinity for providing a team to support each activity.

During the day on Tuesday, **Year 2** visited the **Peggy Dodd Centre** to sing a selection of Christmas songs. The children delivered their individually created Christmas cards and talked about Christmas with the residents. The residents and children all benefitted from the experience.

Tuesday evening saw the very first **PAT Carol Service** held in Bath Abbey. Thank you to James and Willow for their part in the service. They both read beautifully. It was lovely to be with all the other PAT schools and to see the variety of ways in which we can explore the Christmas narrative.



Also on Tuesday, a group of children had the opportunity to engage in **Ten Pin Bowling** through a Bath Rugby Foundation event.

8 children from **Year 3** took part in this event at Bath Sports Centre during the morning. There were lots of other schools that took part and the competition was tough! The children had 10 goes each with 2 balls each go and the team's results were added together and the average score was worked out to see which school had the highest average - the results were as follows:

School	Score
OPJS	83.7
High Littleton	80.3
Roundhill	80.1
St. Philips	79.8
Widcombe	77.1
Combe Down	76.8
Moorlands	69.8
Westfield	66.7
SMGP	61.7



They had lots of fun and it was a great team experience throughout. The children that attended were - Lucas, Scarlett, Aurelia, Nicola, Filip, Charlie, Carter and Luke. Well done Team Combe Down.

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Mr Withers was with us again on Tuesday afternoon for the **Year 5 Dragon's Den** event. He was joined by Mr Beaver, one of our governors and Mrs Raby, who retired last year. It was a great way to engage with the children and to ask questions about marketing, design and look at the high quality workmanship. Well done to all of year 5 - you conducted yourselves really well.

I have also been fortunate to share in the **EYFS and Year 1 Christmas shows** this year. What super children! Such confidence and talent. Children were singing and signing songs, reading, dancing and modelling costumes with flair! Thank you to the staff team for all the added time and skill taken to prepare for the performances.

Next week we are looking forward to the **Year 3 Stay and Learn** session as well as the **Nativity** performed by **Year 2**, Christmas Dinner and the **KS2 Carol Service**. I for one am really looking forward to all these festive events.

As many children will say.... "Only 12 more sleeps!"

*Mrs Gascoigne, Headteacher*

### Parent Forum meeting: 2-3 pm Friday 17th January 2020 being held in the Church rooms (opposite the Co-op)

The topic of this meeting is the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy. Did you know that in September 2020 RSE will be a mandatory part of the curriculum?

*"In primary schools, we want the subjects to put in place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online. This will sit alongside the essential understanding of how to be healthy.*

*All schools must have in place a written policy for Relationships Education and RSE. Schools must consult parents in developing and reviewing their policy. Schools should ensure that the policy meets the needs of pupils and parents and reflects the community they serve."*

Quotes taken from the Department of Education, RSE

documents: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

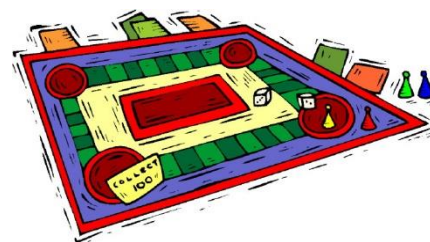
So come and discuss the school's RSE policy and have your say. If you are unable to attend, but have an opinion to share, please email Mr Wainer: [a.wainer@combedown.com](mailto:a.wainer@combedown.com)



*Parent Forum team*

### Request from the Pupil Leadership Team

When our pupil leadership group last met, one of the things they discussed was that there is not enough provision for the children when they are on wet play or lunch. They have asked if we can get some more board games to be kept in the classrooms for rainy days. If you are having a clear out over the festive period and have any suitable board games/cards etc. that can be donated to the school for use during wet plays, then please bring them to the office. Many thanks.



### Christmas Fair


Thanks to everyone for coming along to the fair on Saturday, it was great to see so many of you there. A huge thanks to everyone who helped organise the event and volunteered on the day, we can't run events like these without lots of support and it really is appreciated.

We have counted all the many many coins and have raised £2,986 which is fantastic!

Congratulations also to the winners of the Christmas Cracker competition who were Abbey T (Willow 2), Seth W (Yew 2), Thomas B (Oak 1), Bella (Cherry 1), Florrie B (Beech 2) and Martha W (Maple 2) - they will all receive their prizes next week.

*The PTA*

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

-  17 Dec 19 09:30 to 11:00 - **Year 2 Nativity, 9.30 - 11.00am, HTCD**
-  18 Dec 19 13:30 to 15:00 - **Year 2 Nativity, 1.30-3.00pm, HTCD**
-  19 Dec 19 11:30 to 13:00 - **Christmas Lunch, wear a festive jumper!!!**
-  19 Dec 19 14:30 to 15:15 - **Year 3 Stay & Learn 2.30pm School Hall**
-  20 Dec 19 - Term 2 Ends, 3.15pm
-  20 Dec 19 14:00 to 15:00 - **KS2 Carol Service, HTCD time TBC**
-  6 Jan 20 - Term 3 Starts, 8.45/8.50am
-  7 Jan 20 09:30 to 11:15 - **Open Morning, 9.30-11.15am**
-  10 Feb 20 - PAT Inset Day, School Closed to Pupils
-  14 Feb 20 - Term 3 Ends, 3.15pm
-  24 Feb 20 - Term 4 Starts, 8.45/8.50am
-  9 Mar 20 - PAT Inset Day, School Closed to Pupils
-  30 Mar 20 13:00 to 15:00 - **Year 3 Easter Experience, HTC**
-  3 Apr 20 - Term 4 Ends, 3.15pm
-  20 Apr 20 - Term 5 Starts, 8.45/8.50am
-  22 May 20 - Term 5 Ends, 3.15pm
-  1 Jun 20 - Term 6 Starts, 8.45/8.50am
-  17 Jul 20 - Term 6 Ends, 3.15pm
-  20 Jul 20 - Inset Day, School Closed to Pupils

Letters home this week:

Arrangements for January

Willow 1 & 2

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## Exam Invigilators

**£9.36 per hour**

**Variable hours**

We are looking to expand our team of Invigilators to help and support our Examination's team. You will be employed on a casual basis to supervise students taking both mock and actual exams, as necessary throughout the school year, with the period between mid-May until the end of June (not including half-term) being a peak time in our calendar. Hours are variable depending upon the exam timetable.

No experience in the role is required, as full training will be given. Experience of working in a school or with young people would be an advantage. You will be professional and flexible, with good spoken and written English. You will be reliable and possess a calm but firm approach. You will be able to work as part of a team as well as on your own initiative as you will play a key role in upholding the integrity and conduct of the examination process in accordance with official regulations and Ralph Allen School exam policy.

Interviews will be held by mutual agreement.

**Successful candidates MUST be available for full training on Friday 17 January 2020 and for mock A Level examinations week commencing 20 January 2020.**

*Ralph Allen is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children: the successful applicant will need to undertake an enhanced criminal record check via the DBS.*

For further details and application forms see our website or contact below.

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