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Autumn Term Newsletter No.08

Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the autumn term; what a busy term it's been! In particular, the last 2 weeks of term, with Nativity productions at both schools and a myriad of Christmas celebrations, have been jam-packed with different activities and events.

The Burlescombe PTFA held their popular Christmas Cracker event at Burlescombe Village Hall on 2nd December, which was another roaring success – thank you if you managed to attend on the evening.

Christingle services have been held at both schools last week – apologies to parents of Burlescombe children who were unable to attend due to the event being held in the school hall due to last minute complications. Webber's children enjoyed the service at All Saints Church – thank you to Rev Glyn for leading the service and helping in both schools with the creation of the Christingles.

Many different Christmas jumpers were on show for Christmas jumper day this year and children proudly showed each other antlers, mince pies and even flashing lights on some jumpers being worn. Speaking of mince pies, the WPS PTFA held their Christmas Raffle and Mince Pie event last week, which was very well attended, with school staff seeming to do very well in the raffle! Thank you for helping the PTFA continue to raise money to enrich the education of children in school.

Children from Burlescombe School attended the Burlescombe Community Carol Service with Miss. Ody last Friday after school where they performed one of the songs from their recent Nativity performance. Thank you to Miss. Ody and the children who attended for representing Burlescombe School so well in the community.

Burlescombe & Webber's schools both held very successful Nativity performances on Thursday last week and Monday and Tuesday this week. All the children involved from both schools absolutely shone like the shining stars they are. After an enforced 3-year absence, the return of the sound of children singing Christmas songs and performing their hearts out is very welcome indeed. Thank you to parents, staff, volunteers and community members who gave their time and energy to make the performances such a success. Thank you also to Mr. Barbary and Mrs. Davies for their essential help with lighting. Unfortunately, there have been some complaints in the local community about the block to the road caused by cars parking near the church for the Webber's evening performances. I am working on a plan to help the congestion issue for next year and will update you nearer the time.

This week has also seen the school kitchen very busy indeed with delicious Christmas lunches being served at Burlescombe and Webber's – but not on the same day! Children pulled crackers, wore hats and told some questionable cracker jokes. I am pleased to say that a great time was had by all.

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team working in the kitchen every day, but never more so than at Christmas time. It is a big undertaking preparing Christmas dinner with all the trimmings for so many children and adults – one that is the same high quality every year, so thank you to Lin, Becky and Lisa for your hard work filling hungry bellies with lovely food.

Wednesday this week saw Christmas parties taking place at both schools too. Children played party games, ate party food and even received a visit from a very special person. Thank you to parents for sending your child into school with a plate of party food – next year, we hope to be able to take a more traditional, sharing approach.

Today, the end of term services were held for both schools. The Webber's service was held at All Saints Church in the morning and the Burlescombe service was held at St. Mary's Church in the afternoon. Thank you to Rev Glyn for leading both services and conducting the Christmas blessing.

I would also like to say thank you to Mavis Sealey, who is a former chair of the TVP Governing Body. She has donated £100 to WPS PTFA and £100 to Edukid from money raised at the All Saints Pop-up Café in Holcombe Rogus Village Hall; also, thank you to parents at Webber's who raised £168.26 for the Royal British Legion with their Poppy appeal back in November.

I am pleased to confirm that we raised almost £300 for Edukid from the Webber's Christmas Nativity performances. I had hoped to be able to tell you how much was raised from the Burlescombe performances too; however, the heating at Burlescombe yesterday had other ideas! I will let you know how much was raised in the first newsletter of the spring term.

I would like to take this opportunity please to remind parents at Burlescombe not to park in front of the school gates (even for a brief moment with the engine running) when dropping off or collecting your child. Similarly, please refrain from parking on the bridge or at the top of the private road next to school. Thank you.

It is with great delight that I can tell you that Mr. Kieran Gillard has been appointed SENDCo for Webber's and Burlescombe schools. He is currently undertaking the national training course and is being supported by an experienced SENDCo who works for Alumnis. When I am not onsite at Webber's school, Mrs. Hunter is the Head of Teaching & Learning and oversees the school. At Burlescombe, Miss. Ody is the Head of Teaching & Learning and oversees the school in my absence.

I would like to wish you all a safe, peaceful and joyful Christmas and New Year with your loved ones. The spring term begins on Tuesday 3rd January with an INSET day – we look forward to welcoming you back into school on Wednesday 4th January...don't forget to have a look in the Children's section below for some fantastic Nativity photos. 😊

Kind regards,

R. Roffey

Mr. Roffey
Head Teacher

Communications sent out this fortnight

Strep A Information Letter – both schools
Last week of term details – both schools
Stage School After-School Club – both schools
Severe Weather – School Closure Procedures – both schools
Emergency school Closure – Burlescombe School
We Matter Victim Support leaflet – both schools

This week's **TEAM POINT** winners are

WEBBER'S: **ASH**

BURLESCOMBE: **Swans**



STARS OF THE WEEK

WEBBER'S		BURLESCOMBE	
Class 1	Ivy	Acorns	All children for their shining star performances in the Nativity production. 😊
Year 2	Monty	Squirrels	
Class 2	James	Oaks	
Class 3	Everyone in Class 3		

Diary Dates

Sunday 18 th Dec	All Saints Church	Community Church Carol Service – 6.30pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Tues 3 rd January	Both Schools	Non-Pupil Day
Weds 4 th January	Both Schools	Children return to School 8.40am
Tues 10 th January	Uffculme School	Yr5/6 High 5s & Basketball - 3.15pm – 5pm
Tues 17 th January	Uffculme School	Yr5/6 Sports Hall Athletics – 1.30pm – 3pm

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Boys from Burlescombe and Webbers playing rugby for Cullompton RFC together in the under 11s. Pictured after a win in Torquay.
(Oliver S, Jack D, Isaac and Toby)



Webber's and Burlescombe Christmas Performances 2022





Community Section

*thank
you*

To all that have shown such generosity towards
Webber's PTFA fundraising this term.

The Bag2School collection raised: £104

Raffle & draw event raised: £468

Mulled wine at evening play performances : £82

Huge thanks also to all those at the Village Pop
Up Cafe for their kind donation of £100.

Merry Christmas





Campaign to create the Holcombe Rogus Hub

A campaign has been launched with the aim of buying the Prince of Wales pub and turning it into a community business with a café and shop – the Holcombe Rogus Hub.

A community share offer has been opened, where anyone can invest in the future of the hub and become a member with a say in how it's run.

The team are also running events, gathering donations and pursuing grants.

For all the information head to www.HolcombeRogusHub.co.uk.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please send them to info@HolcombeRogusHub.co.uk.

Wellington

W Stage School

An after-school club for students who love to perform

CONFIDENCE

TEAMWORK

COMMUNICATION

FUN

£5 PER SESSION
BOOKING FOR A FULL TERM REQUIRED

**PREMIER EDUCATION
TAUNTON HOLIDAY
CAMPS**

Thursday 22nd December - Christmas Gymnastics Club
Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School TA4 1HZ

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

**Thursday 22nd December
Gymnastics**

Gymnastics- Spend the day learning new gymnastic techniques from our amazing qualified gymnastic coaches. They will support you doing new rolls, balances and stands. Enjoy making routines in pairs and small groups which will be presented later in the day.

Thursday 22nd December Gymnastics

Work on swinging, climbing and jumping as well as cartwheels and handstands with our coaches.

The day will be Christmas themed. Come and meet new friends.

Please bring a packed lunch and plenty of soft drinks. Please wear sports/casual clothes.

Childcare vouchers accepted

How to book:

Online- www.premier-education.com
Call Andrew- 07776 108281



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**PREMIER EDUCATION
TAUNTON HOLIDAY
CAMPS**

Monday 19th -Thursday 22nd December
Venue: Wilcombe Primary School, EX16 4AL

Christmas Activity Holiday Camps

MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY

What we will be up too:

Christmas Games- Rudolf Tag, Reindeer Ring Toss and Sledge Races are just a few of the Christmas games we will be playing!

Dodgeball- Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

Nerf Games- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!

Other activities :

Gymnastics- Children will get to express movement and their strength through our gym sessions!

Arts and crafts- A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax! A good time to meet new friends

Football- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in team to play a 5-aside tournament.

Hot lunch provided and bring your own soft drinks! Please wear sports/casual clothes.

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