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Opening Hours
School - 8.45am - 3.15pm
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Morning club - 8am
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Toasties 3.15pm - 4.30/5.45pm
Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm

FRIDAY FLYER

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22nd November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

With Christmas coming soon you might be thinking of buying new toys or gadgets that link to the internet. The internet brings lots of benefits, and also potential problems. Parents sometimes ask how they can keep up; here is a link to the excellent Childnet website with further links that explore the best approaches to common problems <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/> Have fun, stay safe!

We would also like to say thank you and good luck to Mrs Lyon-Taylor. **Mr R Stead**

Over the course of last week, the children were set a challenge to run 432 miles for Children in Need, through their participation in the Golden Mile. We are delighted to report that they absolutely smashed it by running a total of 501 miles! Children ran representing their houses, so the final house tallies are: Horse Chestnut 126 miles, Cork Oak 122 miles, London Plane 122 miles and Blue Cedar 121 miles. Congratulations to all the dedicated pupils who put in such a good effort—what an amazing result! Well done to Pre-school too, who managed to run 10 miles on their little legs!



On Wednesday, Class 4 had an amazing time at Forest School with Mr Wederkopp. First, we played '1, 2, 3 Where Are You?' in the forest, which was fabulously fun. Next, we had to trust our friends and listening skills by following their voice while we were blindfolded, which was nerve-racking but fun! After that we split into 4 groups: in one group we tried to make a 30m conker run which could travel down a hill. In the next group, we were blindfolded and had to hold on to a rope whilst following our friend's instructions. This was nerve-racking, but fun! In the third group, we were 'sheep' and the farmer had to guide us into the 'field' whilst we were blindfolded. Finally, we were all joined together like a caterpillar and had to follow the leader blindfolded. We finished our morning with a yummy hot chocolate.

by Philippa, Archie and Bobbi

As we are approaching winter, we would like to remind you of the procedures in the event of severe weather conditions such as heavy snow or ice. In this event, it may be necessary to close the school for the safety of pupils and staff. The school may partially open if there is enough staff and non-curriculum activities will be planned for the day. If a decision is made in the morning to close the school, parents will be notified by a **Parentmail text and email, and it will also be published on the school website**. If the weather worsens during a school day and the decision is made to close the school, parents will be contacted via Parentmail to collect their children. For those children who travel on school transport, the school will ensure there is somebody at home to meet the child. We will keep children at school until they can be collected. Therefore, we ask that you ensure the school has up-to-date contact details for you. You can find this information on our [website](#).



Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th November
Classes 3 & 4 Trip to Roman Baths

Wednesday 27th November
Year 2 Kingsmead Sports Festival

Friday 6th December
MSA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 11th December
Reception Class Nativity for parents at 2pm

Thursday 12th December
Year 5 & 6 Curriculum Evening at 6pm

Friday 13th December
MSA Christmas Film Night

Tuesday 17th December
Sharing Lunch

Wednesday 18th December
Kingsmead Kitchen Christmas Lunch

Class 3 singing at Kingsmead Carol Concert at St. Andrews, Wiveliscombe, 6.30 to 7.45pm

Thursday 19th December
Talent Show (just for pupils)

Friday 20th December
Last day of term

Christmas Service at St Michael's Church at 2pm, all welcome

Monday 6th January 2020
Inset Day

**FOREST SCHOOL
WEDS 27TH NOV
CLASS 3**

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	253	675
Cork Oak	228	634
Blue Cedar	250	721
Horse Chestnut	261	700

The Mini-Police would like to say thank you to those who responded to their questionnaire. Also, to let you know that Class 5 will NOT be litter picking next week as emailed.

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Pre-school	Theo for really good sharing with his friends this week.
Class R	Lily for excellent progress in her phonics and using this in her writing.
Class 1	Charlie for his fantastic writing—he has demonstrated the most beautiful handwriting.
Class 2	Millie for working so hard on her wonderful 'defeating the monster' story this week. Millie has worked independently to produce a well written story. Well done, Millie. 
Class 3	Alice for confidently answering questions in lessons throughout the week. Well done—keep it up!
Class 4	Henry, Orla and Isaac W for their positivity and contributions in our shared writing this week. You have all made a great start to your explanation texts! Well done.
Class 5	Verity for her consistent hard work and handwriting. 
Class 6	Tilly for her interesting and well-structured information text. 

2nd Somerset Chess Grand Prix

On Sunday 10th November, the 2nd Somerset Chess Grand Prix was held at Bristol Grammar School. **12** of our children travelled up with their awesome Mums and Dads, seeking to earn a spot on the Somerset County Team. In total **6** of our children were placed in the medals; we had Teddy achieve a Runners-up medal in the U7 category, Bertie a runners up medal in the U8's, Adri won the U9 category outright, with a brilliant win against his nemesis from last year's finals day (well done, Adri!), whilst Finley picked up the Runners-up medal. In the U10 category George bagged a runners up medal and Amarra gained a Runners-up medal in the U11 section. Regardless of whether you won a medal or not, you were all stars! Thanks again to all the great parents for trekking up to Bristol on a Sunday! *Jamie Beviss*



Upcoming Events

- Delancey Tournament (held during Chess Club) Wales and West Jamboree, 12th Jan 2020
- EPSCA County U11 Heats, March 2020
- EPSCA County U9 Heats, March 2020
- Millfield Delancey Megafinal, May 2020

The next County Tournament is on;

8th December 2019: Grand Prix #3 at High Ham Primary School, near Langport. Somerset Junior Chess Association will be using the Grand Prix at High Ham as their final County Team selection event so please, please try and attend if you can!



Class R are looking for kitchen or toilet roll inner tubes—if you have any spare, please drop them into Reception Class, thank you.



Golden Mile leader board:

- 1st - Priorswood Primary School – 1,626 miles
- 2nd - Kingston St Mary Primary School – 1,146 miles
- 3rd - Milverton Primary School – 1,145 miles
- 4th - Two Moors Primary School - 943 miles
- 5th - Greenflyde Primary School - 777 miles
- 6th - Bishop Henderson Primary School- 583 Miles
- 7th - Curry Mallet Primary School - 428 miles
- 8th - Webbers/Burlescombe Primary School - 328 miles
- 9th - St Johns Primary School- 215 miles
- 10th - St James Primary School - 110 miles
- 11th - Winsham Primary School - 104 miles
- 12th - St Andrews Church School- 95 Miles
- 13th - Norton Fitzwarren Primary School - 65 miles
- 14th - Culmstock Primary School- 38 miles
- 15th - Plymtree Primary School – 18 miles
- 16th - Churchstanton Primary School - 12 miles

Total of- 7,633 miles so far this year

The EuCAN Milverton Conservation Volunteers Invite You to Our "Nest Box Saturday" on 30th Nov 2019

at
JW Blooms, Hillcommon www.jwblooms.co.uk

Come make and make a personal present for a loved one this Christmas!

We provide NEST BOXES and BUG HOTELS kits to be built under the guidance of our helpers.

There will be three sessions STARTING at:

10:00, 11:00 and 12:00 noon.

Although this event is MAINLY FOR CHILDREN accompanied by a responsible adult, unaccompanied adults are welcome!

There will be a charge of £7.00 per NEST BOX or £5:00 per BUG HOTEL paid on the day to cover our costs.

Go to www.mcvg.org.uk

click on **NESTBOX SATURDAY** to book your place

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL TO SECURE A PLACE