



Herne View Church of England Primary School including Apple Orchard Pre-School

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Christmas Celebrations

We have had a wonderful last 10 days with Nativities and Christmas songs and we are looking forward to these continuing next week. Thank you to everyone who has come along and to all the staff who have helped produce these.

Yesterday, as well as Christmas lunch we also had a special visitor in the log cabin at Silver Street and all the classes from Pre-School to Year 6 went to visit the grotto and say hello to Father Christmas who gave them a present for each class to share.



Christmas Tree Festival

We hope you all had the chance to go and see the amazing selection of trees at the year's Minster Tree Festival. Thanks go to all our classes who made decorations and those who contributed and the following amounts were raised:

Bristol Children's Hospital	£47.41
Air Ambulance	£30.65
Fairtrade	£11.87
Herne View PTA	£30.47





Wellington Boots

Do you have any wellington boots that your children have outgrown, especially more 8 years + size ranges? We often have children come in without suitable footwear for Forest School and try to keep a range of spares at school but we are currently lacking any larger sizes. If you can donate any please send in to either school office.



PTA Bingo

Thank you to everyone who joined in our PTA Chocolate Bingo last week and to Steve Dawe for calling the numbers. We raised £123.



My Child's Art Christmas cards and gifts

If you would like to buy any gifts or cards featuring your child's Christmas design please look out for the flyer that came home this week with the school details. These are organised by the PTFA who will receive commission off any order which will go back into funding resources for the pupils. Remember order by 12th December for delivery before Christmas.



PTFA Hamper Raffle

We are looking for donations for the Hamper Raffle that will be held on Wednesday 14th December. We are asking each family to donate 1 thing so that we can bring these together to create as many Christmas food hampers as possible. We would like families to bring an item that could be:

- Chocolate or sweets
- Biscuits or crackers
- Christmas cake, yule log or pudding
- Mince pies
- Christmas crackers and accessories
- Savoury snacks inc crisps
- Soft or alcoholic drinks
- Jams and Chutneys

We are asking for these donations to come to school by Monday 12th December (extended from the Friday) and children should take these to their classrooms.

To enter the raffle this year we are trying a new idea, whereby children can come in non-uniform on the 14th December in exchange for £1 which will give them entry into

the hamper raffle. **Money should be brought in an envelope with your child's name, class and a contact telephone number on.**

The raffle will be drawn after the Y5/6 Christmas production on Wednesday 14th December and we will let families know if they have won on Thursday 15th.



Emailing the Office

Please can we ask that when emailing the office you indicate your child's name and class in all correspondence.



End of term

Please can children bring in a bag next Thursday ready to bring home things they have made for Christmas. Term ends on Friday 16th December at the normal finishing times.





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Christmas Sing-a-long

Thank you to all who attended Apple Orchard Pre-School Christmas Sing-a-long, didn't the children do well. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. Please keep an eye on Tapestry where there will be a video of the performance posted.



Iminster Christmas tree Festival

Thank you to all that visited the Christmas Tree festival and very kindly donated. Apple Orchard, Ditton Street Christmas tree made by the children raised £19.62 and will be spent on Sensory resources.

Apple Orchard, Silver Street recycled snowmen tree raised £75.07 for 'Children's Hospice, South west'



Father Christmas

The children have visited Father Christmas and his elf this week and were very kindly given a present from him for the pre-schools. Thank you to Sarah, John and Herne View PTA for organising this.

Christmas Week

We will be having a Christmas party week for the last week of term, playing party games and having party food for snack.

Apple Orchard staff will all be wearing Christmas Jumpers all week, if the children wish to wear Christmas Clothing as well.



Christmas Activities

There are so many amazing places in Somerset and surrounding counties that put on festive experiences for the whole family!

Below are some ideas that might spark your festive spirit and ideas you can share with your families:

- Planet Ice – Ice Skating at Cribbs Causeway, Bristol <https://planet-ice.co.uk/locations/bristol/>
- Santa's Grotto at Weston-super-Mare Pier <https://www.grandpier.co.uk/events/santas-grotto-2022>
- Explore Hestercombe Gardens with Illuminate 10 <https://www.hestercombe.com/whats-on/christmas-illuminations>
- Christmas at Tyntesfield National Trust <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/bath-bristol/tyntesfield/christmas-at-tyntesfield>
- Christmas Family Disco at Westlands, Yeovil <https://www.westlandsyeovil.co.uk/whats-on/all-shows/christmas-family-disco-2022/8903/>
- Visit Dunster Castle at Christmas <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/somerset/dunster-castle-and-watermill>
- Carols Around the Bandstand in Taunton <https://www.visitsomerset.co.uk/taunton/whats-on/christmas-in-taunton/carols-around-the-bandstand>



Packed Lunches

In order to keep children with nut allergies safe, parents are asked not to include nut/sesame or products which may contain traces of nuts/sesame in their child's lunchbox.

Times of Dropping and Collecting children.

Please can we ask parents to 'drop off' and 'collect' children promptly at the times of our opening and finishing of sessions. We have to ensure that our children are safe and the correct ratio of staff to children is followed in the pre-school at all times. It also helps with the gates onto the playground which have to be locked at 8.50am for Silver Street and 9am for Ditton Street. Thank you for you cooperation in this.



Dates for your Diary

End of Autumn Term – Friday 16th December

Inset Day – Tuesday 3rd January

Start of Spring Term – Wednesday 4th January 2023



Tuning in to Kids Parenting Group

A **free** 5-week course for parents and carers of children aged 4-11.

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

**Dates: Wednesdays: 11th, 18th, 25th January.
1st & 8th February.**

Time: 10am. - 12:30

**Venue: Herne View, Silver Street site,
Ilminster.**

For more information on this course and to book your place, please contact

Parent & Family Support Advisers.

Rebecca Larcombe - 07825054695

Jemma Henwood - 07825054694



ROOTS & SHOOTS

3.00pm on the second Sunday of the month

A short time of outdoor fun for the young and young at heart. Join us as we explore God in the great outdoors and enjoy hot drinks around the fire pit.



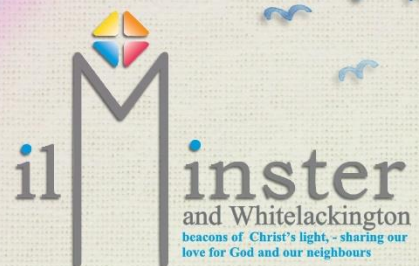
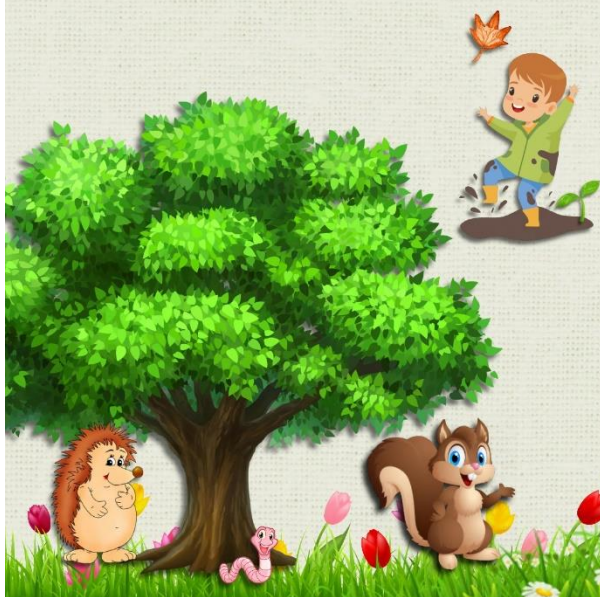
We kindly ask that you:

- Dress for the weather;
- Supervise your children at all times

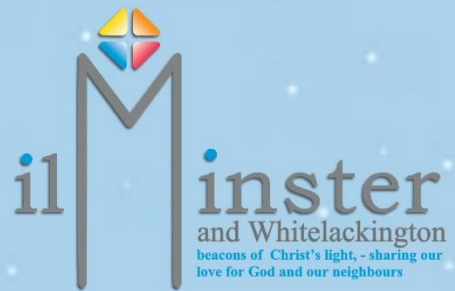


Please meet outside West Street Fish & Chips or opposite the Texaco garage (leaving at 2.40pm) ready to walk to our Parable Garden site.

Get Active! Just Be! Let's Create!



Make me  A Star



Christmas Activities

Tuesday 20th December

10am to 12.30pm

The Minster Rooms, Court Barton

Make stars, create an animal mask and prepare to shine in our 'Follow the Star' **Crib Service** on Saturday 24th December.

Activities for all ages.

Children to be accompanied by an adult.



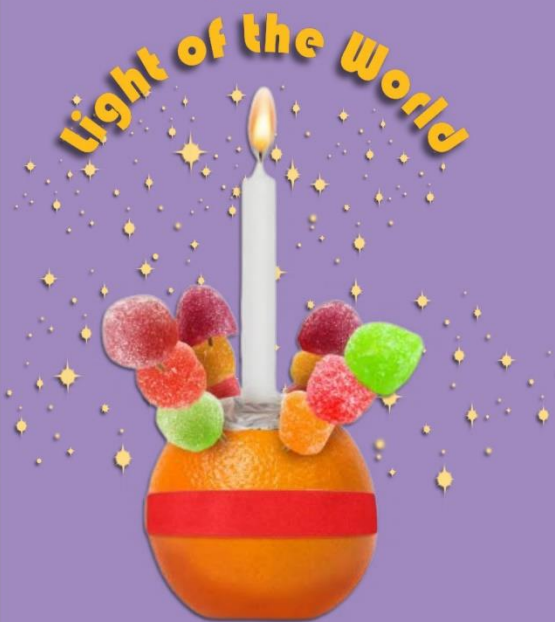
For more information contact: Rev. Judith Swan 07867 966318 curate@ilminsterpc.org.uk

Christingle

Sunday 11th December 4 pm
The Minster, Ilminster



Everyone is welcome
to join us!



Christingle is a joyful celebration for All Ages where we tell the story of Jesus using oranges, sweets and candles which brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. Pop on a Christmas sweater and rediscover the festive feeling. Why not join us for Roots & Shoots too!



Build your own **Christingle** and share in this special service



Follow The Star Crib Service

The Minster Church

Saturday 24th December 4.30pm

Join us in a lighthearted re-telling of the nativity story. Come dressed as an animal or nativity character. Everyone is welcome!

Some limited props and costumes will also be available at the service, or make yours with us on Tuesday 20th December.



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