

## From Mr Spens:

It's been a great couple of weeks at St Helen's in the build up to Christmas. The KS1 and Reception nativity 'Prickly Hay' was fantastic and was followed this week by the Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert. The children put their heart and soul into the performances and the singing in particular was amazing.

Yesterday, Year 5 and 6 presented their learning on World War 2 as an exhibition and a performance in the school hall. This year, we have introduced a 'Learning Challenge' for the children where they had to use their knowledge from Term 1 and work independently or with a partner to produce a display of their learning. There was some truly fantastic exhibitions from the children and with the Remembrance Day trip to the Churchill War Rooms and Imperial War Museum, it's been a topic to remember! In many ways, their work really captured the three main aspects of our vision statement 'Excellence, enjoyment and achievement together'.

Yesterday we held our Christmas service in St Helen's church, which was a special moment in the busy build up to Christmas. A big 'well done' should go to William and Charlie from Year 6 who opened the service by singing the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City'.

I would like to wish all of the staff and families of St Helen's a very happy, restful and enjoyable Christmas.

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

Today we have raised £162 for Save the Children' by wearing our Christmas jumpers!



Thank-you for your support.

## School Meals

Please note a change in the menu for the first day of Term 3; burgers will replace the lamb kofta. Don't forget to make your meal bookings and menu choices in advance using ParentPay.



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### St Helen's Score 6!

It's been a busy period for our St Helen's Football Team. In the last two weeks, they've played three home games against St Peter's, Crossways and Wheatfield. The team is made up of children from Year 5 and 6, but some of our Year 4's have made their first appearances for the team this year too. They have been improving as a team and yesterday performed particularly well, beating Wheatfield Primary School 6-1. The goal scorers yesterday were: Jackson, Ben, Peter and Luke P (Y4). Well done boys!

#### Alveston Youth & Community Centre

(opposite St Helen's School)

Open Morning - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January - 11am to 12 noon

Find out about children's & adult's activities and clubs on offer locally

Have a go on the 'Traversing' Wall, Tombola etc.

Free refreshments - Everyone Welcome

#### Thornbury Library – Festive Fun

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas crafts and stories

Drop in any time 11am – 12 noon

For 4-11 year olds (adult supervision required, no child under 8 to be left unattended)

### Local Primary School Competition - Cadman Wealth Planning

## CHILDREN CAN WIN £25 & £500 FOR OUR SCHOOL!



Count how many presents are in the window of Cadman Wealth Planning, 4 The Plain, Thornbury, BS35 2AG

Put your guess on an entry form and drop it through their letter box or email it to [anna.shipp@sjpp.co.uk](mailto:anna.shipp@sjpp.co.uk)

Entry forms are available from the Cadman office in Thornbury or from the school office.

Closing date – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (9am)

#### St Helen's Church – Christmas Services

18th December 10am - All Age Christmas Service

23rd December 2pm - Christingle Workshop

24th December 4pm - Christingle Service

25th December 10am - All Age Service

#### Thornbury Baptist Church – Christmas Fun Factory

20th December, 10.30am to 12.30pm

For children in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 – no charge.

Parents and carers may stay and enjoy the coffee shop.

Register at [www.thornburybaptistchurch.co.uk](http://www.thornburybaptistchurch.co.uk)

or call 01454 419118

#### Invite from Alveston Methodist Church:

You're invited to a 'Nativity Service' with 'Open the Book' at Alveston Methodist Church on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 3pm.

This is an informal family service with walk on parts and costumes for everyone and no lines to learn! Squash, tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards. For more information, e-mail [Fiona.kitson@googlemail.com](mailto:Fiona.kitson@googlemail.com)

#### Congratulations to our certificate winners last week:



Reception – Martha and Ava  
Year 1 – Hudson and Harriet  
Year 2 – Alisdair and Charlie N  
Year 3 – Caitlin and Daisy  
Year 4 – Olivia and Bradley  
Year 5 – Archie and Elsie  
Year 6 – Ella

