

Dates for your diary:

PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw 18 December 8pm @ Sampford PTFA Facebook Page

> **End of Term** 18 December

Term Starts
Non-pupil day 4 January

Children Return Tuesday 5 January

> Half Term 15-19 February

End of Term Thursday 1 March

Due to the Christmas festivities, there are no stars of the week or golden leaves as all the children have been amazing this week!

Accelerated Reader
Raffle Winners
Darwin: Harry
Seacole: Jack Q
Lewis: Oscar G
Drake: Isabella

Stars of the week last week
Drake: Felix
Lewis: Oscar G
Seacole: Bethany
Darwin: Whole Class

Golden Leaves
Drake: George P
Lewis: Henry
Seacole: Edward
Darwin: Whole Class

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Message from Sarah Price

What an amazing week of festive activities! As a school, we wanted to ensure that the end of this difficult year was as magical as possible for the children and hoped to help them to create some great memories this week. During worship, we have been exploring moments of stillness found in the Christmas Story to

inspire us to pause and be still and create 'Sacred Spaces' at home or outside. The children have been encouraged to think about their favourite part of creation and to appreciate how uniquely wonderful we all are.

It has been a tough year so please take some time to reflect and focus on some good memories that you want to take into 2021 with you. I have to say that this wasn't what I expected my first year of headship to be like but you have all shown great support and kindness and I feel very lucky to be leading such a wonderful school. All the parents, carers and staff truly are amazing and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

First Steps (Pre-school)

Hello everybody and Christmas wishes from the First

Steps friends. We have had a festive fun filled week with lots of craft and cooking activities, as well as making our own nativity scene and exploring the Nativity Story. We wish you all a



peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

Darwin Class (Reception)

What a fortnight! Between the Nativity, Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day, the Santa Run and all of the festive crafting and baking, the children are definitely ready for a break (and the big day of course). We have seen wonderful writing which demonstrates the hard work every child has put in since their start to school in September, well done Darwin! We have also loved playing a huge number of games related to our

maths knowledge - it is so fun to count baubles, stars, snowmen and everything in between. Have a wonderful restful break and well done again to every child in Darwin Class for their superb first term in school!



Seacole (Years 1 and 2)

This week we have written our own verson of 'How to catch Santa' but changed it to another Christmas character. We came up with questions to ask, things to give and

lots of different ways to catch our character. As well as this, we have been making Christmas presents, baking gingerbread, making cards and doing lots of other fun Christmassy things!



Lewis Class (Years 3 and 4)

Lewis class have been kept very busy and have definitely been feeling festive this week! We kick started the week with a day of designing and making our own pasties, which involved lots of maths too. We've done lots of different types of writing in English, including a recipe for

our pasties. We've then used the McDonald's advert as a basis for some work on inference skills and diary entries. In maths, we've been exploring the different patterns that following a mathematical rule (algorithm) can



make when joining the points of a circle. We're finishing the week with some Christmassy craft activities after working so hard all term.

(Years 5 and 6)

This week in Drake Class the children having been fully embracing Christmas. In their writing they have been using some wonderful story cards to create their own Christmas narrative. The have also been designing, making and evaluating a 3D pop-up card – looking at different techniques to make it 3D. They have also continued their work on the People of God in RE and have written their own versions of the Ten Commandments and we have also watched the Prince of Egypt – the story of Moses.

It has been a fantastic end to a term where the children have shown great resilience and positivity to continue

with their learning with all the many distractions in the world around us. As parents and carers you should all be very proud of them. Merry Christmas everyone and see you in the new year!



Please be advised that the Draft Admissions Policy 2022_2023 - formal consultation starts 1 November 2020 and ends on 31 January 2021. Policy can be found here https://www.sampford-peverell-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/admissions/186080 Any responses to the consultation should be emailed to sampford@ventrus.org.uk for consideration by the Board on 28 February 2021.

