

North Tawton Community Primary School**NEWSLETTER****THEME – HOPE**

School doors open at **8:45 and 3:20.**
Please do not enter the building before these times.

Dear Parents and Carers

Light up a life Service

Friday 18th 6:30pm St.Peter's Church

Please do join the choir members as they take part in this service on Friday at 6:30pm. This service is dedicated to loved ones who are no longer with us. Mrs Dunn and Mrs Ware, who lead the choir, have been preparing the children to perform as part of the service. It would be lovely if you could join them at this special time in the church.

**Church Service**

It was so lovely to enter the church and see so many faces eagerly waiting for the service to start on Tuesday afternoon. The children spoke clearly and every word could be heard. The singing was joyous and the band and choir were amazing! Thank you to Mrs Mathews and all the staff members who made this service possible. It really is such a poignant time of the year. The Christingle procession, prepared by Year Six, Mrs Dunn and Mrs Squires and Mrs Bowles, set the scene serenely. The service climaxed with a surprise staff song which was sung with gusto and happiness! Well done to all those who were brave enough to

join in and thank you Reverend Weldon for leading the service. It was a truly lovely service showcasing our many talents. Thank you for squeezing in to watch and share it with us.

Disco

The school discos were a huge success and Rob did a fantastic job to keep everyone bopping away. The behaviour of the children was exemplary! It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all. Sorry to the parents and carers who had to wait in the rain, but it all went smoothly and judging from the children's reactions will be something we will repeat.

Love of Reading Competition

We announced the winners of the competition set up by Mrs Ware. This initiative was introduced to encourage all of our children to read every day. The challenge was set and some of our children worked very hard to meet, and indeed exceed, the expectations to read at least once every day! Reading is crucial and remains our biggest challenge. We will still focus on this aspect of learning as it underpins all we do. I hope that books are at the tops of many of the Christmas wish lists, as we want this improvement in standards in our school to continue into the new year.

Well done to all the children who have participated in this challenge and are reading every day. The winners keenly followed the challenge by writing about the books they had particularly enjoyed. Congratulations to Ezmee (Y6), Jessica R (Y2) and highly commended Bertie (YR). A super effort! Lets keep reading.

FONTS

Bauble competition winners – Erin, Ned and Thea – Congratulations

A big thank you for taking part. It was great to see you hunting around the town even in the pouring rain!



Thank you to Merry Go Round for donating the prizes.

Monday 6.1.20	Non Pupil Day		
Tuesday 7.1.20	First day of the Spring Term		
Wednesday 8.1.20			
Thursday 9.1.20			
Friday 10.1.20			

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas

A huge thank you for your support this term. We have been so busy and the staff work so incredibly hard to make sure the children are reaching their potential in so many ways. It has been a very busy term for us and we have managed to pack in so much! I hope you all have a peaceful and relaxing time with your families and friends over the festive period. I look forward to seeing you all in 2020! Thank you, and I hope the visiting elves didn't cause too much disruption!

Mrs Underwood

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we arrive at the last (very soggy) day of the autumn term, I can look back and reflect on what has been a tremendously busy time in all of our Three Hares primary schools. With Three Hares topics and Global Goals topics completed, the children have had a rich variety of learning and enrichment opportunities, and I have been heartened by their feedback about their time in our schools.

A focus on the value of hope has been shared with our wider community through the Angels Exhibition in Exeter Cathedral. I have received some wonderful updates from Lisa Gordon, most recently, *"Your Angels have been the favourite of many visitors according to our feedback. What a great job you did between you – many people were really impressed and loved to read the children's individual messages of hope. I've just seen a host of middle age ladies having their photo taken with your angels... something for all ages!"* I hope you might find a moment to pop in and see the angels while they are still there, until 4th January when I will collect them again.

A host of nativity plays and church services have concluded the term which have been a delight and it has been fantastic to see so many parents, relations and friends of the schools joining us. The KS1 'Lights, Camel, Action' was a real highlight, thanks to the enthusiasm and encouragement of the staff in preparing the children for their performances. I can honestly say, it has been an absolute joy to have been welcomed so warmly into the three schools this term. The staff have worked tirelessly to provide an enriched curriculum and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their dedication this term. I feel very fortunate to be working with three schools where the overall behaviour of the children is so positive and friendly.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on the 7th January 2020, when we will begin a brand new topic which will focus on 'Heroes', with an accompanying value of 'courage', on the premise that most heroes would need to be courageous to have achieved the status of 'hero'.

On behalf of the staff and governors of the Three Hares primary schools, may I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

With best wishes,

Mrs Elizabeth Underwood
Executive Headteacher

