



## Newsletter 6

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Updates

It has been another very busy couple of weeks of learning, sport and fun. Our Key Stage 1 classes have been busy preparing for their Christmas plays. It has been so lovely to hear the sound of the youngest children singing filling the corridors - the audience members will certainly be in for a treat when they watch these fabulous plays.

We will be hosting a whole school **Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December** to raise money for Bristol Suicide Prevention. We have chosen this charity to tie-in with the Trust-wide fundraising efforts that Holyrood Academy are driving. This is because the school tragically lost an ex-student in July 2021 to suicide. Callum Quartley was 21 when he died and he left behind two siblings, as well as his Mum and Dad. Callum's two younger brothers attend Holyrood and the school have been working alongside them and their parents to provide support. Children will be encouraged to bring a Christmas jumper to wear for the day, and we will be asking for donations of £1 for the privilege. We will write again nearer the time with more information.

I would like to remind you all that it is the Uffculme **Lantern Parade tomorrow at 6:00pm** in the village. It promises to be a wonderful event, full of festive cheer! I would also like to say a big thank you to the team of TAs for organising the lantern making in preparation for this event.

### Diary Dates

DECEMBER		
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>		Christingle Weekend at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Year 2 afternoon performance
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner
	2:00pm	Year 1 afternoon performance
	5:30pm	Year 2 evening performance
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All day	A Christmas Carol Workshop
	5:30pm	Year 1 evening performance
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Reception production dress rehearsal (pupils only)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Reception afternoon performance (for parents)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Flu Immunisations
	3:30pm	KS2 Christmas Fayre (playground)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1:45pm	Carol Service (no parents)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of Autumn Term



### House Points

Culm  
**1605**

Otter  
**1534**

Exe  
**1419**

Lowman  
**1559**

## Notices

We have noticed that during bad weather, many parents are dropping their children off right outside the main gates on the yellow zig-zag markings. When this happens, traffic cannot flow properly and as a consequence, children and parents are having to weave in and out of cars which is incredibly dangerous. Please ensure you are not stopping on the zig-zag lines.

The number of children arriving late to school continues to rise. I would like to remind parents that children should arrive **no later than 8:50am**. At 8:50am, Key Stage 1 children and Year 3 are collected from the playground, and the other classes enter the school via the external front entrances. This is so that registers can be completed and so that children are sat down, ready to learn from 9:00am.

Please could parents be aware that some children are saying that they do not want the dinner that has been ordered for them. If you could ensure that you are ordering a choice that your child would like, that would be very helpful, as we do not always have enough to provide an alternative.

Please see below for a map and more information on the Christmas Angel Trail within the village.

## Reminder - Admission for Primary School Places for September 2022 go live on Monday

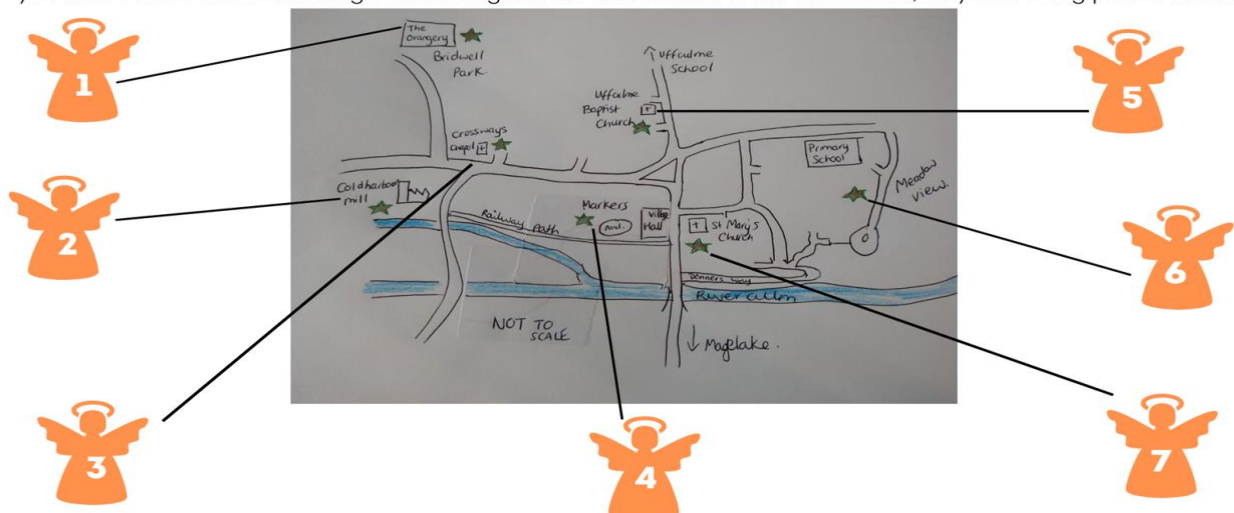
Applications for primary school places for 2021/2022 are co-ordinated by the School Admissions Team at Devon County Council. Devon schools offer admission to primary school as a single offer point if the child was born between 01.09.2017 and 31.08.2018. Parents are encouraged to make their application online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline). This window opens on **Monday and will close on the 15th January 2022**. If you cannot apply online, you will be able to apply using a hard copy of the common application form. If you require a hard copy of the application form, please contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 from Monday. Please note that it will not be possible to make an application by email.

The deadline for primary school places for 2022/2023 is 15th January 2022 and unfortunately applying late could mean that your child does not get a place at your preferred school.

# CHRISTMAS ANGELS

A WALKING TRAIL THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS STORY

This December we will be creating a trail of large wooden angels around the village, each angel helps to tell part of the Christmas story. You can follow the trail in one go or do it over different days, the choice is yours. How many angels can you find? Please follow current government guidance and be kind to our characters, they love being part of selfies!



Find us on facebook and share your photos with us@squarecorneruffculme or @stmarysuffculme  
"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10

### **Sporting success**

A very big well done to all those who represented the school at the East Devon Cross Country Finals event at Bicton. All runners in each year group accumulated points for the team score. They did incredibly well and managed to come in the following positions:

**Year 3/4 Boys: 5th out of 14 Schools**

**Year 3/4 Girls : 4th out of 14 Schools**

**Year 5/6 Boys: 4th out of 14 Schools**

**Year 5/6 Girls: 4th out of 14 Schools**

Please see each individual results below which we out of approximately 75 runners per race:

<b>Year 3/4 Boys</b>	Freddie H 7th	Lucas C 21st	Harry S 28th	Eddie M 29th	Olaf K 45th	Arthur T 48th
<b>Year 3/4 Girls</b>	Jess S 7th	Rose G 9th	Josie F 27th	Lizzie R-E 33rd	Eliza W 44th	Jess C 47th
<b>Year 5/6 Boys</b>	Freddie S 14th	Connor P 15th	Luke M 33rd	Louis T 35th	Alfie C 43rd	Jack B 62nd
<b>Year 5/6 Girls</b>	Alyssia H 7th	Beth S 13th	Katie L 26th	Emily M 28th	Phoebe E 37th	Mia B 44th



Yours sincerely,  
*Fraser Wallace*  
HEADTEACHER