

# Axbridge Church of England First School Academy



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## NEWSLETTER – January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term! I hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas break. Thank you for supporting our Christmas events last term, we thoroughly enjoyed them and the children were superb in their performances! May I also pass on our thanks for the lovely gifts and cards we received at the end of term, it is always much appreciated.

### Staff Updates

It is with regret I inform you that Mrs Ingarfill has taken early retirement. Mrs Ingarfill has been at the school for 22 years and will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best for a healthy and happy retirement and thank her for her time at Axbridge.

Miss Marsh will be working in Pine Class this term supporting Miss Dunmall. Mrs Bush will be based predominantly in Willow Class, but will continue to support Pine Class each week for P.E., Forest School, Music and Phonics sessions.

Mrs Burnett will be teaching in Willow Class every Thursday.

### PTA

I would like to thank the PTA for the amazing total they raised at the Christmas Fair. We are extremely grateful that the funds raised have gone to purchasing Chromebooks for the school. I also wish to thank you, parents and carers, for your support at all the fundraising events the PTA organises.

### School Dinners

Aspens will be celebrating Burns Night with a special themed menu, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please check the Aspens site for more information and to book your meal.

### Whole School Curriculum Topic

This Spring Term our Whole School Topic will be 'Terrific Tales', where we will be exploring the different versions of Jack and the Beanstalk, as well fairy tales, traditional tales and myths and legends. As always, this forms part of our 'Creative Curriculum', which takes individual subjects and makes authentic connections through various learning strands. Our Christian Values this term are Forgiveness and Hope and we will be using both biblical and secular stories to explore these values further.

### General Updates

**Parent Pay** – this week you will have received a letter about Parent Pay. As we transition into a 'cashless' school, Parent Pay will now be used for payments for all school trips (including swimming and residential). If you have any problems registering, please come to the school office.

**Burglary** – unfortunately there was an attempted burglary over the holidays, but luckily nothing was stolen and no serious damage was done. The police are currently investigating and if anyone thinks they may have important information which may be useful to the case, then please come and see the office staff.

I look forward to another successful term and many thanks for your continued support. Please see the terms dates overleaf.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Richardson  
Headteacher

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**Forgiveness and Hope**

## ***Dates for the Diary***

### ***Dates for January***

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

9am – Church service – everyone is welcome to attend

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Clubs begin this week!

#### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

4:15 to 5:15pm – Gymnastics Festival @ Hugh Sexeys

*and*

7:30pm – PTA meeting @ The Lamb

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

1:15am – Robin Hood – theatre performance in the hall for the whole school

### ***Dates for February***

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Tim is in school to lead our service

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

KS2 Parents Evening/Day appointments  
9 to 12pm – Year 4 and 1:15 to 3pm – Year 3

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

4 to 7pm – Parents Evening

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

4 to 7pm – Parents Evening

***School closes for Half term on Friday  
15<sup>th</sup> February at 3:20pm***

***We return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February***

#### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

1pm – Cricket Taster Session for KS1

### ***Dates for March***

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Book Fair Week

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

1pm – Cricket Taster Session for KS1

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:15am – Year 4 to watch Year 5 play @ Fairlands

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

9 to 3pm – Year 4 Pilgrimage to Wells Cathedral

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

4:15 to 5:15pm – Netball Festival @ Hugh Sexeys

#### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**

10am – Mothers Day Church Service

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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL**

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Lorna Richardson

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mr Dominic Shillabeer