



First Federation Trust



Mrs Ethelston's
CE Primary Academy

Deep Christian roots, Nurturing strong growth, Flourishing children

Autumn Term 2024-2025

Issue 15

Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter concludes the first term of this academic year and it is hard to believe where the time has gone. The past few weeks have been incredibly busy at school, but when we all see how much the children enjoy these extra experiences it reminds us of the value in the wider curriculum and the memories that have been made.

We enjoyed our Christmas lunch on Thursday where the classes were able to join together in the hall and share a special festive lunch. As we don't have a school hall, this is a really lovely opportunity for our children and the adults that work alongside them, to sit together and enjoy lunch. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made this possible.

Last night, we hosted our annual Carols by Candlelight service in the church. The choir made me incredibly proud with their confident performance of the carols and this was made extra special by a small group of brave children singing solo parts. A huge thank you to Laura for accompanying the children and providing them with the opportunity of singing with a live musician. The church looked spectacular with the candles - a huge thank you to the PTFA for supporting this event.

We concluded the week with one final Christmas service in church with the whole school. It was very special to share a different service and the children spoke with confidence and sang beautifully again. Thank you to Miss Stapleforth for coordinating this service.

Our final festive event is at 3pm on the playground today as we join together to sing carols around the Christmas tree led by Irve.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Jory-Kellaway as she embarks on a very exciting new chapter and we are already looking forward to her popping in to see us soon. We are also excited to welcome Miss Faloon who will be joining our teaching team and covering the Year 2 class. Miss Smith and Miss Stapleforth will be sharing the senior teacher role and we are also welcoming Ms Unwin who will be working with our children in the after school wraparound care.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 6th January**.

Wishing you all the most magical and joyous festive season with your loved ones.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Allington



Our Core Value this half term is

PEACE



Whole School Attendance This Week:

93%

The class with the best attendance is **HERONS' with 97.5%**

CHURCH NEWS



Uplyme Church

Everyone is welcome!

Children - do come dressed as a Nativity Character or borrow some of our costumes on the day.

Uplyme Village Hall

3pm 24 Dec 2024

The Littlest Angel Nativity

www.uplymechurch.org.uk



Thought for the week

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE
FILL YOU WITH
ALL JOY AND PEACE.

ROMANS 15:13

