



# WEEKLY FOCUS

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## "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

Dear Parents



We have come to the end of a very long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest.

The prospect of Christmas,

cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold weather of the season. I am sure that you would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff and governors at Calmore Junior School for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the children of the school during the year.

On behalf of everybody at Calmore Junior School, we wish you, your family and the children a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Our new term begins on Thursday 4th January and we look forward to seeing our children return refreshed and eager to learn in the new calendar year.

### Christmas Assembly

We hope to see lots of you at our Christmas Assembly at Testwood Baptist Church at 10.00 tomorrow. If you are able to walk to the church, we really need your help. The choir/narrators/musicians leave at 8.50 and the other children will be leaving at 9.30. The musicians will play at around 9.45 prior to the assembly starting.

### AFC Totton



On Saturday, players from the School football teams were special guests at AFC Totton's home fixture against Bishop's Cleeve. As part of the community day

that saw free entry for everyone, the pupils were given VIP access to the changing rooms and physio's room before leading the teams out onto the pitch, lining up in front of the bumper 388 crowd!

### Christmas Sing Off



On Monday, our year 3 children went to sing with the Infant children. They took it in turns to sing songs from their Christmas shows. It was delightful to listen to them all sing so beautifully.



to our older generation.

Yesterday, 40 children from our choir went to AFC Totton to sing to the old people from the local community. They sang beautifully and behaved perfectly. Well done children. I am sure you brought joy and happiness



### Brainteaser

**Last week's solution:** The engineer is the boy's mother.

**This week's teaser:** Why did they let the turkey join the band?

**Lisa Marshall – Headteacher**



## Assembly news

The following children were awarded

### Head Teacher's Awards

Year 3: **Alfie & Kieran**

Year 4: **Noah & Kezia**

Year 5: **Faith & Thea**

Year 6: **Bethany & Jack**

### B.E.S.T Awards

Year 3: **Lexie & Ellie**

Year 4: **Liam & Lily-Grace**

Year 5: **Eleanor & Grace**

Year 6: **Chelsea & Ruby**

*Well done to you all keep up the good work!*

### Maths Stars

Year 3: **Tegan & Grace-May**

Year 4: **Lydia-Jane & Noah**

Year 5: **Lillie & Grace**

Year 6: **Warren & Georgia**

*Well Done!*

Children receive these awards for outstanding and on-going effort, good work and attitude.

Congratulations!

### IT'S COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL!

**LAST WEEKS CLASS**

**ATTENDANCE WINNERS WERE:**

**Walliams Class @ 99%**

*Well done and keep up the good attendance!*

**Congratulations to the following children for 100% attendance in the Autumn Term.**

Jack, Callum, Bryn, George, Risa, Maisy, Damien, Elijah, Oliver, Lexie, Max, Katrina, Aimee-Leigh, Jordan, Isobel, Isabelle, Lily, Emilia, Ben, Jamie, Verity, Finlee, Poppy, Grace-May, Imogen, Emelia, Harry, Kezia, Finn, Daniel, Grace, Lewis, Luke, Noah, Macey, Kiera, Scarlett, Taylor, Noah, Gadiel, Jacob, Jack, Lucy, Kyle, Caitlin, Liam, Oliver, Kelsey, Amelia, Lincoln, Jack, Ryan, Brooke, Aimee, Katherine, Jessica, Ben, Nero, Millie, Martyna, Harry, Jehosaphat, Jayden, Fay, Tegan, Charlie, Matthew, Harvey, Edward, Imogen, Zac, Daniel, Jake, Jamie, Georgia, Kaci, Ruby, Kera, Lyla, Taylan, Pola, Matthew, Jessica & Elisha.

**Congratulations to the following children on their Reading awards:**

**Bronze:**

Chloe, Ethan, Erin, Gadiel, Lucy, Lydia, Ollie, Nathan, Jake & Ollie.

**Our Learning**

**Year 3** Where has the time gone? It's the final countdown to Christmas! After a very busy term, the children have been working hard on publishing their last pieces for English. We have been writing out our Tankas and adding them to our Christmas cards, to give them the extra special Christmas touch! With this, we have been focusing on presentation and handwriting and taking pride in our work. We are all very proud of our final pieces!

In Maths, we have continued with time - looking at quarter past, quarter to, telling the time to 5 minutes and for others, moving onto the 12-hour digital format. Everyone has worked so hard on time and we are really impressed.

**To help at home over Christmas**, please make sure you are reading with your child and to keep practising telling the time. We will revisit the time again, later in the year.

**Year 4** This week, we have been learning about a type of Japanese poetry: haikus. Haikus are beautiful poems which consist of only three lines - the first with five syllables, the second with seven syllables and the third with five syllables. We loved writing our own Haikus to describe the winter and there are some beautiful examples soon to be posted on our blog! In

Maths, we have been learning about coordinates by plotting Christmas shapes on a coordinate grid.

**You can help your child at home over Christmas by:** playing times tables games to practise those tables; writing some Christmassy Haikus and thinking about places and things which rely on electricity to work ready for our topic next term, Light It Up!

**Year 5** This week, in literacy, we have been using figurative language to write our own poems about the moon. In maths, we have been learning to calculate the area of rectangles and solving different problems. In topic, we have been learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukah and learning about the importance of different symbols in different religions.

After Christmas, our new topic will be a Geography based topic called 'Home or Away?' where the children will learn about the human and physical geography of Paris and make comparisons with Totton. **You can help your child at home for this topic by:** finding out about the different continents in the world, the different countries and learn about the capital cities of the countries in Europe.

**Year 6** The last week is nearly over and so we've reached Christmas - a third of the way through Year 6! This week we've done a few assessments and although they're not much fun, it's been very satisfying to see how much we've improved. Mr Darch and Miss Dunbar are very proud of us and say that we've made an excellent start to the year. We can make even greater progress by practising our tables and number bonds at home so that we have an instant recall of these facts. We have been designing and making our moving vehicles in DT and using our knowledge of circuits to add power and lights. Next term we shall be starting a unit of work looking at evolution.

**This week you can help your child at home by:** finding a family photo that can be brought into school so that we can look at inherited characteristics - so gather round the Christmas table and smile for the camera!



**St Annes Church Calmore**  
**Christmas Eve Crib Service at 3pm.**  
**Please come and join us if you can.**  
Children can dress as an Angel or a Shepherd of a King!

**Prompts & Reminders**

**Dinner money**

Please send in dinner money with your child in a named purse or envelope. From now on if money is bought into the office, change **will not** be given immediately as it is causing too many queues at the office. We bank on a daily basis so please make sure payment is made if your child is having a dinner.

**Early office closure**

The school office will close at 3.10pm on Thursday 21 Dec. Please come in before 3pm if you need to speak to us.

**YR 5 LEESON HOUSE**

Medical and consent forms came home last week. Please complete and return to school asap. We need to send all the details to Leeson House as soon as we can.

**AFC TOTTON**

Winners of the season ticket this week are: James Barnett, Oliver Turvey & Jack Green. Please pop into the office to collect the ticket.

**Karate**

Before school club restarts on Thursday 11 January

**Football & Dance (Fridays Club)**

Both clubs are owed a credit (from Christmas Fayre day) this credit session will be offered on the first Friday back – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January. (New term - club letters will go home in the New Year for a start on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - new members are welcome from this date).

**MENU CHANGE TOMORROW**

Thursday 21 December.

**Red: Fish and Chips**

**Blue is still Vegetable Goujon.**

**1<sup>st</sup> DAY BACK ROCK CHALLENGE**


**REHEARSALS THURS 4 JAN 2018!**

Jason, Argonauts, Kings, Guards and BS.

**Tag Rugby club**

Starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January after Christmas. If your child would like to come along please pop into the office and pick up a letter.

**And Finally Have a safe and happy Christmas! We look forward to seeing you all in 2018 :-)**

<b><u>Dates for your Diary</u></b> 	
2018 Inset Days: 15/1, 9/2, & 23/7 *****	
Testwood Baptist Christmas concert 10am	Thurs 21 Dec
Break up for Christmas	Thurs 21 Dec
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Start of Spring Term 2018	Thurs 4 Jan
E safety drop in session 3-4pm	Mon 8 Jan
Karate starts again	Thurs 11 Jan
Final Leeson House meeting 3.15pm	Thurs 11 Jan
Inset Day	Mon 15 Jan
E safety drop in session 3-4pm	Mon 22 Jan
Leeson House residential Yr 5	31Jan- Fri 2 Feb
Bag pack at ASDA Rock challenge	Sat 3 Feb 2018
Parents evening	Tues 6 Feb
Parents evening	Wed 7 Feb
Non-uniform day	Thurs 8 Feb
School Disco	Thurs 8 Feb
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Rock Challenge Rehearsal 8.30 – 3.30pm (Half term)	Thurs 15 Feb
Rock Challenge show 6pm	Thurs 22 Feb
M & M Theatre production	Wed 28 Feb
Testwood Baptist Easter concert 10am	Thurs 29 March
World Book Day	Thurs 1 Mar
Book Fayre in school	Thurs 1 – 8 Mar
Non-uniform day	Wed 28 March
Rock Challenge Final	Wed 25 April
Class photos and Yr 6 individuals	Fri 4 May
Sports Day 9.30am	Thurs 24 May
SATS Yr 6	Week 14-18 May
Year 6 at Tile Barn	Mon 4- Fri 8 Jun