



## NEWSLETTER

### What have we been up to?

This term the **Foundation Stage children** have worked hard in promoting all areas of their development, to support their learning. In PE, the children have worked on their spatial awareness, balance, and coordination. In RE, they have enjoyed learning about, retelling, and performing The Christmas Story. They all worked so hard in producing two wonderful nativity performances, we are very proud of them all! The children have continued to build on their knowledge of numbers in mathematics and are enjoying exploring writing through a variety of different media.

**Year 1 and 2** classes have enjoyed learning all about The Great Fire Of London this half term. They were amazing at remembering facts! They ended their learning by rotating around the KS1 classrooms and completing different art and craft activities linked to The Great Fire Of London. There were some lovely Tudor houses and London silhouettes. They linked this with learning about fire safety and how to stay safe around fire. We ended the term with an amazing Nativity! The children loved acting and singing! We can't wait to dive into our Geography topic next term. Our topic is called What's On The Menu? We will be comparing Mexico to the UK.

This half term **years 3 and 4** have been studying The Tudors - focusing on the Tudor Monarchs and the wives of Henry VIII. The children chose their own area of interest and used ICT to research this area and then published their research in their own words using Google.Docs. Both year groups explored Tudors in our local area by becoming historical detectives and following a Tudor Trail around Somerton, discovering more about the past of the area we live in.

**Upper Key Stage 2** children have loved discovering more about Tudor England and the royal family history. They know lots of facts about those times. We have explored the Tudor history of Somerton and its buildings on a special trail. We have been working on stories and improving our description in English and are currently using devices and Lego to create a micro:bit unit which can be used to monitor temperatures in an animal cage.

### Christmas Celebrations

We have had a great time in school this last two weeks celebrating Christmas. Thank you to those of you who came along to our EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances and the KS2 Carol Concert.

I am sure you will all agree that the children performed brilliantly whether they were singing, acting or performing bible readings.



From all of us here at  
King Ina, we wish you  
all a very  
**Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!**



## Information Session for Parents, Carers and School Staff

### Online Safety & Social Media

with Amy Brittan, SCC Education Technology Advisor

**Date:** Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Time:** Starting at 6:30pm with an estimated end time of 8pm

**Venue:** Online session

We are pleased to be able to offer this session again this year. Parents, carers, governors and school staff will all find it useful. Please book your place online.

New technologies inspire children to be creative, communicate and learn. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe? This session will provide parents/guardians/carers with information to support their children to enjoy technology safely and responsibly. You will have the opportunity to think about what you want to do to protect your family and to equip them for their future.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/m67HLzdtMsqgMa1r5>

### Behaviour Management Techniques

with Family Solutions Somerset

**Date:** Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

**Time:** Starting at 4:30pm with an estimated end time of 6pm

**Venue:** Room H1, Huish Sixth Form building, Huish Episcopi Academy, Langport, TA10 9SS

Please book your place online. **A whistle stop tour of some parenting techniques and strategies to use with your children aged 2-18.**

We will be looking at the following principles that underpin all areas of parenting (and relationships) whatever the age.

Emotion Coaching, being able to label our emotions- CBT/Behaviour Curve

Showing empathy not sympathy

Attention – children will seek any kind of attention – good or bad

Ignoring behaviours we want to see less of

Specific praise... labelled

Social Learning Theory – new behaviours can be learnt by observing and imitating others (bandura)

Use of rewards – after the event (bribes come before), smart and cheap

The session will be fully collaborative, and we will be open to conversations and listening to your own techniques which have been successful.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/qAsCbfBR3qpqWRq29>

## Staff Fundraiser

A group of staff descended Cheddar Gorge at an abseil on Saturday 3rd December dressed as Santa to raise money for St. Margaret's Hospice. This is a charity that is important to many of us, not least of all because St. Margaret's Hospice cared for Mrs Hampson, who as you will know, sadly passed away at the start of term. We would all like to thank you so much for your support for this charity event.



So far, we have raised £2346.00 (and 20p!) for St Margaret's Hospice as a team and over £22,000 was raised overall on the day!

## Message from Mrs Svenson

I wanted to thank everyone for their kind words and good luck wishes that

I have received for the imminent arrival of my baby!

In due course I will visit the children with my baby and I look forward to working with them again later in the year, when I return to school.

It is a true privilege to be the Headteacher of such a fantastic school, with such wonderful staff, children and parents and thank you all for your support.

**We raised £361.18 for Children in Need this year by having a home clothes day.**

