



Brent Knoll Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 13th December 2024



Whether you are two or ten, a school trip is usually the highlight of any week, or term.

Last week, pre-school went out to Cadbury's and enjoyed a hot chocolate whilst Pippin Class went over to the Mendip Centre for an exciting morning of tobogganing (photos left/below). Meanwhile, Camelot Class took up an invitation from local businessman, Richard Bigwood, to visit him on his farm in Brean. The children learnt about the rewards of farming as well as the challenges now facing the industry, before taking time to enjoy a breezy beach. Thank you to everyone involved in making these trips so successful.



Save the Children.

Our Christingle service at St. Michael's is next Wednesday, at 6.30pm. All the members of Key Stage 2 have been busy rehearsing songs, and it would therefore be lovely to see all of them and all our families in church for this festive event.



Following a recent parent survey, which has resulted in the school receiving a new grant from Somerset Council, we are able to extend our wraparound hours by 15 minutes at the start and the end of the day from January. **This means Breakfast Club will begin at 7.45am, and the after-school wraparound can continue until 5.15pm.** Details on how to apply for a wraparound place will be sent out next week. Other good news is that many of our after-school clubs will now start in Week 1 of the new term. Next term, we will have the regular clubs plus gardening and cookery. Details to follow next week.



To help keep children safe online at Christmas, please see:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



The children of Vallis and Kingston classes had a great day out on Wednesday this week, visiting the sights of Bristol. The trip was part of their current Geography topic on comparing the human and physical features of Bristol, Venice and New York. The children spent time at the M-Shed museum (which is free, so a great place for a holiday visit) and then toured the docks, cathedral and other sights of interest (photos right). Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the trip, without whose help events such as this would be very hard to put on.



The children looked terrific for Festive Wear Day, and the donations to **Save the Children** are really appreciated. Altogether the school raised £85.00 for the charity. The day ended, of course, with a trip to the circus, which I hope everyone enjoyed. The trip had been arranged as a whole school reward for the children having worked so hard to earn tokens this term for their **Love of Learning, Respect, Partnership and Faith**. Well done to all, and a big thank you to Julio, the circus owner, and Mr Hollands (of Vantech, Highbridge) for organising.