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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Newsletter No 37

Y5 Pixies Holt



I have just returned from a couple of days with Year 5. It was fantastic! By the time I arrived they had already accomplished so many team building and outside activities. I was lucky enough to join them for weazling and scrambling across the tors - it was fabulous to see the children supporting and encouraging each other as they pushed themselves out of their comfort zones to climb or wiggle between the granite rocks.

I would also like to thank the staff who accompanied the children on this trip, as without their generosity, giving up their free time and time with their own families, this residential could not have happened.

Life Education Bus

For two days this week, the Life Educational Bus delivered sessions with each class. During the debrief, their staff congratulated the children on their emotional maturity and critical thinking. They were also impressed with the children's discussion skills too. The children have brought home a letter today about their visit to the bus.

Class Swap Day/Reports

On Wednesday 11th we have our class swap day so children will spend part of the day with their teacher for next year. Please look out for the staffing letter also attached to this newsletter. Reports will come home on Tuesday 10th July in envelopes – we hope you like the change of format with your child's voice included.

Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

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Theatre Visit

In celebration of such a successful term I am delighted to tell you we have arranged for a theatre company to visit the school to put on a performance of Charlotte's Webb for the whole school. We are only asking for a £1 donation per child, please contribute via parentpay. Letters have come home today.

KS1 Sports Day On Wednesday we had KS1 Sports Day. It was lovely to see all the younger children trying their best and running their fastest during the Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day. Although the rain shortened the morning, it was wonderful to see everyone working together and celebrating success. This did not dampen the children's or parents spirits. Well done to all the children the results are as follows Langdon forth, Joslin third, Brewer second and Stonham first.



Hula Hooping

Here are photos of the whole school hula hooping last week! Thanks to everyone who supported this event by paying a contribution on parentpay, the payment item is still on parentpay for anyone else wanting to pay.



Safeguarding

Fostering in Somerset - Make a child feel like they belong

Foster carers are needed in Somerset right now, to offer children stable, nurturing homes. Foster carers make a real difference to children's lives. They help them through tough times and give them the support they need to achieve their potential.

There are nearly 500 children in care who need safe and stable homes. Could you offer a child that foster home? Somerset offer you a competitive fee, great training, support and extra rewards.

What do I need to be a foster carer?

The enthusiasm to help turn a child or young person's life around

A spare room

You must be over 21, but there's no upper age limit

Whether you're single, what gender or sexual orientation you are doesn't matter

Call 0800 587 9900, visit www.fosteradoptsomerset.org.uk or come to an information evening:

www.fosteradoptsomerset.org.uk/events.

'Fostering in Somerset' is a not for profit service, so our marketing budgets are small, in order for more council resources to go towards helping children.

Y6 - Letters are attached from Mrs Webb with information for Y6 show tickets, costumes, sex and relationships education and leaving events.

Y3456 Author Visit

The author Tamsin Cooke will be visiting on Monday with her latest book, *Stunt Double: Jungle Curse*. A signed copy will be available to buy on the day for £6.99, please send in cash in an envelope if your child would like a copy.

Attendance

This week's Class Attendance winners are Y4 again with 96%!

Class	Percentage Attendance %	No of Lates
Reception	90.33	0
Year 1	95.52	2
Year 2	93.21	6
Year 3	95.16	3
Year 4	96.00	0
Year 5	95.31	0
Year 6	95.31	2

Y5 - Last Week's Attendance Winners were Y5 – no photo as they were at Pixies Holt!

Behaviour for Learning Celebration –The following pupils received certificates in today's assembly to celebrate their excellent behaviour towards learning: R:Oscar & Oliver, Y1: Phoebe & Archie, Y2: Fern & Julia & Demisha, Y3: Ned, Y4: All of Y4 for stepping up to the challenge of supporting Sports Day, Y5: All of Y5 for great work at Pixies Holt, Y6: Riley, George, Saffron & Kayla. Well done everyone!

Platinum Bag winners this week are: Y3: Nikita.

Top Table: Knife and fork award winners this week were: Reception- Dylan & Harrison; Y1 – Josh H & Loren, Y2 – David.



House Points: The whole school results are listed below.

Houses	This week	Total
Brewer	160	625
Joslin	108	514
Langdon	103	603
Stonham	116	490

Bikeability September Y6 (current Y5)

We are holding Bikeability for the new Y 6 pupils at the start of the Autumn term on 10, 11, 12, 13th September. We only have 24 spaces available. Pupils must be able to ride and control a bicycle, have a bike and helmet to take part in the course. Please sign your child up in the office if you would like them to have this great opportunity. Bikeability is a two day course aimed to inform children about road safety and teach children how to cycle safely on the road.

Day One of the course consists of a road safety talk and cycling activities (such as how to perform a bike check and signaling) performed on the school's playground. *If your child is considered safe by our instructor(s) to cycle supervised on the road, your child will then be invited to take part on Day Two of the course.* Day Two involves on-road cycling and how to carry out maneuvers (such as turning into a minor/major road and passing parked cars) safely.

Inter House Rounders

On Thursday we played Inter House Rounders for Y3 & 4. Brewer won by half a rounder! Stonham second by 5 1/2, in third place were Joslin and fourth Langdon.

Hot School Lunches

Reminder: The Autumn term lunch menu is now on parentpay for those children moving into Y1 & Y2 in September. Please make your selections **by Friday 13th July** or let the office know if you will be providing a packed lunch. KS2 children may also book hot meals and these are payable on parentpay. Everyone needs to ensure that they book for the whole term, skipping through the October half term.

Reminder: PAFOTS Bingo

Pafots are holding a Bingo at Tatworth Memorial Hall this evening, Friday 6 July. Doors open at 6.30pm. Eyes down at 7pm. Bar and hot dogs will be available, hope to see you there.

Mr Bulbeck's Holiday Club

Please find attached a flyer for Mr B's holiday club on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd August.

Unfortunately this week we have had a quite a bit of sickness in school, please remember the 48 hour rule – to keep children at home for 48 hours after the last episode when your child has been unwell.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart
Headteacher



Wednesday 11 th	2.15: Introduction Talk - Chard Hockey Club Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 12 th	2.00: Y3/4 Rounders V Manor Court (A) PT 3.45: Y3/4 Rounders V Manor Court (A) PT Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Monday 16 th	Y6 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 17 th	6.30pm: Y6 Performance
Wednesday 18 th	9.00: Y6 Gala Chard Pool (A) ST Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Wednesday 18 th	6.30pm: Y6 Performance
Friday 20 th	2.15pm: Whole School Theatre Production of Charlotte's Webb £1 donation 6.00pm: BBQ Y6 Leavers 6.30pm: KS2 Disco
Tuesday 24 th	Y6 Leavers Day 12.00pm: Parent/Student Rounders 2.15pm: Leavers Service 3.30pm: Parent Cream Tea (PAFOTS) Last day of term
Cake Days	July 20 th
PAFOTS Events	6.00pm: Friday 6 th July Bingo at Memorial Hall.

