



7th September 2018

Dear Parents, Carers & Children

No 1 Newsletter

We have had a lovely warm welcome back to school this week with the sun still shining on us. I want to say a special welcome to all our Reception children and families and new families that have joined us with older children further up the school. Everyone has settled very quickly which is fabulous. Please continue to see pop and see us if you have any questions or queries.

Class Newsletters and Meet the Teacher

Hopefully, you have all seen a copy of your child's class newsletter for this term. We will be having our Meet the Teacher meetings this coming Thursday 13th September at 3.45 pm and then again at 4.45 pm and again the following Monday 17th September where the teachers will be further explaining details about routines and this coming term along with details about the expectations for English and Maths for each year group. We know that in the past you have found these meetings useful and so hope you are able to come along to one of the sessions.

Learning Behaviours

We have launched the Learning Behaviours for each class for this academic year and the children now have a challenge to achieve 15 stickers each term, they should also achieve one sticker from each Learning Behaviour too. Jessica was the first child this year to receive a sticker and so is modelling the three metal stars that can be achieved: the bronze star for the first 15, silver for the second and gold for the third.



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Uniform

Hopefully everyone has now received their ordered uniform and there will be another order sent this coming Friday. Please be aware that we do not keep stock of polo shirts, cardigans and PE t-shirts and so these need to be ordered by Friday 14th on Parent Pay.

Watches & Phones

With increased technology we have seen an increase in mobile phones and smart watches in school. Although we appreciate there may be a need to have these occasionally for after school activities, we will ask for them to be dropped to the office or class teacher for safe keeping.

Reading Challenge

It's great to hear that some children took part in the national library reading challenge this summer and we look forward to receiving the certificates from Chard Library once it is officially finished. Year 4 had its own summer reading challenge and congratulations to all the children that took part and special congratulations to Harry as he read over 3000 pages!

Pupil Premium Applications

Please look out for the pupil premium letter sent out as a paper copy today. For those families who receive pupil premium, the offer this year is a free PE T- shirt, 10 sessions of Stay & Play (session 1) , one club for £1 and half price educational day trips. Please let the office know if you would like to take advantage of your free PE T-shirt. Other benefits will be added to parentpay next week. We would like all parents to return the form please and will be chasing up non returns.

Feedback from End of Year Reports

Overall, the change to the new report format seems to have been successful for most families. There were lots of positive comments about including the child's voice and the introduction of the picture, which as your child moves through school will hopefully show their artistic development!

Some families found the attendance sheet and letter useful, whilst others would have preferred that we sent these two items separately. We are bound by County to highlight your child's attendance, but we do understand that it could detract from the importance of the End of Year Report and so am happy to send this information separately.

Some parents raised concerns that they had not been told that their child was starting to fall behind, or if their child's attitude could be more positive, and that maybe reading this on the report was too late. We endeavour to always discuss difficulties or changes we see in your child at the earliest opportunity. Please be aware that you are able to discuss your child's progress and attainment at any point in the year and arrange to see the class teacher at a mutually convenient time.

There was also feedback that parents were unaware of the progress and attainment of their children in subjects other than Maths and English. As part of our school action plan this year, we are looking at assessments to mark progress and attainment in other subjects as well as areas each child needs to focus on. Hopefully the reports will start to show this from Summer 2019.

SEND Forum

Last term I advertised a couple of dates to us to meet up and discuss how we could better support our children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. For this academic year I would very much like to create a working group or have a series of meetings where we can discuss and develop procedures and raise awareness to better support these children. I will therefore be inviting all parents with children on the SEND register to an informal meeting to hear from your experiences how we can change how we work to support our children to succeed. This is not an exclusive gathering; it would be fabulous if other members of our community would like to attend this group too. Our first meeting is planned for Monday 1st October at 2.15pm. I hope to see many of you there.



School Council

In celebration assembly next Friday I will be awarding the new school council representatives with their badges, so if your child is interested in becoming a school councillor, they will need to prepare their speeches this weekend.

Behaviour for Learning Celebration

The following pupils received certificates in today's assembly to celebrate their excellent behaviour towards learning: Y1: Kai G & Harriet, Y2: Erin & Josh T, Y3: Jessica & Lewis, Y4: Nikita & Bruce, Y5: George & Rose Y6: Summer & Caitlin. Well done everyone!

Attendance This week's Class Attendance winners are Y4 with 100% – **Well done!**

Class	Percentage Attendance %	Number of Lates
Reception	94.664	0
Year 1	96.67	0
Year 2	96.55	2
Year 3	94.29	0
Year 4	100	0
Year 5	95.00	0
Year 6	96.88	1

Bikeability

Please find below the groups of Y6 students taking part in the Bikeability course:

Group A: Monday 10 th -Tuesday 11 th September	Group B: Wednesday 12 th -Thursday 13 th September
George	Liam R
Sidney	Josh
Aiden	Louis
Harry	Toby
Matilda	Emma
Harrison	Archie
Sophie	Sam
Megan	Bumble
Chloe	Lilly
Lola	Summer
Willow	Eve
C J	Drew

*** We still need help from parents for this activity to take place on Thursday 13th: 9-1pm & 2-3.30pm – 1 person.** Please let the office know if you can help. You will need to be able to ride a bike and have a cycle helmet! Our helpers grid is below:

Date	First	Second	Third	Lunch	Forth
Monday 12 th September	R Findlay	R Findlay	R Findlay		R Findlay
Tuesday 13 th September	E Bale Staff	E Bale Staff	E Bale Staff		E Bale R Morgan
Wednesday 14 th September	L Brown	L Brown	L Brown		L Brown Staff
Thursday 15 th September	* Mrs Rendall	* Mrs Rendall	* Mrs Rendall		Mrs Rex Staff



Clubs

All clubs except for Dance start next week, which will start on Tuesday 18th. Please give permission and make payments on parentpay as usual for children to take part in clubs; except for running club and singing club, which need a paper permission slip returned. These are available from the office or simply write a note/email and send in.

Calendar

The Autumn Term Calendar is attached which details fixtures, clubs and other important dates in the school term. Paper copies are available at the office.

Sports

Swimming: - Last term we were lucky enough to secure a swimming sessions with Flamingo Pool in Axminster. Year 5 will be starting on the 20.9.18 and will go swimming for 4 weeks; it will then be Y6, Y4 and Y3. Please give consent and make payment before the first session.

Kit: - Children in Years **5/6** will be expected to bring kit for Hockey and Football on a

Wednesday even if they have chosen Forest School. They will need their normal PE kit, shin pads, gum shield, long socks, football boots (if they have them) and trainers. If your child has a hockey stick and would like to bring it then that would be fantastic.

Children in Years **3/4** will be expected to bring kit for Hockey and Football on a **Thursday** even if they have chosen Forest School. They will need their normal PE kit, shin pads, gum Shield, long socks, football boots (if they have them) and trainers. If your child has a hockey stick and would like to bring it then that would be fantastic.

Photographs

Forward notice: The photographer is visiting for individual and sibling photos on Tuesday, 25th Sept 8.00 am: Preschool/siblings only. All other sibling groups will be taken during school.

Job Vacancy

Just so that you are aware, we are presently advertising for a School Finance Manager. The details are on the school website and the closing date is 21st September.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart
Headteacher



September

10.9.18-13.9.18	Bikeability Week
Wednesday 12 th	Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 13 th	Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 13 th & 17 th	3.45pm & 4.45pm: Two sessions: Y1-6: Meet the teacher
Tuesday 18 th	TBC: U11 Football V Others @ Holyrood (A) ST
Wednesday 19 th	2.10: Y5/6 Interhouse Cross Country
Thursday 20 th	10.30-12.30: Y5 Swimming @ Flamingo ST 2.10: Y3/4 Interhouse Cross Country
Tuesday 25 th Sept	8.00: Photographs: Preschool/siblings School. Other sibling groups during school
Wednesday 26 th	2.45-5.30: Y3456 Stockland X Country (A)ST Y5/6 Forest School
Thursday 27 th	10.30-12.30: Y5 Swimming @ Flamingo ST Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Friday 28 th Sept	3.30-4.30: Y5/6 Football V Coombe (H) 10.30-12.30: Macmillan Coffee Morning.

