



19th October 2018

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

No 7 Newsletter

What a fabulous week, full of celebrations and fingers crossed for tonight when we find out if we have been successful with **The Somerset PE and Sport Premium Award for 2018!** 😊

Tatworth Open Mic Night

We held our first Open Mic Night on Wednesday hosted by Miss Morton. It was open to any child, parent and teacher to sing or play a pre-rehearsed piece of music. The event was to help fundraise for the singing event at the SSE Arena, Wembley. Wow where to start? I was completely blown away with the talent shown by this super bunch from Reception all the way up to Y6. Congratulations to you all, myself and the staff had a really fantastic end to our school day on Wednesday and we could see that you enjoyed it too. This will be a great annual addition to our calendar. We are collecting any donations at the office. Thanks.



Stockland Cross Country

Another well done to all our cross country runners this week; see full report below.

Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop

If you have not yet signed up for one of the remaining workshops, it is still ok to let us know on Monday if you would like to attend. The date is: **Monday 22nd Oct 2:50pm-3:20pm**

Anyone who missed the Y3, 4 & 5 workshops are welcome to join the Y6 group this coming Monday.

Thank you for all those that have requested an evening workshop; this will take place later in the term and will cover calculation methods for Y3-6.

Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

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Sharing Assembly

On Tuesday 23rd October we have our first Sharing Day of this year for all classes except Reception this time. Parents and carers are welcome to come into school. We have slightly changed the order this term: Y3 are now in the morning's assembly. Y1, 2 & 3 from 12-1pm and Y4,5 & 6 from 2.15pm. In a similar routine to Sports Day, parents and carers will need to sign in at the office. After the assembly, please enjoy looking at the children's work in their classrooms and on the walls around the library. It will not be possible to see your child's work until all the assemblies have finished.

Harvest

Again this year our Harvest donations will go to The Lord's Larder and we ask parents/carers to bring these to the Sharing Assemblies. The Lord's Larder provides emergency food supplies for people in need. Please ensure that any food donated is non-perishable and is well within the sell-by-date, unopened and undamaged. See attached list of items that they would like donating.

Attendance

As a school we are continually looking at attendance. The national target is 96% we are currently at 96.33%. We need to ensure that we continue at this level as the term progresses. Attendance that falls below 90% is classed by the Department for Education as Persistent Absence. We are of course only at the start of the school year, so only one day's absence (two registration sessions) could drop attendance significantly. There may be many reasons for this, such as unauthorised term time leave, sickness, medical appointments, late arrivals etc. We do know it can be easy to lose track of how many days your child has been away over the year. So that we can help you, at the end of each half term we will let you know if your child's attendance has dropped below 96%. We will be posting letters home; we hope that you will find this useful. We wish to clarify that if a child incurs 10 or more unauthorised absences, including unauthorised lates (or where a period of unexplained absence is suspected to be unauthorised term time leave) in any 12 school week period, the school will request a Penalty Notice. For further details, please refer to our Attendance Policy which may be found on our website. As ever, if you have any questions about attendance during the year, do speak to me. Our Term Time Leave Policy in line with Government expectations, states that any request for term time leave of 10 sessions or more, with an attendance of less than 96% on return a Penalty Notice of £60 will be applied per parent / carer per child.

Parents Evening/Initial Assessments

From Monday you will be able to [sign up for parents evening appointment](#), which lasts for 10 minutes each, in the office reception area. Appointments are from 3.40pm through to 6.50pm on both Thursday 8th November and Monday 12th. Please help us to keep to the time slots or be prepared to make a follow-up appointment if necessary.

Next week, we will be sending home initial assessments about your child; these will give the standardised score from their initial starting data for their new year group. In Y1 this information will be a phonics screening score. Along with this will be an explanation of standardised score and an indicator of where your child should be at the end of the year. We hope you find this information useful and can then discuss it at parents evening. Reception children will not receive any initial data as they have only just started at school. In addition, we will be sending out a letter for any child on the RWI program which will explain their new group and its focusses.

Christmas/Winter Scene Project 2018

Children have been busy creating Christmas/Winter Scene designs in school. These can be printed on to various items, including Christmas cards for you to purchase. Order forms will be coming home after half term showing your child's personal design and the items you can order.



Y5

Year 5 have been teaching each other new skills this week, in preparation for writing instructions. This included football skills, chess, making pompoms and slime, and playing the ukulele and piano. They were very complimentary about one another's teaching skills, and enjoyed giving new things a go.



Y6 Fundraising for Post SATs Trip

After school on Monday 22nd & Wednesday 24th, Y6 will be fundraising towards their post SATs Trip selling choc/toffee apples for £1, please come along and support them. Donations of small eating apples would also be welcomed.

Cool Milk

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit www.coolmilk.com/register

Safeguarding & Wellbeing

Fortnite Battle Royal

I have attached to this newsletter a poster supporting parents and children's use on Fortnite Battle Royal.

School Meals

Remember that there will be no hot lunches in school next week of 22nd October week due to our provider kitchen being closed. All parents will need to provide a packed lunch.

Behaviour for Learning Celebration

The following pupils received certificates in today's assembly to celebrate their excellent behaviour towards learning: Y1: Finley & Grace, Y2: Frankie & Tyler W, Y3: Matilda, Y4: James & Summer, Y5: Jamie & Katie, Y6: Lily, Sam, George & Willow. Well done everyone!

Platinum Bag

The following children were celebrated in assembly this week for an excellent piece of work: Y1: Isabella, Y3: Florence and Y6: Bumble & Caitlin.

Top Table: Knife and fork award winners this week, were from Reception: Verity & William, Y1: Oliver J & Dexter, Y2: Jenson, Jacob & Edward.

House Point Totals

Stonham: 624, Brewer: 632, Joslin: 588, Langdon: 568.



Attendance

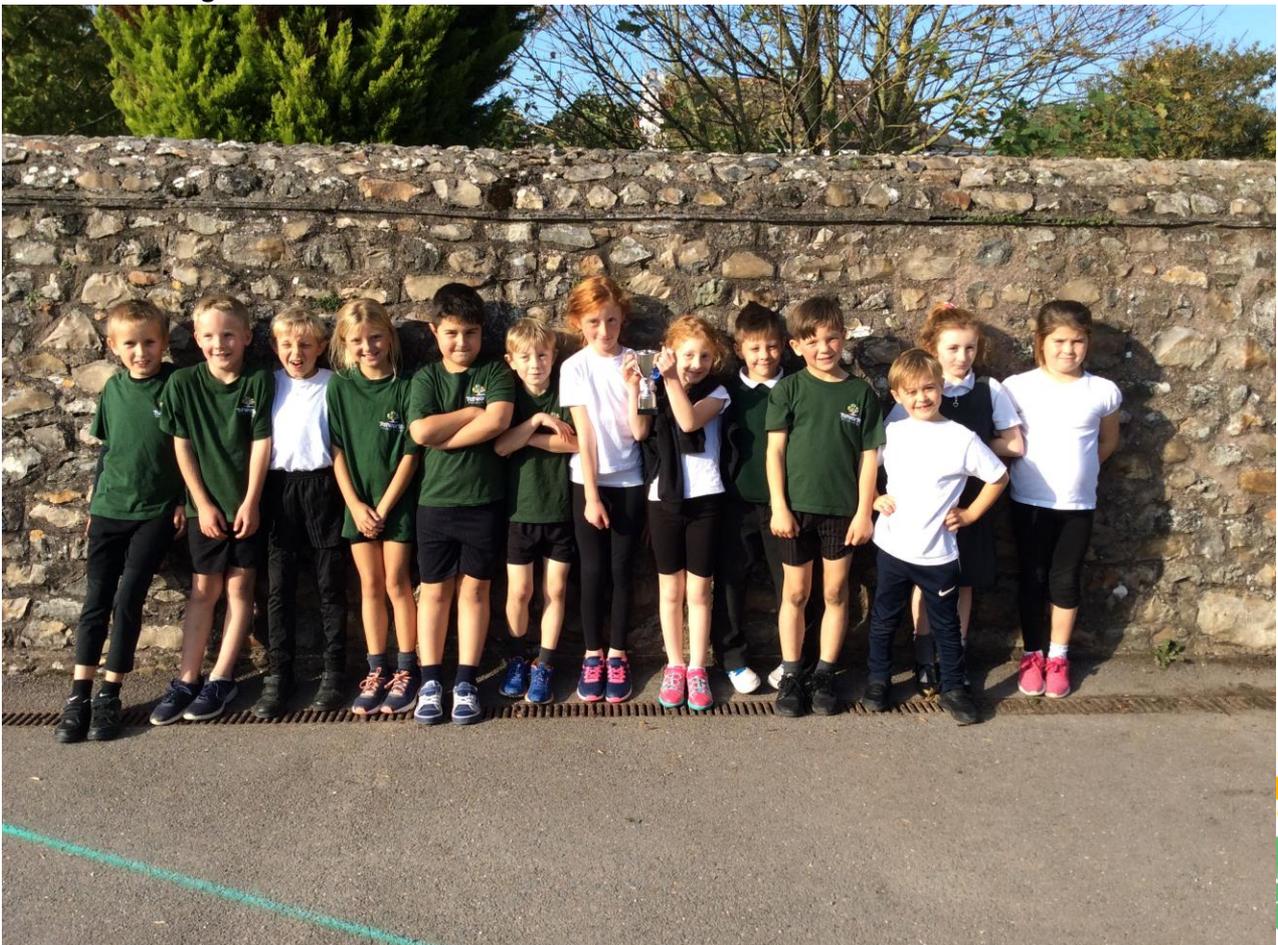
This week's Class Attendance winners are Y6 with 98.96% – **Well done!**

Class	Percentage Attendance %	Number of Lates
Reception	94.44	1
Year 1	94.07	1
Year 2	93.49	1
Year 3	95.83	4
Year 4	94.10	3
Year 5	97.78	0
Year 6	98.96	0



Last week's Attendance Winners Y3

Inter-house Dodgeball



Report by Amelia & Maisie: on Thursday we played inter-house dodgeball. We had a lot of fun and Brewer won.



Stockland X Country

Nikita's Report: On Wednesday 17th we went to Stockland Cross Country on a minibus. It was fun! First went the Y3/4 girls followed by Y3/4 boys, Y5/6 girls & Y5/6 boys. Let me tell you what we ran through: first we ran around a square two times, then we went through a gate around another field; after that we went on a road leading to a field of cowpats. Finally we went through a river and at the end of the river there was a massive bunch of mud. At the end of the race we all got a ticket. Sienna: 21, Nikita: 34 & Becky:34. After our hard work we had a drink and a cookie.

Ned's Report: We went to Stockland to race against nine other schools. We had lots of fun. The Y3/4 boys did really well. We were nearly all in the top 20.

Jamie's Report: On Wednesday we went to Stockland to take part in cross country. We had so much fun. Jamie came 26th, Sam 15th and Sid 30th.

Poppy's Report: On Wednesday 17th October we went to Stockland to take part in the cross country. It was extremely muddy round the course but that all added to the fun! In Year 6 Summer came 13th and Bumble came 10th. In Year 5 Poppy came 10th. We all ran a good race and we cannot wait for the next cross country at Holyrood.

Y34 Football V Manor Court

Reminder: We take the Y34 team to Manor Court for Football on Thursday 25th October, leaving at 3.30 and returning for 4.45pm. We need parents to help with transporting the children; please let us know if you can help (on the permission slips). The following children have been selected: Chris, Jack, Ned, Oliver, Jasper, Harry F, Harry M & Blake. A few permission slips are still outstanding.

Y56 Football V Avishayes

Reminder: We take the Y56 team to Avishayes for Football on Thursday 25th October, leaving at 3.30 and returning for 4.45pm. We need parents to help with transporting the children; please let us know if you can help (on the permission slips). The following children have been selected: Joseph B, George, Joseph G, George, Sam, Toby, Oliver, Josh & Cameron. A few permission slips are still outstanding.

Tatworth Light Party

I attach a little flyer for a party held at St John's Church on Wednesday 31st October as something alternative to Halloween. A party of light, it is just some fun and games to celebrate fun and joy.

Please see attached a poster from NHS CCG, for staff and parents should they wish to attend one of these sessions to help inform NHS moving forwards.

We break for half term on Thursday 25th as we have an inset day on Friday 26th.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart, Headteacher



W/C 22nd October

Meals: Remember that there will be no hot lunches in school this week due to our provider kitchen being closed, all parents will need to provide a packed lunch.

Monday 22nd

Tuesday 23rd Oct

Wednesday 24th

Thursday 25th

2.50: Y6 Maths Parent Workshop

Sharing Day: 12-1pm: Y1,2 & 3 2.15pm: Y456

2.10: Y5/6 Interhouse Football

10.30-12.30: Y6 Swimming @ Flamingo ST

2.00: Y3/4 Interhouse Football

3.30-5.00: Y56 Football V Avishayes (A) PT

3.30-5.00: Y34 Football V Manor Court (A) PT

Inset Day: Friday 26th Oct.

Half Term: Monday 29th Oct- Friday 2nd Nov.

Forward Dates: Thursday 8th

& Monday 12th Nov

Monday 26th Nov

Cake Days

3.40 – 6.50pm: Parents evenings – please sign up

2.15: SEND Forum

Cake Days at school on the last Friday of the month.

£1 donation for the year on parentpay – cake donations needed!

