



30th November 2018

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

No 12 Newsletter

We start this week with a thank you to Pafots and all the children who have contributed with their home-made decorations for our Christmas tree. It stands very proudly in the hall. Decoration winners were: Acorn: Benjamin & Amelia. Oak: Ruby B & Oscar, Beech: Monty, Willow: Lewis & Fern, Hawthorn: Rebekah, Hazel: Olivia, Yew: Summer for her amazing eco decoration! Thanks to PAFOTS for the super prizes.

KS2 Maths Workshops

This term we have held maths workshops for KS2 children and parents, and on Monday we held the evening workshop for any parents who were unable to attend during the day. Mrs Hewitson explained the calculation methods used throughout KS2, and the children used the maths apparatus to demonstrate how the methods work. Thank you to all parents and children who attended one of the five sessions; we hope you found them useful.



Hopefully this year you have managed to access the calculation methods for KS2 children through one of our focus sessions: during our Meet the Teacher meetings back in September; during parent evenings; during the KS2, year specific calculation workshop afternoons or finally during the Maths evening this Monday. If you still have any queries or questions regarding maths then please speak to your child's maths teacher and remember, when new methods are taught in lessons, KS2 teachers will continue to give examples of these on the back of homework sheets. Thanks.



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Wellington School Maths Challenge 2018

Congratulations to the Year 6 team who were one of the forty-five teams taking part in the Maths Challenge organised and hosted by Wellington School last Saturday. Archie, Bumble, Caitlin and Eve worked well together as a team to solve some very tricky maths questions and scored 19 out of 25, putting them in the top eight schools, so they should be very proud of their efforts.



The team have chosen one of the questions to set as a challenge for us all! Any children who hand in a correct solution to Mrs Hewitson by Wed 5th will receive a small prize.

Q24. Peter's calculator is broken.

Only the buttons labelled 1, 3, 9, – and = are working.

Peter can display the number 87 by typing $91 - 3 - 1 =$

So he needs to press seven buttons.

What is the least number of buttons that Peter needs to press in order to display 291?

Report by Archie & Eve: On Saturday, 24th November (Caitlin, Eve, Archie & Bumble) from Yew Class took part in a Maths Challenge at Wellington School. Forty-five schools took part answering 25 questions in an hour. Half of them were relatively easy, but the others were quite hard. The average marks were 15/25 and we scored 19 coming in the top 8 which we were really pleased about.

Phonics Meeting

Thank you to all of the KS1 parents who attended the Phonics meeting after school on Wednesday. Miss Farmer explained the national Phonics Screening Check that all Year 1 children will take part in next June. We hope that you found it informative and that you feel more confident about how to support your child at home with the resources that were provided. For any parents who were unable to attend, resources have now been sent home with your child.

Creative Writing

Today we were lucky to have a visit from Louisa Adjoa Parker from InspirED Somerset to come and run creative writing workshops for years 4-6 they have all had a fantastic day, here are some reports from the children:

Kieran's Report: 'I liked recreating our own version of 'In the Box' when we did the free-write. It was cool listening to the other people's childhoods. We also got to see pictures of when she was younger'.

Nikita's Report: 'On Friday 24th November we met a woman called Louisa. She taught us all about poems and showed us pictures of her family. How exciting! We had to pick an object and describe what it reminded us of. I had a heart shaped rock and so did Neave. It was fun.'

Ellie's Report: 'On Friday 30th November, Hawthorne Class had a special visitor. Her name was Louisa and we were discovering poetry. First, we free wrote for five minutes and the piece of writing had to start with 'I was born'. We had fun writing poetry'.

SEND Forum

Thank you to all of you who attended the SEND Forum on Monday focussing on transition. We hope you found this discussion, and the opportunity to speak to Miss Farey from Holyrood, useful. The next meeting will be in February when we will talk about homework. Thank you also for your comments with regards the format of the starting data we gave you earlier this term; it would be good to hear more people's views: whether it was useful, or whether you would like more information. Maybe come to my pop- in on Tuesday at 2.15pm with your thoughts.



Oak Class Science

All of the Oak class children enjoyed planting bulbs around our school site during their Science lesson today. The children have all brought home a book about bulbs and a small bag of bulbs, all supplied by Bulbs4Kids. We hope that you will enjoy planting them at home and look forward to seeing some photos of the flowers in the Spring.



Safeguarding/Alterations

The alteration is going well although it was a little slow during the wet weather on Wednesday. You may have noticed that the back fence has now gone in and work will continue next week on the new playground and fences around the school.

BFG!

Just a reminder that we are collecting the funds ready for our special visitor The BFG as part of our focus on igniting a love of reading for all our children. Please make contributions via parentpay of £2 from children in Reception Y1 & Y2 and £3 from children in Years 3-6. Thank you.

Nativity Performances

Remember to order your tickets for the shows, as spare tickets will be freely offered on Wednesday 5th. Tickets will be checked on arrival. The performances are:

- Reception Christmas production of 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel' which will take place on Friday 7th December at 2:30 pm.
- KS1 Christmas production of 'Away in a Manger' which will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 9:15 am and Tuesday 11th December at 6:00 pm in the school hall.

Could we please remind all Acorn, Oak & Beech classes that their nativity costumes must be in school by Monday 3rd December. Thank you

Christmas Stamps

From Monday our school Christmas post box will be in the library for children to post Christmas cards. Children may purchase stamps for 1p each for any cards needing posting in school. Funds raised will support our chosen charity this year. The stamps will be sold during the school day, please send money into school in envelopes.

Behaviour for Learning Celebration

The following pupils received certificates in assembly to celebrate their excellent behaviour towards learning: Reception: Acorn Class: Alana & Jack, Oak: Oscar & Spencer, Beech: Layla & Noah, Willow: Imogen & Jemima, Hawthorn: Jamie G & Sienna, Hazel: Harrison W & Riley, Yew: Harry & Lilly-Mai. Well done everyone!

Platinum Bag

James from Hawthorn Class and Morgan & George from Hazel Class were celebrated in assembly this week for excellent pieces of work. Well done!



Learning Behaviour Awards



Beech: Erin & Layla, Willow: Daisy & Florence, Hawthorn: Kieran & Laura have completed the Bronze Challenge by collecting one of each of the behaviour for learning stickers. Congratulations also go to Ellie Y4 and Lola in Y6 for completing their Wellbeing passports. They will now be able to order their Grey Tatworth Hoodies for their efforts, which they will be able to wear when representing the school at fixtures, during forest school or at the weekend.

In Acorn Class the children have to collect 20 stickers showing they have the right learning behaviours to earn a gold sticker, Congratulations to Eden, the first child in Reception to achieve this award!

Top Table Award

The following children were on the top table today as the knife and fork and packed lunch award winners:

Acorns: Jack & Megan, Oak: Billy & Spencer, Beech: Archie & Iestyn.

House Point Totals

Stonham: 1474, Brewer: 1300, Joslin: 1307, Langdon: 1318.

Attendance

Class Attendance winners this week were Beech Class with 100% – Well done!

Class	Percentage Attendance %	Number of Lates
Acorn (R)	99.29	3
Oak Year 1	94.00	5
Beech Year 2	100.00	4
Willow Year 3	98.79	6
Hawthorne Year 4	98.13	7
Hazel Year 5	96.43	2
Yew Year 6	95.63	5



Last week's Attendance Winners Hazel Class

Y6 Fundraising

Thanks to everyone who supported Y6 by donating and buying items at their Bring and Buy Sale and hot chocolate reindeer packs. They raised £54.25.

Spring Term Meal Choices

Reminder: The Spring Term menu is now on parentpay for those children having hot meals and we ask that parents make their selections for the whole term, moving through half term, and choosing until Easter. Please make choices by next Friday 7th December.

Christmas/ Winter Design Orders

Orders have been sent home today and look fabulous and we hope that you all think so too. ☺ The contribution back to school was over £300. Thank you so much for all your purchases; we will spend this money on new books for the library.

Start of the Day Reminder

We open the yellow doors on a wet day at 8.40am, which is the same time that I head into the playground normally. On a dry day, the yellow doors are opened by Mrs Henley & Miss Smith at 8.45am and the teachers head out into the playground. The children then line up and the classes go into school so everyone is in by 8.50am – the start of the day. The only confusion for parents may be that the outside and inside clocks sometimes get out of sync, but we endeavour to keep them ticking along.

Sports

Y3/4 Hockey V Kings Hall

Report by Rebekah, Neave and Rihanna: On Thursday 29th November we went on an adventure to Kings Hall. We played a 7-aside game where Rebekah scored. Rihanna did a fantastic job in goal and looked like a marshmallow in her kit!

Report by Brooke: We played with Kings Hall in a mixed game and I scored two goals.

Report by Fern: I played in a training game with Kings Hall. The team I was in scored two goals. All the girls made new friends and had an amazing match tea and a fun time was had by all.

Report by Jemima: We had a match at Kings Hall, we made friends and had a match dinner. Our team scored one goal.

Y3/4 Hockey V Others @ Holyrood

Unfortunately, the Hockey Match at Holyrood was cancelled due to bad weather. We will let you know if they rearrange it.

Y5/6 Hockey V Others @ Holyrood

On Tuesday 4th December, we take a Y5/6 team to Holyrood to play Hockey against other schools from the area. We will leave school at 1.30pm and return for approx. 3.30. Parents are asked to give consent on parentpay, along with a transport contribution. The following pupils have been selected: Marcie, Ellie, Leon, Louis, Reuben, CJ, Toby, Dexter, Bumble, Oliver, Amber, Willow, Drew and Emma as reserve.

Y5/6 Football V Manor Court

On Wednesday 5th we have a football fixture V Manor Court. We will be leaving school at 3.30pm and returning for 5.00pm. We have asked parents to help transport the children and are still needing a driver. The following children have been selected: Harry D, Oliver, Sam G, Liam T, Harry W, Josh, Joseph B & Dexter.

Swimming – a reminder that swimming starts for Y3 in January, please ensure that children have consent on parentpay before their first session on 10th January.



Reminder: Raising Funds for Tatworth

We would like to improve our outdoor spaces. The garden at the front of school needs attention; we are hoping to turn it into a quiet garden for our pupils. We would also like to raise money for new equipment for the playground so we have signed up to a scheme whereby parents can help us raise funds every time they shop. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and select Tatworth Primary School to help us.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

December

Tuesday 4 th	1.30-3.30: Y5/6 Hockey V Others @ Holyrood (A) ST
Wednesday 5 th	3.30-5.00: Y5/6 Football V Manor Court (A) PT Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 6 th	10.15: Acorn Class to St Johns Church. 10.30-12.30: Y4 Swimming @ Flamingo ST Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
7th December	2.30pm: Reception Nativity
Monday 10 th	2.15 pm: Dress Rehearsal Y1 &2 (preschool invite)
Tuesday 11 th	9.15 am: Performance 2.30: Singing Group to Kent's Lane 6.00 pm: Performance
Wednesday 12 th	2.10: Y5/6 Inter-house Hockey
Thursday 13 th	10.30-12.30: Y4 Swimming @ Flamingo ST 2.10: Y3/4 Inter-house Hockey
14 th	BFG Visit 3.30: Christmas Bazaar
W/C 17	Christmas Parties
Wednesday 19 th	Christmas Lunch Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 20 th	Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Friday 21 st	Christmas Jumper Day, 9.30 Church Carols, Last day of term.

Friday 21st December - Monday 7th January: Christmas Holidays (inset day: Monday 7th January)

Tuesday 8th January Spring Term Starts

