



7th December 2018

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

No 13 Newsletter

Nativity Performances

Reception's Christmas production of 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel' which took place today at 2:30 pm was just magical. I'm sure you are as proud as we are with how wonderfully they all performed. Their costumes looked fantastic, so thank you for all your efforts.



Early next week we have the KS1 Performance. Oak & Beech Class have been busy preparing their nativity 'Away in a Manger' which they will be performing on Tuesday 11th December at 9:15 am and 6:00 pm in the school hall. Please remember to bring your tickets with you as these will be checked on the door – this is to ensure that we do not exceed the maximum capacity of the hall. **The school will be locked as normal at the start of the day and then the front school gate will open at 9.10am for the 9.15am performance. We will be asking visitors to sign in for the morning performance;** thank you for your cooperation with this. This year, a photo of each child in their nativity costume will be on display and can be ordered, with all profits going to this year's chosen charity; Bibic, which supports local children and young people with disabilities and developmental difficulties.

Classes to St Johns Church

On Wednesday afternoon children from Hawthorn & Hazel classes visited St John's Church to decorate a Christmas Tree as part of their Christmas Tree Festival. The theme for both classes was to make the decorations out of the nature around us, so any visitors will see that we have added embellishments to our decorations made out of twigs and leaves.



Love learning, work together, **achieve** and shine.

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Journey to the Manger



Acorn and Beech classes had their turn to visit on Thursday for the Journey to the Manger. The vicar and his helpers told us the story of Christmas by taking us on a journey around the church. We met the king (whose name was Abdul) and sat around the campfire with some shepherds. It was a wonderful time and we came home with sheep, angels and a song in our heads.

Wellington School Maths Challenge Question

Well done to Leon from Hazel Class who handed in a correct solution to the maths question set in last week's newsletter, and received his prize today.

The correct answer was 9, as you can get the calculator to show 291 by pressing $391-91-1=$

Safeguarding

We have been asked by our local secondary school to pass on concerns that they have had children approached by a silver BMW which has been driving round Holyrood, trying to get girls into their car.

The National Online Safety Team have asked us to pass this on: 'Tis the #WakeUpWednesday to be jolly! With a tech-filled Christmas on the horizon, we thought parents might need a little help in keeping their children safe when using their new digital devices.

National Online Safety have teamed up with Dan and Sam from 'Musicalternative' to bring you this jolly online safety jingle for parents to watch and share:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1070288625877872641>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/videos/1080494295458667/>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>

Download: Please request here > <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/stay-safe-at-home-on-devices-this-christmas/>

Alterations

Today the new playground started to receive its tarmac. All of the perimeter fences are in and next week the final tarmac will go down, and the new gates will be fitted around the front of the school and the carpark. We hope to have all work completed by the end of next week or early the following week.

Forest School Clothing

We have had a few wet forest schools sessions over the last few weeks and it has come to our attention that some children are not bringing appropriate clothing for this activity. Because of the children are outside for the duration of the session jean material and cropped tops are not the best; we would prefer to see joggers leggings and sweatshirts at this time of the year.

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.

Christmas Bazaar

On Friday 14th December from 3.30pm we have our Christmas Bazaar. Come along, join in the fun and see all the lovely crafts the children have made; Father Christmas will be in his grotto!



Christmas Stamps

Reminder that Hazel Class are selling Christmas Stamps for our school Christmas post box, which will be in the library, for children to post their 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: Luca, Elijah & Megan, Oak: Ruby B, Tyler & Betty, Beech: Jenson & Josh H, Willow: Julia & Finlay, Hawthorn: Jasper & Ethan, Hazel: Cameron & Betty, Yew: Tilly & Lily. Well done everyone!

Platinum Bag

Kyle from Willow Class was celebrated in assembly this week for an excellent piece of work. Well done!

Learning Behaviour Awards

Buddy from Willow Class and Kryon from Hawthorn Class have completed the Bronze Challenge by collecting one of each of the behaviour for learning stickers. Well done to both!

Top Table Award

The following children were on the top table today as the knife and fork and packed lunch award winners: Acorns: Leila & Lily, Oak: Jimmy & Ruby H, Beech: Josh H & Tyler.

House Point Totals

Stonham: 1688, Brewer: 1518, Joslin:1491, Langdon: 1507.

Attendance

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

Class	Percentage Attendance %	Number of Lates
Acorn (R)	97.14	3
Oak Year 1	95.67	3
Beech Year 2	98.28	8
Willow Year 3	99.60	3
Hawthorne Year 4	96.56	5
Hazel Year 5	99.06	2
Yew Year 6	100	0



Last week's Attendance Winners Beech Class

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 meals until Easter. Please make choices by Monday at the latest and let us know if you will be providing a packed lunch.



Sports

Y5/6 Hockey V Others @ Holyrood

Report by Emma P & Leon: On Tuesday 4th December a group of 13 children from Y5/6 went to a hockey fixture. We had an A & B team but we were of a very similar ability. In our pool, we came 4th.

Report by Drew, Willow & Dexter: In our pool Tatworth won 3 games, we also lost and drew a game. Overall we came 4th.

Y5/6 Football V Manor Court

Unfortunately, this fixture was cancelled due to the bad weather. We hope to rearrange it.

Sports Kit

Please ensure that sports kits are returned promptly, washed and ready for the next sports team to use.

Inter House Hockey

Next week is Inter House Hockey for Y5/6 on Wednesday 12th and Y3/4 on Thursday 13th. Please could all children ensure they have gum shields and shin pads.

Wellbeing Hoodie

For those children who have achieved their Wellbeing Passport, payment can be made on parentpay for their Wellbeing Hoodies; we hope that these will arrive before we break up. They will be able to wear these when representing the school at fixtures, during forest school or at the weekend.

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: Emergency Closure

Occasionally it is necessary for the school to remain closed in extremely bad weather conditions. In the event of a closure **before the start of the school day**, a message will be posted on the website/twitter. The school website is www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk

If the school has to close during the school day, again the message will be posted on the website/twitter and every effort will be made to text/phone parents if we are able to use the phone line. It is the policy of the Governors that the school will remain open if at all possible. However, occasionally conditions are too bad for staff to travel safely into school necessitating a closure. These occasions are very rare.

Any pupils who have hot school meals are asked to come to school with a packed lunch if the roads are snowy as it is likely that our provider kitchen may be closed.

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.

Starting School September 2019

If your child is due to start school for the first time (born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015) then it is very important you make an on time school place application.

Deadline for primary admissions: 15th January 2019. To download the primary booklet for parent's, to make an on-line application and for further information please visit our website www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions and choose the page Apply to Start School.

Yours sincerely
Tracey Hart, Headteacher



December

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 £1 for Save the Children - on Parentpay 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

