



14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

### No 14 Newsletter

I always love this time of year at school as the children get excited and we come together in lots of different ways. The KS1 nativity was fantastic: the children had all learnt their lines, spoke clearly and the singing was beautiful. Well done to everybody and thank you for your support with costumes and learning lines at home. We raised money for Bibic from both our Reception and KS1 nativity and would like to thank you again for the total of £150.59.



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

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Next week it will be the turn of KS2 with Carols around the Christmas Tree at St John's Church, 9.30am. On Friday we will all come to school as normal to register then KS2 children will walk go to the church. The church doors will then open at 9.15am for the congregation to take their seats.

The children are very excited about our KS2 concert this year being held at our local church; we have started practising and really look forward to seeing a congregation of parents, carers and friends Christmas jumpers too.

### **Whole School Christmas Jumper Day**

The official Save the Children Christmas Jumper day is today, however we are moving ours to next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Please make £1 donations for Save the Children on parentpay. It will be lovely to see everybody wearing their festive jumper (jazzed-up jumpers allowed), however please remember that the rest of the uniform remains the same. It is **not** an own clothes day; if you do not have a Christmas jumper, or if you are not jazzing up your school jumper with festive fun, then please just wear your normal school uniform.

### **Singing Group to Kent's Lane**

Report by Betty, Leon and George: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, twenty one pupils went to Kent's Lane Nursing home in Tatworth. Nineteen of us sang and two pupils played their ukuleles. We sang 12 different songs like: Love shone down, Kings came riding and Ruldolph the red nosed reindeer. Afterwards the choir were treated by the people at the nursing home and we had a drink, cake and present each.

### **BFG**



What an amazing performance we have watched this afternoon. Antony Pedley (the original BFG in the West End Musical in London) came into school today. This morning KS2 were treated to an autobiographical play looking at Roald Dahl's writing where he showed the children how Dahl found inspiration for his wonderful stories and characters. It was a lively and entertaining performance which gave a real insight into this much loved author. The entertainment continued in the afternoon when the whole school was lucky enough to watch Antony's one man performance of the BFG. It was incredible how he managed to bring all the characters alive in such an exciting way. We are sure the children will tell you all about and have inspiration of their own.



### **Christmas Dinner Day & Parties**

These will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> from 2.15 pm. Children are to bring their party clothes in a bag for changing just before lunch. They also need a snack (no drink as they will drink their water). Hazel and Yew Class will not need party clothes as they will still be doing sports and forest school, but a Christmas version.

### **Safeguarding**

To ensure that we keep all our children safe on their route to and from school, I would like to ask car drivers to drive and park safely if using school lane. I would appreciate your support with this important matter.

### **Alterations**

The children have now started playing on the new playground. The School Council have come up with some fantastic ideas on how we can use it; including having a quiet area, a day for children to play in their houses instead of their classes, and a request to have an outside table tennis table. The children would also like to have playtime monitors in order to make our playtimes successful. In the New Year, I look forward to reading applications from any children in school who would like to apply.



### **Learning Behaviour Awards**

Isabelle, Jack, Harry F, Holly, Olivia, Cameron, George G, Alfie, Reuben, Oscar F have all completed their Bronze Challenge by collecting one of each of the behaviour for learning stickers. Well done to all of them!



### Pen Licences

The following children from Willow Class were achieved their pen licence this week: Julia, Florence, Daisy, and Jessica.

### Top Table Award

The following children were on the top table today as the knife and fork and packed lunch award winners: Acorn: Harley & Alana, Oak: Harriet & Ruby H, Beech: Noah & Josh T.

### House Point Totals

Stonham: 1874, Brewer: 1698, Joslin: 1652, Langdon: 1654.

### Attendance

**Class Attendance winners this week were Beech Class with 98.62% – Well done!**

Class	Percentage Attendance %	Number of Lates
Acorn (R)	93.21	1
Oak Year 1	96.33	3
Beech Year 2	98.62	5
Willow Year 3	96.85	3
Hawthorne Year 4	95.63	2
Hazel Year 5	96.88	0
Yew Year 6	96.88	2

### Last week's Attendance Winners Yew Class



### Sports

Somerset Road Safety have asked us to let you know about a new resource for parents and their children who have undertaken Bikeability training. The [Participants Hub](#) is a webpage offering advice and information as well as discount offers aimed at supporting families to continue cycling together. [The Bikeability Trust](#) has developed this initial page and will be continuing to add new information, guidance and offers on a regular basis. The good news is that **Halfords** has agreed, in addition to the free bike check, to offer **10% off servicing** as well as bikes and accessories, making it a much more valuable offer for families. The voucher will be live at stores from 1st December 2018. [here is a link to a voucher.](#)



### Mr Bulbeck's Get into Sport Club

Letters have been sent home this week for children in Y3&4 invited to next terms Thursday morning club. In addition all children from Y5&6 have been invited to the Wednesday morning club next term. Please return slips to the office.



### **Y5/6 Football V Manor Court**

The cancelled Manor Court fixture of 5.12.18 has been rearranged for 28.2.19. The original players will be invited again after the holidays.

### **Inter House Hockey**

Report by Micaela & Katie: On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, years 5 & 6 took part in Inter House hockey. These are the results: in 4<sup>th</sup> place - Langdon, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Stonham, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Joslin and 1<sup>st</sup> place was Brewer. Everyone tired their best. We played three matches at a time, one pitch with Mr Reilly, one with Mrs Churchill and one with Mr Bulbeck.

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

### **Holyrood Cross Country**

On 15<sup>th</sup> January we take 39 children from Y3456 to Holyrood for Cross Country. We leave at 12.30pm and return for 3.30pm. We will be providing transport for the team and ask parents to give consent/payment on parentpay. The following children were selected after the trials this week: Y3/4 Boys: Ned, Chris, Jack, George, Lewis, Kyle, Harry Fo, (reserves: Oliver, Jacob Y & Kieran). Y3/4 Girls: Rebekah, Nikita, Neave, Sienna, Daisy, Megan, Isabelle, (reserves: Jemima, Laura & Amelia). Y5/6 Boys: Sam, Jamie, Joseph, Harrison W, Reuben, Sidney, Oliver, (reserves: Harrison D, Ehren & Dexter). Y5/6 Girls: Poppy, Summer, Amber, Olivia, Bumble, Betty, Eve, (reserves: Macy & Marcie).

### **Motiv8**

The following Y3/4 children have been chosen to attend Motiv8 on 16<sup>th</sup> January: Oliver B, Oliver C, Poppy, Bruce, Delphineas, Jacob L, Ethan, Julia, James, Oliver D, David, Tyler, Finlay, Demisha and Ben. Please give consent on parentpay asap or let us know if your child will not be attending then others can be invited if spaces appear.

### **Clubs**

A reminder that there are no clubs next week, the calendar and new clubs for the Spring term will be sent home in the next newsletter.

### **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](http://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.

**Willow, Hawthorn and Yew Classes** - Please look out for an additional paper letter sent home today.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

Don't forget the Christmas Bazaar after school. Come along, join in the fun and see all the lovely crafts the children have made; Father Christmas will be in his grotto!

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

### **December**

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch and Parties Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day £1 for Save the Children - on Parentpay 9.30 Church Carols, Last day of term.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January: Christmas Holidays (inset day: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January)  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January Spring Term Starts

