

11th January 2019

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

No 16 Newsletter

Welcome back to the spring term and thank you once again for all the kind words and gifts we received at the end of the year. Please look out for your class newsletter in book bags this evening: these have gone out as paper copies as well as going on the website, and will tell you specific information for each class this term.

So far this academic year, the children have enjoyed a range of activities to help us **love learning, work together, achieve and shine**. We have sent out initial data and held very well attended parents evenings – thank you for this. We have held maths workshops, a phonics/reading evening, KS2 SATs evening as well as a Y1 phonics screening meeting too. The children have embraced developing their learning behaviours and we have now given out 38 bronze badges, with another 6 being awarded today. In addition 24 children have completed their passports in KS2, which has allowed them to wear a grey hoodie for sports events. Congratulations to all these children and I look forward to many more in our future Celebration Assemblies.

In the next few weeks, the children will be completing assessments so that we all have a clearer idea of achievement and progress in preparation for the mid-year parents' evenings due 28th Feb and 4th March. Thank you for supporting your child to prepare for these mid-year assessments by continuing to hear them read regularly; supporting with phonics flash cards if they are sent home; learning times tables; setting aside time for the children to work on their homework; play memory games helping them develop an inquisitive mind.

We are hoping to continue to find opportunities to encourage all our children develop their own passions and loves and this coming term we have further opportunities for children through the singing trip to Wembley, possible future designers going off to Aerospace and some of our children who enjoy computer gaming, being able to develop their favourite on-line games into physical games.

The first three days of this half term were dedicated to focus days looking at a range of history, geography or RE topics.

Oak Class Topic



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This week, the Y1 children have been focusing on their RE topic: Special Places. As part of this work, they visited the village church and spent some time listening to the vicar and exploring the church. The highlight of the visit was watching Rev Philip baptise a baby doll in the church font. All of the children were very well-behaved on the walk to and from the church and whilst they were there, and Rev Philip was impressed with the questions that they asked and the thoughtful answers that they gave to his questions. Well done Oak Class and thank you to Rev Philip and his helpers. Here are some of the children's comments:

I liked walking with all of my friends. Oscar

The organ pipes were interesting because they make really loud noises. Betty

I saw the font and it made me think about Jesus. Hannah

I liked looking at the bibles, they were interesting. Spencer

I liked going up in the pulpit because it was so high. Tyler

I liked the eagle because it could carry a bible on it. Isabella

I liked it when the baby got baptised Daisy Amelia, because I have never seen a baby get baptised. Sophia

I really liked the big organ because it makes lots of loud noises. Kai G

I saw a bird and I liked it. Kai R

I saw the wooden cross with wheels at the bottom. Dylan

I saw a golden book in the church. Billy

I liked seeing the eagle. Jimmy



Beech Class

Y2 have been learning about different animals around the world and where they live. They have tried being penguins and made a giant whale shark, which now watches everything going on in the classroom!





Y2 SATs & Homework Update

A SATs meeting has been organised for Tuesday 29th January @ 3.45pm for parents. On Friday 25th January the children in Y2 will be receiving their mid-year assessment and progress data; we are sending this out earlier than the rest of the school, so that parents are more aware of their children's position in relation to the end of KS1 National Curriculum expected standards. I hope this information will make the meeting more relevant.

Presently the children in KS1 bring home a maths game each week. For Y2 children this will just be an activity sheet which Mr Pavey will send out every Monday. This homework will be due back in on the following Monday. Any children who would still like to have a maths game can just let Mr Pavey know.

Playground Leaders

The applications for playground leaders are now finished:

Y6: Sophie, Drew, Eve, Pyper, Y5: Paige, Olivia & Micaela, Y3: Maisie and have been appointed. There are still four vacancies for anybody would like to write me a letter over the weekend.

School Councillors

New School Council class representatives will be appointed at the meeting next Friday, the older children need to prepare presentations if they wish to be considered.

Sharing Assemblies

Just a reminder, we are changing the format for our Sharing Assemblies for the rest of this year. KS2 will take place during the Spring Term and KS1 in the summer term. Each class will have a class assembly starting with Willow Class on Monday 28th January from 3pm. All other assemblies this term will be listed in class newsletters.

Uniform

It is lovely to be able to pass on a message I received this week by a visitor in school. She commented that our children look smart in their uniform, so thank you for your efforts with this. If anyone would like to order polo's or cardigans; please order on parentpay by 25th January.

Safeguarding Update

Avishayes Primary School in Chard sent a warning out to parents on Wednesday January 9th to parents. In it they said: "We have been advised today that a man has approached a child in an inappropriate manner,



close to the school. Please be extra vigilant when you are in the area, particularly if you see anything you feel is not right, and report it to the police. A reminder to your child about the 'danger of strangers' would also be helpful."

Platinum Bag

The following children were celebrated from Oak Class: Dylan and Willow Class: Brooke & Tyler. Well done!

Learning Behaviour Award

The following children achieved the learning behaviour award: Acorn Class: Brody & Isabelle C, Oak Class: Kai R & James, Beech Class: Rowan & Layla, Willow Class: Seth & Jemima, Hawthorn Class: Poppy & Ned, Hazel Class: Macy & Henry, Yew Class: Emma F & Josh. Well done!

Bronze Badges

The following pupils from Willow Class: Jemima, Hawthorn Class: Ollie B & Martha, Hazel Class: Henry, Paige & Marcie were awarded their Bronze Stars by collecting one of each of the behaviour for learning stickers. Congratulations to them all!

Top Table Award

The following children were on the top table today as the knife and fork and packed lunch award winners: Acorn: Joseph & Zuzanna, Oak: Tyler & Sophia, Beech: Olivia & Lily.

House Point Totals

Stonham: 2140, Brewer: 1997, Joslin:1913, Langdon: 1884.

Wellbeing Passports

The following children have completed their Wellbeing Passports and are now able to purchase their Wellbeing Hoodie: Bumble, George, Megan W, Willow, Lilly, Paige, Joseph, Betty, Amber, Jamie F, Leon, Reuben, Marcie, Poppy B, Rihanna, Chris, Neave, Rebekah. These can be ordered on parentpay and they will be able to wear these when representing the school at fixtures, during forest school or at weekend.



Attendance

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

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| Class | Percentage Attendance % | No of lates |
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| Acorn (R) | 95.24 | |
| Oak | 98.89 | |
| Beech | 97.70 | 3 |
| Willow | 99.36 | 2 |
| Hawthorne | 98.44 | 2 |
| Hazel | 100 | 1 |
| Yew | 98.96 | 1 |



Weekly Attendance Winners - Hazel Class

Pixies Holt – Reminder for Hazel Class to return reply slips asap so we can continue making arrangements.

Sports

For this term children need trainers/plimsolls, black shorts, green/white PE top and a black grey jumper at all times in school. Y5/6 need to bring in gum shields and shin pads on a Wednesday and Y3/4 need gum shields and shin pads on a Thursday.

Clubs

Clubs start next week. All chargeable clubs are bookable on parentpay and free of charge clubs need a permission slip returned to secure a place. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium they can enjoy one club per year for just £1. Just let the office know which club they would like to join and the price will be reduced to £1 so it can then be booked. Please find attached a list of clubs available this term.

January Fixtures

For those children selected for Motiv8 on 16.1.19 and Holyrood cross country 15.1.19 please give consent on parentpay.

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. The deadline for primary admissions is 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



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| Wednesday 16 th | 10.15-1.00: Y4 Digital Allure (Motiv8) @ Yeovil College (A) ST Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School |
| Thursday 17 th | 10.30-12.30: Y3/4 Swimming @ Flamingo ST 2.15: Y3/4 Inter house Tag Rugby |
| Wednesday 23 rd | 2.15: Y5/6 Inter house Dodge Ball |
| Thursday 24 th | 10.30-12.30: Y3 Swimming @ Flamingo ST Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School |
| Monday 28 th | 3.00pm: Y3 Sharing Assembly |
| Tuesday 29 th | 12.30-4.15: U9 Tag Rugby V Others @ Holyrood (A) ST 3.45pm: KS1 SAT's Meeting |
| Wednesday 30 th | 2.15: Y5/6 Inter house Netball |
| Thursday 31 st | 10.30-12.30: Y3 Swimming @ Flamingo ST Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School 3.45: Y5/6 Football V Avishayes (A) PT |

Cake Days

As usual this year, we will be holding month Cake Days at school. Parents are asked to use parentpay for the £1 donation, as this will cover cakes until the end of the school year. Please don't forget to donate cakes on the last Friday of the month.

