



7th February 2019

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

No 20 Newsletter

Y6 Sharing Assembly

Well done Y6 for a very interesting and informative assembly all about ways of communicating through time. During the assembly, I thought it might be a good idea to refresh all our memories of the variety of ways you can get in contact with school.

Communicating with the school

There are many ways of meeting with staff, answering queries and talking through concerns, but I thought it would be useful to just list these so that you are aware:

The class teachers and myself are available during the morning routine, as children line up to come in, for any quick messages and questions; longer conversations are best at the end of the school day and with an appointment. I have my pop-in sessions every first Tuesday of each month, but am also available to meet at other times – a quick phone call to the office or chat with me can usually secure a suitable time.

Mrs Kellaway is mainly in the office and regularly answers the telephone, so a call is also an option along with coming into the reception area at any point in the school day (and up to 4 pm). We also have an answer machine, so please leave a message if we are unable to answer. The school email address is tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk and is monitored regularly during the school week.

The class teachers have parents evening appointments regularly and workshop sessions to also discuss your child's progress and attainment and any other relevant questions. Our next appointments are for Thursday 28th February and Monday 4th March. Please sign up for an appointment in the office reception foyer from Monday.

Children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding or on the SEND register are also invited to meet at least termly for a meeting and anyone with an open Early Help Assessment is usually met every six weeks.

If you have concerns or queries, the first port of call is with the class teacher and then with myself but if you are still unsure or dissatisfied with our answers the Governors will become involved. Please just drop a letter into the school office and it will be forwarded to the Directors.

We have successfully run the SEND and Reading forum this year which also allows any parent/carers to come along and discuss their views and ideas around certain topics – we hope you have found these useful.

It has nearly been a full year since our last parent questionnaire, so this will be sent out again in March: you can of course use this form to let us know your thoughts and I will follow up any concerns with a chat either on the phone or face to face where necessary.

There is also an electronic system called Parent View, which can be accessed at any time (link below) and helps others: prospective parents, visitors or Ofsted, for example, to get an idea about our school. We will set this up on the library computer area during parents evening meetings. However, there is the option to register yourselves from home too: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/search?name=tatworth&address=chard>

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School Council

Following a very successful school council meeting today, the children have decided that we should have a trial Cushion Day, next Friday 15th February. All children are allowed to bring a cushion in to sit on during lesson time, we are trialling this to see if it is actually practical. Please could we be mindful of the size of cushion children bring in and that they will need to sit on it all day. Of course if your child does not want to bring in a cushion they don't need to. Other great ideas were: inviting a real reading dog in to school and this is now booked for after half term; children requested to adapt our behaviour card system and asked for all orange cards to be removed (the yellow warning card will remain). If the class has no yellow or red cards for a week they will then earn themselves a movie session and we will now introduce 'gold cards' too. Further to the development of the new playground the children would like a basketball hoop and small football net – I will investigate these further. Finally, the children mentioned that they don't want children to bring in snacks in plastic wrappers for break time as they may slip on them when running around. Well done School Council, these are super great ideas!

Whole Class Group Photos

On Monday 11th Tempest photography will be taking whole class group photos, the children will sit on a floor sheet without shoes, so please could we ensure that correct coloured black/grey or white socks for girls are worn (with no holes) as these will show up in the photos.

Film Night

Year 6 are holding two film nights next week, one for KS1 and a second for KS2, 3.40 – 5 pm to support their fundraising for their theatre trip during the summer term. Children in Reception & KS1 will be watching Peter Rabbit on Tuesday 12 February in the hall for £2. They will receive a cone of popcorn and be able to laze on the mats during the film. KS2 classes have their film night on Thursday 14th, again 3.40 to 5pm to watch Incredibles 2. They will also receive a cone of popcorn and can bring in their drinks bottles too. The cost is again £2. Please consent and pay for the movie nights on Parentpay, barcoded letters will be available from the office if required. *Any children booked into after school club will be able to access the film within their normal fees.* In addition, Stay and Play will be selling Valentines biscuits and candyfloss during the KS2 movie night for 50p each; please send in cash on the day if children would like to buy these treats, KS1 can pop to the Green Room after school with parents to buy theirs. 😊

Phonics Opening Morning

We would like to remind parents and carers about our Read Write Inc. Phonics open morning on Tuesday 12th February. This is open to all parents/carers whose children access the daily Read Write Inc. Phonics sessions, but doesn't apply to Year 2 children who are in Mr Pavey's Literacy and Language group. The open morning will be a chance to see your child taking part in their phonics lesson, as well as to pop in on the next group, to give you an idea of what they are working towards. Following this, Mrs Whiffin will lead a question and answer session in the hall at 9.40am.

Please go to the main office from 9am to sign in. Mrs Whiffin and Year 5's helpers will be available to direct you to your child's group. For anybody unsure of their child's phonics group, this is the same colour as their phonics reading book. However, if you are not sure, please ask your child or alternatively Mrs Whiffin and Mrs Kellaway will be able to let you know on the day.

Fly to the Line Finals

Four Year 5 pupils had a brilliant day representing our school in the Fly to the Line finals, where they designed, made and flew a glider; their design came eleventh out of many schools. They also had an opportunity to look around British Aerospace. Here's what they had to say:

Henry: "The highlight of the day was going on board Concorde!"

Harry W: "I enjoyed designing our glider, cutting it out from our original model."

Macy: "My favourite part was seeing the Rolls Royce engines on display."

Harry F: "I enjoyed testing out our model aeroplanes and modified them to go even further. When our glider nosedived we put weight onto the tail to balance it. We also redesigned the wings to make the glider stay in the air longer." Well done to all of you – you did us proud!





Reception Equipment

Here are Reception class enjoying their fabulous new equipment, this was partly funded by their recent class fundraising.



Safeguarding

Morning Drop Off - Thank you to those parents who have chatted to me in the morning about concerns regarding morning drop off. I have asked our PCSO to come and support us with this.

Age Ratings – please find attached information on age ratings for films, TV, music videos and games.

Reading Update - New Books

Children in KS2 were very excited on Wednesday when our new books finally arrived from the Book People's commission that we raised back in November. The children have already started to take 'dibs' on being the first to read them! A big thank you to all the parents who helped raise money by buying books earlier in the year.



If your child is in KS1, you will shortly notice new phonics books coming home. These books are matched to our phonics reading scheme, Read Write Inc, and help children to read by using a synthetic approach. You can also find more expert advice, educational resources and free eBooks to support your child's learning on the Oxford Owl's website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>. Please see your classes Spring Newsletter for details about how to login.

Reading Forum for Parents

We are always very interested to hear the views and thoughts of parent's and would like to invite parents to our next reading forum on Thursday 14th February at 3.30pm. We hope to see you there.

World Book Day - 7th March

We have several events planned for World Book day this year.

1. On Monday 25th February we are very excited that every child will have the opportunity to take part in the 'Bringing Books to Life' workshop. This is an experience where a West End dancer and choreographer develops responses to books through language, movement and dance.
2. Acorn and Oak are off to visit 'Room on the Broom' at the Brewhouse Theatre on Thursday 7th March. A separate visit letter will be coming home next week. Many thanks to PAFOTS for your support.
3. On Thursday 7th March we would like to invite all parents and children to share in a reading breakfast from 8.20am. Please come into school with your child's favourite book and read to your



heart's content whilst sharing a croissant and juice together. The school day will then commence at the usual time of 8.50am. We will send slips home after half term so we can order croissants. Thanks to Tesco in Chard for supplying these free for us.

4. We are asking that every child brings to school their favourite book to share with the class on Thursday 7th March.
5. Last year we had an amazing display of reading in unusual places and we would like to open up this competition again this year. Bring in a picture of yourself or your parents reading in the most unusual place to go up on our display. There will be a prize for the most bizarre picture!
6. Win yourself a book competition! Do you think you know your teachers? Each staff member has chosen their favourite reading book. All you have to do is guess which staff member each book belongs to, to win yourself one of the books!
7. Lastly, during the day we will be explaining our upcoming reading sponsorship challenge. This is a reading challenge for every child and will last for 2 weeks. There will be prizes for the most time spent reading for individuals and classes in KS1 and KS2.

The Big Schools' Bird Watch

Year 3 and 4 Forest School have been watching the school grounds very carefully this week! They have taken part in the Big Schools' Bird Watch. You can find out more and take part in some fun activities at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>



Platinum Bag

The following children were celebrated this week from Acorn class: Benjamin, Edward & Eden, Beech: Monty, Willow: Oliver W & David, Hazel: Joseph & Olivia, Yew: Willow & Bumble. Well done everyone.

Pen Licences

Demisha, Imogen, Kyle and Jemima from Willow class and Toby, Isabella, Summer, Aiden & Harrison from Yew class were awarded their pen licences today, congratulations!

Learning Behaviour Certificate

The following children achieved the learning behaviour award: Acorn class: Faith & Leon, Oak: Skye & Benjamin, Beech: Lily & Kaici, Willow: Matilda & Jessica Hawthorn: Oliver B & Oliver C, Hazel: Abigail & Oliver, Yew: Harry & Aiden. Well done!



Learning Behaviour Badges

Bronze Stars – this week the following children have received their bronze stars; Y1 – Hannah, Betty, Eli & Spencer, Kai R & Harriett, Y2 – Josh H, Olivia, Jenson & Monty, Y3- Julia, Y5 - Oliver W, Leon, Poppy, Lola D, Micaela & Joseph G. Y6 – Pyper, Emma P, Louis, Lily, Megan, Ellie, Emma F & Summer. As well as more super Silver Stars awarded to – Y3: James, Florence & Lewis. Congratulations everyone.



Top Table Award

The following children were on the top table today as the knife and fork and packed lunch award winners: Acorn: Effie & Harley, Oak: Kai R & Harriet, Beech: Charlie B & Phoebe.

House Point Totals

Stonham: 2694, Brewer: 2460, Joslin: 2435, Langdon: 2403.

Playground Leaders

Congratulations to Jacob & Olivia from Y2 becoming playground leaders this week and thank you for your lovely thoughtful letters of nomination.

Wellbeing Passports

The following children have completed their Wellbeing Passports and are now able to purchase their Wellbeing Hoodie: Drew, Summer, Archie, Isabella, Chloe, Dexter, Lewis, Liam R & Sophie. 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 weekends.



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

Class	Percentage Attendance %	No of lates
Acorn (R)	96.43	3
Oak	96.00	4
Beech	100	7
Willow	96.54	5
Hawthorne	99.09	7
Hazel	96.13	2
Yew	97.19	0



Congratulations to Beech class.

New Sports Equipment

We have a new addition to our playtimes with this wonderful ping pong table, this further encourages our children to have plenty of opportunities to enjoy sport during break times.



Y6 Dodgeball V North Curry

On Wednesday we took the year 6 class to play in a dodgeball competition away at North Curry against their year 6. Each class split into 3 even teams and proceeded to play each other once. After the five games were played the final table saw North Curry team1 in first the Tatworth teams in 2nd, 3rd and 4th with the two remaining North Curry teams in 5th and 6th. Well played to all involved.



U9/s Hi 5 Netball

On Tuesday we took two teams to the U9 High 5's netball at Holyrood. Both teams worked extremely well and played against four other local schools. Tatworth teams were 6th and 2nd overall. Well done everyone.

Y3/4 Inter House Netball

We played 7-a-side netball this week. The children worked really well with the positioning. Langdon and Stonham were joint 3rd, Brewer 2nd and Joslin 1st.

Next week we have the following fixtures:

U11 Hi 5's Netball @ Holyrood (A) ST – on Tuesday 12th leaving school at 12.30pm and returning for 3.30pm. (Remember packed lunches needed).

Stockland Cross Country – on Wednesday 13th leaving school at 2.45pm and returning for 5.30pm. We still need a volunteer marshall and need consents via parentpay for both of these fixtures.

U9 Football/Netball V St John's (H) Thursday 14th – home fixture 2-3.30pm, followed by match tea.

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

February

Monday 11th

Whole Class Group Photos

Tuesday 12th

9.00-9.50: KS1 Phonics Morning
12.30: U11 Hi 5's Netball @ Holyrood (A) ST
3.40-5.00: Reception & KS1 film night. £2 on parentpay

Wednesday 13th

2.45-5.30: Y3/4/5/6 Stockland X Country (A) ST
Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

Thursday 14th

3.45pm & 5.45pm: Pixies Holt Meeting
2-3.30: U9 Football/Netball V St John's (H)
Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
3.40-5.00: KS2 Film night £2 on parentpay
3.30: Stay and Play selling Valentines treats 50p each in the Green Room (cash)

Friday 15th

Cushion Day
Half Term: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

Monday 25th

Bringing Books to Life Workshops – no charge

Wednesday 27th

1.00-4.30: Y5/6 Netball V Kings Hall (A) ST

Thursday 28th

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
3.40-6.50: Parents Evening

March (Forward Dates)

Friday 1st

3.00pm: Y5 Sharing Assembly

Monday 4th

3.40-6.50: Parents Evening

Thursday 7th

World Book Day: Parent Breakfast, R & Y1: Theatre Trip, Whole School Book Sharing Day & reading in unusual place competition,

Friday 22nd

3.00pm: Y4 Sharing Assembly

