



15th February 2019

No 21 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

What a fabulous final week of half term ☺. Spring is starting to emerge and we have filled the week with some wonderful activities in school. The mid-year reports were sent home on Thursday; I hope you found these useful. Of course your child's class teacher will be able to discuss these during parents evening scheduled just after we return to school on 28th February and 4th March. Thank you also to those families who completed the survey on Parent View, link once again attached:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Phonics Opening Morning

Many thanks to the parents/carers who attended the Read Write Inc. Phonics morning on Tuesday. We hope you had an enjoyable morning and felt it was a valuable experience to see your child's phonics lessons as well as some other groups.

In the hall afterwards, Mrs Whiffin talked the parents through how a speed sounds session runs, and the purpose of each of the activities children take part in on a daily basis. She emphasised the importance of developing fluency in reading, as this is key to understanding what we read. This is why it is so vital that children throughout primary school are listened to reading on a regular basis at home.

Children accessing the Read Write Inc. programme in school (children in reception, Year 1 and some Year 2s) should bring home a phonics book that they have already read in class. They need to be given the opportunity to read this book again and again at home, alongside their book bag book.

Children across the school should also be read to as part of daily routines. Children of every age benefit from reading aloud and from being read to. We are very appreciative of your support in developing your children's reading skills; parental support is vital for children learning to read and learning to read fluently. To enjoy reading will enable children to access their learning in all areas of the curriculum.



Tempest Flutes

On Monday we were visited by a flute group: Tempest. They held an assembly for the whole school and played a number of pieces for us all to enjoy. They also taught us about other instruments in the flute family and encouraged us to join in with our own body percussion. Year 4 then spent extra time with the group in a workshop.

Reading Forum for Parents

We think maybe our timing was wrong for our reading forum this half term as it was unattended. The agenda for the next meeting includes feedback from you on positive ways to encourage children to develop a love of reading and books, so we can pass this on to other families. We would also like to discuss ways we are supporting reading in school and add your own ideas to the list too. **Next meeting:**

Thursday 14th March at 3.30pm.

Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

Tatworth Primary School School Lane Tatworth Chard Somerset TA20 2RX

Telephone: 01460 220565 Email: tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Company Number: 7700773

www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk



Cushion Day – what a fantastic idea from the School Council; we all ended our half term very comfortably in our classrooms and look forward to School Council’s next great idea!

Whole Class Group Photos – the class photo proof will be available after half term to view in each class window. Please give feedback as these are less formal to the traditional class photo. In future we plan to have class photos in this style for Reception and Y6 each year to capture their start and end of their time at Tatworth with their friends.

Mid-Year Reports

For all classes (except Year 2), you should have received your child’s mid-year report at the end of school yesterday. It outlines their present attainment within the each year’s expectations and explains their progress too.

We aim for all children to be at the expected level at the end of the year so if your child is working at the emerging level at this stage it is really important that you meet with your child’s class teacher at the parent evenings to discuss how we can work together and create a plan for accelerated progress.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up for appointment on Thursday 28th February and Monday 4th March. A reminder that the sheets are still in reception area, please come and sign up. Class teachers will allocate appointments for anybody that hasn’t managed to pop in by Wednesday 27th; the office can make an appointment for you. Just call or email for help. I have also added an appointment sheet for anybody that would like to pop in and see me as well.

The 500 Word Challenge



Children in Key stage 2 have been participating this week in BBC Radio 2’s ‘Live’ Lesson (available to watch on the BBC website). The programme is presented by famous author Frank Cottrell-Boyce, and the children have had fun coming up with ideas for their own stories. We would love them to take up the challenge over half term and write up their stories. These can be uploaded to the national competition at the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/59TwKqqLp3LTpRVfPlsKtx9/submit-a-story>

The closing date for entries is 8th March at 7.00 pm. Please bring in any certificates and we can celebrate this in assembly.

However, we thought it would also be fun to hold our very own Tatworth competition. Children may bring in stories of any length, whether or not they submitted to 500 words. They will be judged and awarded prizes within each year group and winners and runners up will have their stories published in The Tatworth Journal, our new school magazine, which will be produced and edited by Year 6. Our first edition will be published before Easter. The closing date for our competition will be Friday the 1st March. Please have fun talking to your child about their story ideas – we can’t wait to read them!

Hazel Class: Fair Trade Fortnight



Hazel Class have been learning about Fair Trade over the last few weeks. Fair Trade fortnight is Monday 25th February until Friday 8th March 2019. Year 5 have organised some events during these two weeks to raise the profile of Fair Trade including: holding a lunch time club (50p a person) which will give the children opportunities to play amazing fair trade games and take part in a lucky dip. George and Betty are going to run a café with fair trade coffee and tea and other products, which will be open during Parents Evenings. Lola and Rose have organised a treasure hunt for break times; 20p entrance fee and a prize if you find all the

letters of a Fair Trade item. Finally, there will be a poster competition held over the fortnight. The rest of the school will be able to find out more about Fair Trade when Hazel Class hold their sharing Assembly on 1st March. Activities will take place on Tuesday 5th and Friday 8th March.

Film Nights and Valentine's end of day sale

Thank you to all the children that attended the film nights this week supporting Y6 in raising funds for their theatre trip in the summer. They raised £152, thanks. Stay & Play would like to thank Mrs Findlay for making the Valentine biscuits, Mrs Turner for all her marvellous cakes and Miss Mae for the candy floss; they raised £90 from their treat sales.

Safeguarding

Morning Drop Off and Parking – to help keep our children safe when arriving at school, yesterday, we had a visit from our PCSO. She reminded us that parking on the yellow 'school keep clear lines' indicate no stopping at any time during drop and pick times and that a £70 fixed penalty notice can be issued by the council if anyone stops on these lines. Each morning Mrs Hewitson opens the carpark to the playing fields so there is opportunity to park there at drop-off and pick-up. Also please remember to not park on the coned area opposite the car park, we need to keep this area clear for disabled access to the car park as well as allowing emergency vehicles into the carpark too. Thank you.

Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

We have updated our Privacy Notice that explains what personal data (information) we hold about pupils, how we collect it, how we use and may share that information. We are required to give you this information under data protection law. Our updated Notice may be viewed on the school website under the Policies and Documents section.

Our Celebrations:

For parents new to the school I thought it would be useful to explain some of our celebrations.

Platinum Bag - A platinum bag is where teachers share pieces of work they have set, which have been completed that week and in which the children have taken extreme care or consideration. The work in a platinum bag is exemplification work which is worthy of all in school to see and aspire to do. Generally there are only a handful of pieces each week, so any child whose work has made it into a Platinum Bag should be very proud of their hard work and determination to succeed.

Learning Behaviours – each week children strive to demonstrate their class learning behaviour targets. For some children we celebrate their achievements with a certificate in assembly. All earned learning behaviour stickers are recorded in a chart for each child. Once a child has achieved at least one of each of the seven learning behaviours they will receive their bronze star. A child who has achieved at least two of each learning behaviour and at least twenty stickers will receive their silver badge. A gold star is awarded to any child who has any 50 learning behaviour stickers or 40 stickers with at least three in each of the learning behaviours. Our seven learning behaviours and their associated animal and sticker are shown here.

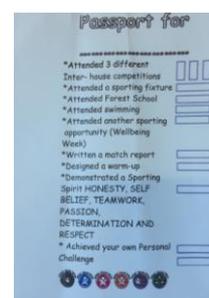
| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Keeping going |  | Taking responsibility |  |
| Risk taker |  | Team Player |  |
| Respect |  | Aiming High |  |
| Motivated and engaged |  | | |

Pen Licences – a licence is awarded to any child who has neat writing, then at the end of term one child from each class is awarded the **Handwriting Fountain Pen**.

Top Table Award – these children sit on the top table as a reward for excellent table manners during the week.

Wellbeing Passports - children who complete their Wellbeing Passports, by ticking one of each box on the passport, are then able to purchase their **Wellbeing Hoodie**. 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.

We are so pleased with all the children's achievement. The children's personal challenge could be to swim 25 m or do 100 star jumps in 2 minutes something that they haven't already achieved.



| Class | Platinum Bag | Learning Behaviour Certificate | Bronze Stars | Silver Stars | Pen Licences |
|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------|
| Acorn and Oak | | William Amelia Maisy Jimmy | Erin Sophia | | |
| Beech | Oscar F | Lily E Frankie | Oscar F Noah Charlie |  | |
| Willow | Oliver D | Lilly Fern | Jess Leyland Julia | | |
| Hawthorn | | George Laura | Megan Harry Jasper | Nikita Kieran Ellie | Ned Megan |
| Hazel | George Lola Rose | Poppy Macy | Macy | | |
| Yew | Harrison Pyper | Drew Liam R | Louis Isabella Summer | | |

KS2: Handwriting Fountain Pens: Willow: Florence, Hawthorn: Megan, Hazel: Betty, Yew: Sidney

Reading Record Prizes – Acorn Class: Cooper, Oak: Ruby B, Beech: Jenson, Willow: Brooke, Hawthorn: Izzie, Hazel: Harry W, Yew: Isabella.

House Point Totals

Stonham: 2865, Brewer: 2606, Joslin: 2582, Langdon: 2546.

Gold Cards: Acorn: William, Hazel: Chase, Yew: Lily-Mai

Top Table: Acorn: Amelia and Brody, Oak: Tyler and Erin, Beech: Eli and Sophia

Playground Leaders

Congratulations to Phoebe, Kaici and Sophia from Y2 becoming playground leaders this week and thank you for letters and picture.

Attendance winners this week were Beech Class with 86.9%

| Class | Percentage Attendance % | No of lates |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Acorn (R) | 80.00 | 2 |
| Oak | 77.59 | 1 |
| Beech | 86.9 | 5 |
| Willow | 81.54 | 4 |
| Hawthorne | 86.36 | 2 |
| Hazel | 85.31 | 1 |
| Yew | 79.06 | 3 |



Clubs

All clubs will continue in the first week back after half term.

Reminders: Mr Bulbeck's Get into school club at 8 am – Y5/6 on Wednesday (no invitation required) and Y3/4 on Thursday (same children as before) & Mrs Churchill's running club is open to all of KS2 on Wednesday and Thursday morning at 8.15am.

U11 Hi 5's Netball @ Holyrood (A) ST

Report by Lola & Oliver: On Tuesday the 12th of February years 5/6 took part in a netball tournament at Holyrood. There were 5 other schools taking part in the contest, they were: Redstart, Coombe, Manor Court, Chard School and Swanmead. Unfortunately, we lost every match! But we played hard and well and really enjoyed our-selves. Some Holyrood students made sure everyone was playing by the rules. After we had played the matches, all of the schools gathered around the manager who revealed fifth, fourth, third, second and first place. We came in fifth place but we didn't mind because we all tried very hard, the people who got into the semi-finals were Redstart and Manor Court. The teachers who took us were Mrs Billington and Miss May, who cheered on for us all. We all had a great time.

Stockland Cross Country

On Wednesday 13th, we took 12 children to Stockland. They all worked really hard. Thank your to Miss Kelly for marshalling for us. Every child came back a muddy mess. This proves how hard Stockland races can be! Children who came in the top 20 were: Ned, Chris, Kyron, Poppy, Betty, Jamie & Reuben. Everyone should be pleased of their efforts. I am very proud of all that took part especially those who didn't know they were running until Wednesday!

Y5/6 Inter House Netball

Report by Harry F: On Wednesday we were able to play Y5/6 inter house netball. We played 7 a-side in preparation for future games. All the teams worked really hard. Lots of goals were scored, fun team work and playing fairly. We had to organise our own teams, which was fun. Joint 3rd Brewer; 2nd Stonham and 1st Joslin.

Y3/4 High 5's Netball V St John's

On Thursday we had a lovely afternoon with St John's. We played 3 games each and worked really hard. Tatworth A and B were in 3rd place and St John's came 2nd and 1st. Lots of goals were scored. Well done to all that played and thank you to the parents for the cakes.

Y3/4 Football V St John's

On Thursday we played two football matches against St John's, the first game was played by the more experienced players and was an excellent match finishing 2-1 to Tatworth. The second match was an excellent opportunity for players who have not played much to have a game. A more experienced St John's team were comfortable winners but both teams enjoyed the game

After half term we have the following fixtures:

Y5/6 Netball V Kings Hall (A) ST: On Wednesday 27th February we travel to Kings Hall for a Netball fixture, we will leave school at 1.00pm and return for 4.30pm. The school will provide transport to the fixture and we ask for consent/payment contribution as usual on parentpay. The following children have been selected: Poppy, Beatriz, Amber, Marcie, Bumble, Sophie, Eve, Pyper, Ellie, Matilda, Lola R, Lily, Caitlin, Emma F & Megan.

Y5/6 Football V Manor Court (A) PT –We have rearranged the cancelled fixture to Thursday 28th February. We will be leaving school at 3.30pm and returning for 4.45/5.00pm. We need parents to transport the children and the same pupils have been selected: Harry D, Oliver, Sam, Liam T, Harry W, Josh, Joseph and Dexter. Please return permission slips to let us know if you can help with transport.

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.

I really hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing week during half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 25th February when we will have our Bringing Books to Life Workshops for each class.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

February

Half Term: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

Monday 25th Bringing Books to Life Workshops – no charge

25th February - 8th March Fair Trade fortnight

Wednesday 27th 1.00-4.30: Y5/6 Netball V Kings Hall (A) ST

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

Thursday 28th Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School

3.45: Y5/6 Football V Manor Court (A) PT (rearranged fixture)

3.40-6.50: Parents Evening & Fair Trade Cafe

March

Friday 1st 3.00pm: Y5 Sharing Assembly

Monday 4th 3.40-6.50: Parents Evening & Fair Trade Cafe

Tuesday 5th 12.30-3.30: U9 Hockey @ Holyrood (A) ST

Fair Trade Activities: Lunch club 50p/treasure hunt -20p (cash)

Wednesday 6th Y5/6 Inter house Rugby

Thursday 7th World Book Day: Parent Breakfast, R & Y1: Theatre Trip, Whole School

Book Sharing Day & reading in unusual place competition

2.00-5.00: Y34 Tag Rugby AB Teams V North Curry (A) ST

Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School

Friday 8th March Fair Trade Activities: Lunch club 50p/café/treasure hunt -20p (cash)

Tuesday 12th 12.30-3.30: U11 Tag Rugby @ Holyrood (A) ST

Wednesday 13th 1.45-4.15: Y56 Netball V Stockland (A) ST

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

Thursday 14th Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School

3.30–5.00: Y3456 1610 Let's Move (A) PT

Tuesday 19th 12.30-3.30: Y3456 Holyrood XC (A) ST

Wednesday 20th 2.30-4.00: Y5/6 Football/Hockey V Stockland (H) ST

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

Monday 18th 2:15- 3:15: Reception Maths Workshop

Tuesday 19th 9:05-10:05: Reception Maths Workshop

Thursday 21st 1.30-4.45: Y3/4 Netball v Kings Hall (A) ST

Friday 22nd 3.00pm: Y4 Sharing Assembly

Wednesday 27th 2.45-5.30: Y3456 Stockland XC (A) ST

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

Thursday 28th Y3/4 Inter house Dodgeball



April

Wednesday 3rd

Thursday 4th

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

