



1st March 2019

No 22 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you all had a restful and sunny half term.

We have enjoyed a busy first week back. The children have returned and dived straight into focus days, looking at history, geography or RE topics. Monday also saw all children taking part in dance and movement sessions linked to expressing stories from books they had read bringing books to life workshops. Hawthorn went on a really successful trip to Buckfast Abbey: Brother Daniel commented on how mature and thoughtful the children's questions as they were asking about life as a monk. Yesterday was the first day of the mid-year parents' evenings, which parents have reported was a useful, informative opportunity to discuss their children's progress. Finally, this afternoon, we came together to hear all about Fair Trade fortnight and watch Hazel's very informative sharing assembly. Thank you Hazel, for your Fair Trade Café yesterday evening which will be open again during Monday's parents evening.

This week has also seen some gold card celebrations – this is a School Council initiative whereby children can earn a gold card for a positive response to the lesson. This is designed to counteract the fact that cards are given mostly for negative behaviour. I have to say, it has been lovely to chat to the gold-card children and I hope they enjoy their stickers.

The other exciting piece of news this week is that the 'Fly to the Line' DT competition, which saw a group of Year 5 children taking part in the regional finals at the end of January, have invited them back to the NATIONAL FINAL later in March.

Thank you to all the families that have completed the Parent View questionnaire; there will be the opportunity to complete these on Monday in the ICT suite for parents/carers during parents evening.

There is also a **Pop-in session next Tuesday, 2.15 pm – 3.15pm.** Thereafter I will hold pop in coffee morning sessions on a **Friday from 9-10 am from next month.**

Nature Table

To help us appreciate the nature around us, we now have a nature table in the entrance hall. We would love you to bring in anything you find on your family nature walks over the weekend and any pictures enjoying the outside too. Thanks to Mr Aston for lending Y3 his owl painting.



Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

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Pets As Therapy Dog

Darcy, the therapy dog, joined us on Thursday morning to hear children read. Research shows that a PAT Dog can help a child be less self-conscious and more confident. PAT Dogs provide comfort, encourage positive social behaviours, enhance self-esteem, motivate speech and inspire young people to have fun. Pupils will be selected by their teachers as those who would benefit most from this. The PAT Volunteer holds their PAT Dog on a lead, but the pupil sits close, so they can interact with the dog. If Darcy the PAT Dog falls asleep, she is just closing her eyes so she can concentrate on the story. And if she becomes active, it's because she is really enjoying the story. We look forward to having Darcy in school more often.



Buckfast Abbey



Hawthorn had a wonderful trip to Buckfast Abbey on Tuesday where they interviewed Brother Daniel and designed their own stain glass windows, as well as exploring the sensory gardens. Mr Russell was delighted with the impeccable behaviour and quality of questions during the visit. Well done, Hawthorn class.

The 500 Word Challenge

Well done to all of you who have submitted your stories to the 500 word challenge and our very own school competition: we are looking forward to reading your exciting stories. Winners for each class will be announced next week.



Hazel Class: Fair Trade Fortnight

Hazel class have been learning about Fair Trade over the last few weeks. We had a lovely assembly this afternoon with Hazel class who shared more information about Fair Trade. Fair Trade fortnight takes place from Monday 25th February until Friday 8th March 2019.

Hazel class have organised some events during these two weeks to raise the profile of Fair Trade, including:

- A lunch time club for children (20p to attend), which will give the children opportunities to play some amazing Fair Trade-themed games and take part in a lucky dip. This will take place on Tuesday and Friday next week; children can sign up for their preferred day on Monday morning outside Year 5. Places are limited.
- George and Betty are running a café with fair trade coffee and tea and other products, which will be open during Parents Evenings. Donations appreciated.
- Finally, there will be two competitions open to all members of the school. Firstly, design a poster to promote Fair Trade, and secondly design a smoothie using Fair Trade products (at least two ingredients should be Fair Trade). The recipe and design for the smoothie should be handed in, and three winning designs will be chosen to make their smoothie during a lunchtime. Entries for both competitions should be handed in by Tuesday 5th March.



Whole Class Group Photos – the class photo proofs were sent home this week. I am looking forward to receiving our school copies as the children looked so lovely; these should be here, in the main office entrance, by the end of next week if you would like to view them before making a decision. Orders need to be in by Thursday 14th March in order to not incur extra delivery charges.

CAFOS Concert

Letters were sent home earlier this week to children in Choir and Ukulele clubs for the opportunity to take part in the Chard Area Schools Concert at Holyrood on March 13th @ 6.10pm. Please return permission slips by money to reserve tickets for parents to attend.

Reception Maths Workshops

Before half term, letters were sent out to parents of children in Reception/Acorn class inviting them to parents' maths workshops on Monday 18th March, 2.15-3.15pm and Tuesday 19th March, 9.05-10.05am. During the workshop, we will be showing you some of the maths activities that your child takes part in Reception class, introducing you to some of the games and books, and giving you lots of ideas for maths you can do at home. Your child will join you for the workshop, so you will have the chance to take part in the activities and play games together. Last year, parents found this workshop very useful, as it gave them an insight into the apparatus and methods that their child uses in maths lessons at school. The workshops also gave parents more confidence about how they could talk about and use maths at home. Please return the reply slip to indicate which session you plan to attend (the same workshop is being repeated, so you do not need to attend both).

'Bringing Books to Life' Workshop

On Monday we were very fortunate to have a visit from a west-end dancer and performer who spent time with each class choreographing and creating a dance based around a book.

Here are some of the children's comments:

Maisie: I enjoyed it because we got to do the actions of the book.

Julia: I enjoyed it because we tried new things and had to work as a team.

Charlie: I enjoyed it because it was like exercising through story.



Reminders for World Book Day

We have several events planned for **next Thursday 7th March** to celebrate books and the love of reading:

Brewhouse Theatre

Acorn and Oak classes are visiting the Brewhouse Theatre next Thursday to watch 'Room on the Broom', children are to wear school uniform and ensure they have a waterproof coat and a drinks bottle with them. Please ensure you have given consent on parentpay for your child to attend.

Reading Breakfast

All parents and children are invited to share in a reading breakfast from 8.20am. Please come into the library with your child's favourite book and read to your heart's content whilst sharing a croissant and juice together. In order for us to gauge how many croissants to provide, we kindly ask you to complete and return the slip sent home with your child today.

Favourite Book

Please make sure your child has their favourite book to share with their class on Thursday.

Reading in Unusual Places

Bring in a picture of yourself or your parents reading in the most unusual place to go up on our display by Friday 8th March. There will be a prize for the most bizarre picture!

Reading Sponsorship Challenge and Win Yourself A Book Competition!

These will be launched on World Book Day so look out for details coming home with your child next Thursday.



Safeguarding

Thank you to all those parents that have raised an online safeguarding issue with us this week. Advice from County is that we don't add details of it to our newsletter so as not to promote or introduce it further into the community; we have however attached a police safety information leaflet.

We have been asked to further recommend:

- the importance of confidently saying 'no' to invitations to play games from strangers.
- knowing why they should not click on unidentified links.
- knowing how to block unknown numbers and friend requests.

Our Celebrations:

Wellbeing Passports – The following children have completed their Wellbeing Passports this week: Willow Class- Brooke, Amelia, Daisy, Jemima & Benjamin.

Hazel Class: Alfie, Lola, Cameron & Macy. Each pupil has ticked off each box on the passport, so are now 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.



House Point Totals

Stonham: 3029, Brewer: 2764, Joslin: 2717, Langdon: 2688.

Gold Cards: Willow: Jemima, Oliver W & Lily T. Hawthorn: Sienna.

Top Table: Acorn: Edward & Eden, Oak: Eli & Sophia, Beech: Olivia & Jenson



Attendance winners this week were Acorn Class with 100.00%

| Class | Percentage Attendance % | No of lates |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Acorn (R) | 100 | 4 |
| Oak | 97.24 | 2 |
| Beech | 96.90 | 2 |
| Willow | 99.23 | 6 |
| Hawthorne | 97.88 | 1 |
| Hazel | 97.50 | 1 |
| Yew | 94.38 | 1 |



Holyrood Under 9's Hockey Fixture

On Tuesday 5th March, we are taking 14 children from Y3 and Y4 to Holyrood for Under 9's Hockey tournament. 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; this week: Y3/4 Boys: Ned, Kyron, Jack, George, Harry, Jacob, Christopher, Oliver, Buddy & James. Y3/4 Girls: Rebekah, Neave, Sienna, Ellie. They will need a gum shield and shin pads for this fixture.

Tag Rugby at North Curry Fixture

On Thursday 7th March, we are taking 14 children from Y3 and Y4 to North Curry for a Tag Rugby fixture. We leave school at 2pm and return for 5pm. We will be providing transport for the team and ask parents to give consent/payment on Parentpay. The following children were selected: Y3/4 Boys: Jack, Chris, Theo, George, Oli, Lewis, Kyron. Y3/4 Girls: Rebekah, Neave, Jess, Daisy, Summer, Lily, Ellie.

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

Report by Marcie and Micaela: On Wednesday 27th Y5/6 girls took part in a netball match. We played very well, but sadly lost to Kings Hall. After the match we had match tea and travelled home. Well done girls.

Y5/6 Football V Manor Court (A)

Mr Bulbeck's Report: On Thursday we took a year 5/6 team to manor court for a football match. The first half was very close with manor court going into the lead 3-2 at the break. In the second half we battled hard but struggled to break them down and the game finished 5-2 to manor court. Well-played to all involved.



Out of School Celebration

Congratulations to Chloe & Isabella from Yew class and Kyle & Leyland from Willow class who recently took part in a sponsored swimathon at Taunton School. They were part of three teams from Lentells who took part. The swimathon meant they had to swim as many lengths they could in one hour. Well done all of you.

Social Work recruitment campaign

Please see attached information on the latest Step Up to Social Work recruitment campaign for the southwest. Somerset and the southwest partnership are seeking individuals wishing to re-train or who are looking for a change of career to become Social Workers, with training commencing in January 2020. The national recruitment window is open until the 18th March. Applications can be submitted via the DfE national site by following the link below.

https://www5.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl_capita78.asp?newms=info1 Please do ensure that you make note of the entry requirements for the programme.



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

25th February - 8th March

Fair Trade fortnight

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)

Wednesday 13th

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

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

6.10: CAFOS Music Concert for Choir & Ukulele Club @ Holyrood

Thursday 14th

Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School

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

3.30: Reading Forum

Monday 18th

2:15- 3:15: Reception Maths Workshop

Tuesday 19th

9:05-10:05: Reception Maths Workshop

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

Thursday 21st

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

Friday 22nd

3.00: Y4 Sharing Assembly

Wednesday 27th

2.45-5.30: Y3456 Stockland XC (A) ST

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

Thursday 28th

9.00: KS2: BSO Concert

Y3/4 Inter house Dodgeball

April

Wednesday 3rd

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

Thursday 4th

Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

