



6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

No 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year and all our exciting news from our first week back at school. It has been fantastic to catch up on everyone's adventures and with such a sunny summer, I hope we all managed to have some relaxing time. Welcome to all our new families in school and staff: Mrs Roullier, Mrs McIlhagga and Mrs Bayley. Also, congratulations to Miss Smith who has become Mrs Cox during the holidays 😊

**This newsletter's important bits: (a request from Parent/Carer questionnaire last term):**

**Meet the Teacher Meetings Y1-Y6:** Thursday 12th September, choose either 3.30pm or 5.30pm.

**PAFOTS Meeting:** Friday 13th September, 9am in the Staff Room.

**Reading Letter Home next week.**

### Reception/Acorn Class

Welcome to our new Reception children who have been in at school for two days now and are already settling fast. I have popped in a few times and there has been a hive of activity. We are looking forward to having you stay for lunch next week too 😊



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

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### **Start and end of the School Day**

As per the letter that went out yesterday, for a calmer start and safer end to our school day we have made some changes. All children can start to come into school from 8.40 am with the official start of the day still being 8.50 am. Years 1, 2 and 3 children can now enter from their yellow back door and Years 4, 5 and 6 can enter from the library yellow door. Class teachers are still available for a quick chat if needed and I will be available as normal in the playground too.

At the end of the school day, all Year 1 and 2 children can be collected from the new zoned area at the bottom of the steps in the main playground. This will hopefully spread out the children coming down the steps and provide a safer and calmer handover.

### **School Representatives**

Following on from my whole school assembly, the children have been encouraged to have a think about whether they would like to have a wider role in school. It would be great if you could discuss this with your child over the weekend ready to put themselves forward next week. Positions are: School Council and Play Leader (including Mrs Churchill's Team Play Leaders), Eco-Council members and Librarians.

### **Reading**

A letter will be sent out on Monday with details of our new Accelerated Reader reading scheme and children will be bringing home their new reading books next week. Please join us for a meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm when we will share further details of our new scheme.

### **Meet the Teacher - Y1-Y6**

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their children's new class teacher on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm or 5.30pm at our meet the teacher sessions. Teachers will also give information about class routines and expectations.

### **PAFOTS**

Thank you to those parent/carers who have chatted to me about joining our new PAFOTs. (Parents and Friends of Tatworth School). Our first meeting is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Staff Room at school. Anyone keen to come and listen to find out what we are about is very welcome. There will be coffee and biscuits!

### **Art Day and Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Our annual charity coffee morning this year is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am – 12.30pm. We would be grateful for any cakes or bakes donations; please deliver to The Green Room before school. We have chosen this day to have our first Art Focus Day in school too. The focus is on our 130 year old Oak Tree and we very much welcome members of our school family and village community to pitch up and paint/draw/photograph our tree. We will have a professional artist with us on the day and during the coffee morning time she will be available to support/discuss anyone having a go. During the rest of the day the artist will be working with children to complete art pieces linked to the tree. **If anyone is out on an early autumn walk this weekend, it would be lovely if children could bring in items for our Autumn Nature table.**



All of the classes this week have spent time on their topic work and learning their new routines.

### Beech Class

This week during their Focus Days, the Year 2 children have been finding out all about explorers. Today they thought about explorers who have been into space, and learnt about Neil Armstrong and Helen Sharman. All of the children had a go at pretending to put on their spacesuits, then they worked in small groups to be a rocket and blast off into space! The children then wrote about their journey to the moon.



**Reminder that educational visit letters have gone home to Hazel and Beech Classes this week. Copies can be viewed on Parentpay.**

### Year 2 Trip to Lyme Regis Aquarium, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September:

We are planning to leave school on the coach at 9.15am, so the children should arrive in school at the usual time. Whilst we are there, we will have our lunch, so all children will require a drink and a small backpack in order to carry their packed lunch and fruit snack. If you have ordered a hot meal for your child for that day we will provide a packed lunch of: meat option: a ham baguette or veg option: cheese baguette, along with a yoghurt, piece of fruit & cookie or cake. If you have not ordered a meal you will need to provide a packed lunch.

We anticipate that we should be returning to school before the end of the day, so the children should be collected at 3:30pm as normal. The children should wear their school T-shirt and jumper/cardigan, with their own shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms. As we will be spending some of the time on the beach, the children should wear appropriate trainers/beach shoes (no flip-flops). We will need to be ready for all weathers, so please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat.

### Cheddar Seal Pup



I hope you enjoyed Cheddar’s journey through rehabilitation at Seal Rescue Ireland. Now that she is ready, she’s been released back out into the wild. Hopefully, Cheddar will do fantastically, and will survive to live a healthy life for many years.

### Safeguarding

Please find attached a National Online Safety factsheet about Nintendo Switch.

**Flu Vaccinations** – All Years. Consents forms for the flu vaccination have been sent home with all children today, if you wish your child to receive the vaccine please return forms by 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Vision Screening** - Oak Class (Y1) have received letters today from Somerset Vision Screening Service, please only return the slip if you wish your child to opt out of the screening planned for later this term.

### Our Celebrations:

#### Learning Behaviours

We have launched the Learning Behaviours for each class for this academic year; these build on from last year, but with a growing expectation as the children get older. This year our new shiny stars, as requested by School Council, are: Green (old bronze), Blue (old silver), Yellow (old gold) & Red (modelled by Ehren). Keeping Going (Salmon), Respect (Elephant), Team Player (Bee), Risk Taker (Squirrel), Motivated and Engaged (Meer cat), Aiming High (Eagle) and Taking Responsibility (Owl).



#### Platinum Bags

**Platinum bag work is work that is over and above expectation, where children have made extra effort and this is celebrated and shared each week in Celebration Assembly.**

This week’s: Willow Class: Lily, Archie & Phoebe; Hawthorn: Oliver; Hazel: Neave and Yew: George.

#### House Point Totals

**We are off to a super start this week with so many house points awarded already!**

Joslin	Brewer	Stonham	Langdon
125	118	125	111

#### School Lunch/Top Table

As our photo shows, our children are now enjoying a free choice of salad each day with our hot dinners; each day the salad and fruit is different and the children have enjoyed choosing and piling their plates high! The following children sat on the top table today for excellent manners during lunch this week:

Oak class: Paige & William, Beech: Chloe & Sophia H. Well done.



## Attendance

Attendance winners this week are Acorn, Oak & Hawthorn classes with 100 %. Well done to everyone in each of those classes.

Class	Percentage Attendance %	No. of lates
Acorn	100	0
Oak	100	1
Beech	96.67	1
Willow	95.26	1
Hawthorne	100	0
Hazel	95.59	0
Yew	94.14	1



**Y6 Forest School** – on 25<sup>th</sup> September Y6 children who have chosen Forest School will be doing a sports session.

**Sports** – All KS2 (Y345&6) children will need a gum shield, shin pads and long socks. Please ensure all items are named.

## Fixtures

**Y5/6 Football V Others @ Holyrood** – On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, we take 14 pupils to Holyrood to take part in a football fixture V other schools. We will leave school at 12.30 and return for 3.30pm. Parents are asked to give consent on parentpay and also make a transport contribution. The following pupils have been selected: George, Joseph, Theo, Chris, Leon, Reuben, Morgan, Jack, Jamie, Harry F, Oliver, Harry W, Riley & Dexter.

## Y5/6 Football V N Curry

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> we have a home Y5/6 football fixture V North Curry from 4.00-5.00pm. The following children have been selected: George, Joseph, Chris, Theo, Jamie, Morgan, Leon, Dexter & Reuben. We would be grateful of cakes for the match tea. As the fixture is after school please also return permission slips giving consent.

## Bikeability September Y6

All the places on the Bikeability course for the new Y6 pupils have now been filled. Thank you to the following helpers: Mrs Dickenson, Mrs Symes, Mrs Druce, Mr Woodland, Ms Brown, Mrs Farthing, Mrs Rodway & Mrs Priddle, as without your support this activity would not be possible. Please remember to bring a helmet and bike with you. It would also be good to have a few reserves, so please let the office know if you can help out with any of the sessions below. Children in group B will not swim on 25<sup>th</sup> September but will have their 4<sup>th</sup> swimming session on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

The sessions are as follows:

**Group A:** 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019: Morgan, Leon, Olivia, Joseph, Ehren, Macy, Poppy, Holly, Amber, Reuben, Jamie & Rose.

**Group B:** 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019: Harry, Katie, George, Cameron, Riley, Harry, Dexter, Paige, Marcie, Beatriz & Chase.

**Swimming:** Y6 (except for group B Bikeability) will start swimming on 25<sup>th</sup> September. An information letter went home in the last week of term (and can also be viewed on parentpay).

Please ensure you consent on parentpay before the first session. Children without consent will travel to the pool and sit poolside. All earrings need to be removed and hair tied back.



**Clubs** – All clubs start back next week, please find attached a reminder of the clubs. All chargeable clubs are bookable on parentpay and free clubs need permissions slips completed to secure a place. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium they may attend one club per year for £1, let the office know which club you wish to book and the price will be adjusted on parentpay.

### Get Into Sport Clubs

Mr Bulbeck's Get Into Sport Clubs restart next week with KS1 on Wednesday at 8am and KS2 on Thursday at 8am. Permission slips can be completed at drop off with Mr Bulbeck on the first morning, children are to arrive in PE kit and bring school uniform so they can change before school.

**Extended Services** – Breakfast club and Stay and Play are already open, if any new reception parents would like to pop in and see the setting before booking a place, please just call in after school. They want to replace games and toys and would be grateful of any donations.

**Y5: Holyrood Roadshow** - Y5 meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at school from 5.30-6.30pm – more details next week.

**Photographs** – Forward notice that the school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. 8.00am: Preschool/siblings only. Other sibling groups will be taken during school time.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

### September

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Interhouse Cross Country @ 2.15pm – choose team for Stockland
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Interhouse Cross Country @ 2.15pm – choose team for Stockland 3.30pm & 5.30pm: Y1-Y6: Meet the teacher sessions
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.30-6.30pm: Y5: Holyrood Roadshow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12.30-3.30: Y5/6 Football V Others @ Holyrood (A)ST Y5/6 Forest School
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability Group A 4.00-5.00: Y5/6 Football V N Curry (H) PC
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Visit Lyme Regis
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability Group A
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.15pm: SEND Forum
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12.30-3.30: Y5/6 Football V Others @ Holyrood on grass (A) PT
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am: Photographs: Preschool/siblings School. Other sibling groups during school
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am: Y5 Visit Stonehenge 6.00pm Rec & KS1 Read Write Inc Meeting
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability Group B 2.45-5.30: Y3456 Stockland Cross Country on grass (A) ST
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability Group B 10.30-12.30: Y6 Swimming @ Flamingo ST
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Art Day for Parents/Carers and Tatworth community 10.30-12.30: Macmillan Coffee Morning
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm: Y5 Sharing Assembly 6.00pm: Accelerated Reading Parent Meeting

