



25th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

No 4 Newsletter

Thank you for continuing to adapt your routines as we follow stricter guidance from the government to not mix in groups (adults and children) of greater than 6. The start of the day is now less crowded as families remain in cars until the gates are open and the staggered start, where a class has a 10-minute window to come into school, is allowing plenty of time for all children to arrive at school safely. Only arriving when the gate/class door is open, should give you more opportunity to keep moving and less chance of affecting social distancing rules. Thank you also to Year 5 and 6 children who are now adhering to the 8.40 am start time: any children in these year groups arriving earlier will now be asked to wait by a wall inside the playground until the 8.40 am bell, when they can go up the steps to their classrooms. The Reception routine is also calmer and safer; thank you all for your support with this and to Mr and Mrs Wood for allowing us to use their drive way. Finally, the field gate is open every morning and families can park at the playing fields carpark and walk across to this gate too; social distancing is easier, as there is plenty of space.

This week, I have been contacted by a number of local residents to share their concern about parents/carers chatting in groups up and down the road. I am sure if we continue to adopt the above measures, we will continue to improve our social distancing and continue to keep our wider community safe. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

This week, each class teacher held two meetings to introduce themselves, the routines, timetable, plans and information about reading and writing expectation, phonics, maths and a chance to raise questions and hopefully find out additional information such as curriculum topics. Every family should have received the accompanying pack to these meetings; if you were unable to attend a meeting, please contact the teachers by sending any questions via the homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk email with the class name or number in the subject bar so that the appropriate teacher picks up your question. Thank you.

Parent Consents

Thank you to all parents that have completed our online questionnaire; we will be chasing these up with phone calls next week, please click the link <https://forms.gle/7EASvT84j3DUYoCN8> to respond. **Every child will need at least one response**, so please phone the office if you would like to chat to me first or if you have any questions. Thank you.

Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

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Phonics and Reading

We have now completed all initial phonics and reading assessments and children will have an appropriate reading book or Accelerated Reader book. We will continue to send books home and ask that children read every day for 20 minutes. AR tests can still be done daily and we continue to encourage children to read every day in school. Children in Reception have now worked on a number of initial sounds and already starting to write and blend these – really well done Reception, we are very proud of you all.

Spelling

Classes will be set spelling homework on Spellingframe (<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>) from next week. Children have been given their login details and will be bringing home a spelling book which will also contain a sheet with suggestions of lots of different and fun ways to practise the spellings: it is important that children practise writing the spellings out by hand, in addition to playing the games and earning points on Spellingframe and will have the added benefit of practising handwriting. Making up sentences containing the words will also be fantastic practise and ensure they understand the vocabulary. Try making them as interesting or as silly as possible!

Writing

Further assessments are being completed for maths, spelling and grammar and writing. Following national guidance, we are limiting the items going home and coming into school. However, it would be a great help if children can write each day at home. It would be lovely to start a diary and we look forward to sharing these once we can have items from home back in school.

Maths

A new system will be in place this year for maths homework so we can continue to reduce the number of items travelling between home and school. Further details will be sent out in the next few weeks. For now, please continue to access the free games on MathsFrame <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>, BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8> or similar sites.

Wellbeing

County have also updated their 'Return to Education' information and support for **families** on their main public health website www.healthysomerset.co.uk/covid-19/happy/cyp/ We hope it is useful.

Wellbeing Wall



This is the 'Wellbeing Wall' in Y2 classroom. It has 6 different suggestions the children can choose from to help them with any wobbly thoughts or emotions.

The Wellbeing Wall is a step towards the children learning to regulate their own thoughts and feelings; we are really excited to see their progress with it so far. See if they can explain all the pictures to you!

Launch of NHS COVID-19 app

A quick reminder that the new NHS COVID-19 app is now available to download for free in England and Wales. Information and resources including guidance on how to download the app can be found [here](#). The leaflet for parents and carers explaining how the app works is available to download [here](#). DfE guidance on use of the NHS COVID-19 app in schools and FE colleges is available [here](#).

An explainer video is available [here](#).

Flu Vaccines

These were completed this week in school. Many thanks to all the children who were fantastically brave and to the NHS nurses who came in administered these in record-quick time!

Tempest Photographs

On Tuesday this coming week, the children will have an individual photograph taken. As previously emailed, the pictures will only be individual and no sibling or family pictures can be taken this year. Tempest will also email with a code to access the photo and ordering system on-line.

Penny Wars Pizza!

Next Friday Year 1 will receive their pizza prize as the reward from PAFOTS for winning Penny Wars last year. Y1 children will not need a snack that day.

Eco Warriors

Classes have chosen their Eco Warriors representatives:

Yew Class: **Kieran and Ellie**, Hazel: **Fern and Jemima**, Hawthorn: **Kaici and Frankie**, Willow: **Sophia H & Grace**. Beech: **Cooper and Isabelle C**, Oak: **Zephyr and Georgie**,

School Council: Oak representatives are: **Lola and Florence**.

Celebrations:

Behaviours for Learning Celebrations:

Yew Class: **Harry M** for remaining focussed and contributing to all lessons. **Megan** for aiming high, always going the extra mile!

Hazel Class: **Jessica** for being outstanding! **Jessica** has earned one of each of the learning behaviours this week, she is a superstar! **David** for being motivated and working very hard on improving his spellings.

Hawthorn Class: **Frankie and Charlie B** for a super start to their reading this year. They have both already doubled their AR points! 😊

Willow Class: **Oliver and Isabella** for making a super effort to use our word wall vocabulary in their writing, **Jimmy** for keeping our class a smiley place with his endless positivity and enthusiasm.

Beech Class: **Verity** for being motivated and engaged in all of her learning, **Luca** for being motivated and engaged in his learning, **Isabelle C** for being a trustworthy, fair and honest class member 'Team Player'.

Oak Class: **Alfred** for always aiming high in his learning, **Marley** for taking responsibility for his learning,

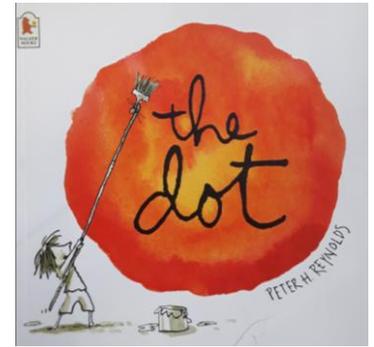
Acorn Class: **Ava** for her consistently outstanding behaviour, **Dottie** for her outstanding attitude to learning in Maths.



Purple Phonics Group for excellent attitudes to learning and for working so well with your partners.

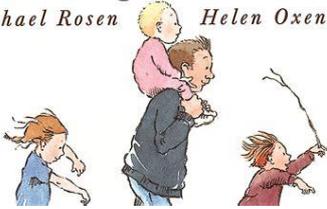
Conversation Starter: Perhaps a chat to children to start thinking about what sort of plants they would like in the Oakey Dokey garden in our raised beds and living wall, as we will be working on this at school soon. This is the book we shared in assembly today 'the dot'.

Oak Class received a letter today about 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' asking for photos of children for a class book.



We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Kind regards

Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

Attachments: Holiday Club Flyer and Junior Netball Club Flyer

