



2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

No 5 Newsletter

It has been a wet and windy week in school but that hasn't stopped us getting outside or enjoying some of our new equipment and sports activities. Years 3 and 4 have managed to have sessions on the climbing wall and Year 1, Year 2 and Reception have had some specialist cricket sessions with Somerset Cricket.



Early next week, I will write again with details of changes to our Covid-19 response, but we are now operating in 6 separate bubbles in school: Reception, Y1/2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. We have reduced our group numbers and hopefully, this will support the wider efforts on social distancing and curbing the spread of the disease.

Acorn Class 2020

Below, are our super new reception children. They have settled really well into school and we are really excited to see all that they can do and watch them achieve and thrive. Welcome to you all.



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School in a Bag

We received a very exciting email this week from 'School in a Bag', our charity for 2019/20. If you remember, we raised funds and were able to send 15 bags over to Africa to support 15 children to access school. The bags were due to be delivered in April 2020, but with Covid restrictions in place, the port in Guinea Bissau held the container at the docks. The good news is that the bags have now been delivered. The picture below is not of our bags, but of bags that were on the same shipment as some of ours; these have been given out, which is fantastic news. Some bags are still being held in the Gambia and we will hopefully be receiving news of ours soon. We will share our pictures when they arrive.



Tempest Photographs

This week the children had their photos taken. All families should have received an email explaining how to view the photo and the process for ordering. Please let us know if you have not yet received this. Thank you.

Harvest Festival and Charity Day – 23rd October 2020

This year, due to restrictions, we are holding our harvest festival as a combined day to raise funds for support Macmillan Cancer Support and Breast Cancer Now. A letter was sent yesterday with details. We are looking forward to receiving your recipes 😊

PAFOTS

Bag2school is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing. Bags have been sent home today. Please return these by Tuesday 3rd November (not 4th November as on the label). If you would like to deliver bags before the Tuesday, please contact PAFOTS via their Facebook page and they will store bags before our collection. Please do not bring bags to school before Tuesday 3rd November as we cannot store them inside of the school.

Casting your mind back to March 2020, the popular 'Penny Wars' was won by the then, Reception Class. Today they celebrated with a slice of pizza, delivered by PAFOTS. Thank you, Dominoes, for supplying these pizzas for free.



Uniform

We will soon be making an order for non-stock items of uniform (polo shirts and cardigans). Please make any orders on parentpay by Monday 12th October.

Gold Cards:

Oak: **Declan**, Willow: **Eli Aubree, Maisy So, Spencer**, Hawthorn: **Jacob & Noah**, Hazel: **David & Jemima**.

Celebrations:

Behaviours for Learning Celebrations:

Yew Class: Chris for always approaching his work with a positive attitude. **Neave** for excellent focus and attention to detail in her work.

Hazel Class: Florence for having a fantastic attitude and taking responsibility for her learning and behaviour at all times, **Jemima** for aiming high and improving her work from a good standard to an excellent standard! Great attitude, well done!

Hawthorn Class: Jenson for taking responsibility and completing his homework (he was in the top 3 on the leader board this week in Spelling Frame! **Sophia** for completing all her homework and being top of the class leader board on Spelling Frame

Willow Class: Finley for working hard in all his lessons. **Ruby H** for her home and school work.

Beech Class: Isabel H for being a kind and caring member of the class. **Zuza** for trying hard in her reading and writing.

Oak Class: Darcey for being motivated and engaged in all her learning. Bailey for aiming high in his Maths.

Acorn Class: Teddy for his letter formation in phonics and writing. Olivia for consistently outstanding behaviour.

Reminders in our present climate:

- Where possible, only on adult per family to drop and collect.
- Late children need to enter school at the main office gate.
- Year 1, 3 & 4 **start** lessons at 8.40am.
- At the start of the week, KS2 PE kit should include gum shield and shin pads.
- Extra kit is not needed for afterschool clubs (this includes football kits).
- For forest school: wellington boots only need to be brought to school when wet.
- Reception, Year 1 & 2 receive fruit from the school: you may decide that your child does not need a second snack.
- Additions to the PE Kit in cold weather can be sweatshirts and joggers (in dark green, black, grey or navy colours only).
- Children should limit what they bring to school: packed lunch box, water bottle, snack and reading book are needed each day and PE kit should be brought in on a Monday. Please put these into a small bag to reduce the risk of contamination.
- Classes who have PE at the end of the day will now start to wear their PE home.

Thank you for your cooperation, kindest regards,



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

Attachments: Bag2school flyer, Marie Collins Flyer.

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