



9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## No 6 Newsletter

We have had a few opportunities this week, to get outside and into the autumn sunshine. Forest School sessions have included den building and planting some hardy perennials to give us a splash of colour!

We said "Goodbye," to Sue last Friday, who has been working at the school since 1988, cleaning and keeping us ship-shape and ready to start each new day. Thank you, Sue, for your dedicated commitment to us all. We really hope you enjoy your new free time and enjoy watching all the visitors to your new bird table. 😊

This week, I had a very successful meeting with the Eco-Warriors. We mainly spoke about plans to continue the work out the front of school and well done for rallying class members to draw living wall pictures to send with our application to the Parish Council. Other ideas from the meeting included: creating a hedgehog hospital at school and having a special environment badge, which can be earned after showing a commitment to environmental issues. Thank you, warriors; we will discuss these ideas further at the next meeting.

### Computing Update:

There is an information sheet attached from Mr Goodman with information about free software that can be downloaded to support children to access computing learning at home. We hope you find this useful.

### Music Update:

Children and teachers at Tatworth are enjoying making music together! Key Stage 1 have been learning how to play their new ocarinas safely distanced, half a class at a time. Y3 enjoyed taking part in body percussion, it's a great way to learn about keeping a steady beat and creating rhythms. Key Stage 2 are excitedly awaiting the arrival of our new steel pan drums.



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

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### **Forest School:**

Yew class have been building structures this week in forest school. At the end of the session they built their own structure as a team building experience. The brief was that it had to be a lean-to structure.



### **Parents' Evening:**

This year, we will be delivering our Parents' Evenings via TEAMS. There will be two possible dates for an appointment: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November or Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The appointments will each be for 10 minutes and we will ask you to 'wait in the lobby' until the class teacher admits you into the meeting at the start time. There will obviously only be yourselves and the class teacher in each meeting. There will be an option to have a telephone call instead. A letter will come out next week with extra details.

### **NFER: Key Stage 1 National Project: Research on the impact of Covid-19 school closures and support strategies on pupils' learning and social wellbeing in Key Stage 1**

Tatworth Primary School has been selected to participate in a research project to determine the impact of the school closures during the current Covid-19 lockdown period. This is an exciting study and all the children in Oak and Beech Classes have been chosen to take part. Please look out for the separate letter and explanation. Thank you.

### **Lord's Larder Offer:**

The Lord's larder is offering families who are in receipt of benefit-related, free school meals (not universal free school meals) a food parcel for the half term week. Please contact the Lord's Larder on 07542498366, 9.00 am until 1.00 pm weekdays (except Wednesday), to request a parcel and arrange a time to collect. Many thanks.



## Celebrations

### Gold Cards:

**Hazel Class: Julia, Buddy, Lilly, Brooke, Kyle, Lewis, Ben & Tyler.**

**Platinum Bag: Beech Class: Benjamin:** the bean we planted in Y1 is still going strong!

### Behaviours for Learning Celebrations:

**Yew Class: Poppy** for excellent effort with her handwriting and practising times tables at home.  
**James** for being focused and putting in excellent effort.

**Hazel Class: Ben** for being an excellent and considerate team player. He has been particularly kind and thoughtful in sharing resources during art. **Lilly** for showing such lovely respect in keeping the classroom tidy and her class partners organised.

**Hawthorn Class: Amelia** for her positive attitude and approach to her school work.

**Chloe** for having fantastic concentration...all week!

**Willow Class: Eli** for being helpful in the class and trying really hard in all his work. **Harriet** for being friendly and kind to our class visitor and always quietly doing the right thing.

**Beech Class: William** for making such excellent contributions during English lessons. **Noah** for also making such excellent contributions during English lessons.

**Oak Class: Darcey** for always working hard and being motivated and engaged. **Daniel** for being a great partner in phonics a team player.

**Acorn Class: Emma** for outstanding attitude to learning, especially in phonics. **Logan** for working really hard to learn all his sounds.

### Parking:

May I take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to not park by the cones at the front of school. The cones are opposite the entrance to the car park and they allow children in Reception to walk down to the gate without any moving cars getting too close to them. Parked cars by the cones would result in travelling cars moving into the middle of the road and closer to the school railings where families may be walking. Thank you.

### Secondary Applications:

County have asked us to remind parents of the closing date for secondary school applications which is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Parents can apply online at:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.



**Attachments:**

Software links from Mr Goodman  
NOS: What you need to know about persuasive design  
Seaton Jurassic half term flyer  
October half term DM Club

**Reminders:****Harvest Festival and Charity Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**

**Bag2school** by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (not 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Uniform** non-stock items of uniform (polo shirts and cardigans). Please make any orders on parentpay by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

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