



16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## No 7 Newsletter

I am just sitting here writing the newsletter, with my office window open, listening to Willow Class having fun out in our Oakey-Dokey Wellbeing Garden. With us now using different and new areas around school for our bubble playtimes, it is a treat for me to hear the children having a lovely time out in the autumn sunshine.



## National Wellbeing Award

Look out in this week in the Chard and Ilminster News as we have shared our proud news that we are the first Primary School in Somerset to be awarded the AcSEED Wellbeing Award.

Wellbeing is now embedded in all that we do at Tatworth; staff automatically include adjustments to teaching and learning to ensure we support all our children to feel positive and approach their work knowing they can achieve. We have become open in our conversations with each other and the children, and there have been positive improvements in attitude amongst the children. They engage and want to demonstrate a range of learning behaviours and are proud of what they achieve. Both children and staff have learnt how to better care for themselves and each other and through our range of wellbeing activities, both their physical and emotional wellbeing has improved. Life in school is very positive and we all work extremely hard to support each other as a team. We are all very proud of this achievement.”

## Love

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### Quote about Tatworth School from AcSEED founder Charlotte Gatherer:

"AcSEED promotes adoption of best practices in supporting the emotional wellbeing and mental health of young people in UK schools and colleges, and provides recognition for organisations that satisfy the AcSEED criteria for wellbeing support" said Charlotte Gatherer, founder of The AcSEED Initiative. "The AcSEED assessment team were particularly impressed by the strong wellbeing ethos at Tatworth Primary School, by their mental health and wellbeing provisions, and by the broad wellbeing awareness and training of staff. We are therefore delighted to announce that Tatworth Primary School has been accredited with The AcSEED Award".

A huge thank you to all the support for wellbeing from staff, children Governors, and our families. Also, to Mrs Hewitson on leading this initiative and Mrs Churchill who keeps us focused on our physical wellbeing too 😊.

### Music Offer

Earlier in the week, we were very excited to finally receive our long-awaited steel drums! As part of our Music provision, we now have a range of musical instruments being played by our children across the school. Each week, every child in Year 1 through to Year 6 now have a lesson to learn to play a tuned instrument. Here is Hawthorn Class playing for the first time:



**Forest school** is another area where we focus on children's wellbeing: here is Hazel and Yew classes building wigwams!



## Bubble Concerts

Since we can't gather for our annual Open Mic afternoon, we shall be having 'bubble concerts' in front of peers during their class assembly time. If your child would like to perform (with full Covid safety in place), then please encourage them to choose a piece to sing, or play on their instrument, and practise this for a concert after half term. Please ensure they let their class teacher know in advance and bring in the instrument when required. There is a portable keyboard in school so let your teacher know if this is an instrument you need set up beforehand.



Mrs Hewitson is pleased to announce some very exciting news for our KS2 mathematicians. We have signed up to TT Rock Stars and all of the children in Years 3-6 now have the chance to become a **Times Table Rock Star**! Over the last two days, all of the children have logged on at school, chosen their Rock Star name, and started playing and earning points. Today they have taken home a letter with their login details and

password, so they can continue playing at home. Teachers have set which times tables they would like their class to practise each week in the Garage. If children are feeling confident, they can practise the full range of times tables in the Studio or Soundcheck arenas. When children start playing, they are listed as a New Artist, but as they play more games and increase their speed, they can work their way up the scale and eventually become a Rock Star.

A real Rock Star joined us for school assembly today!



## PE:

International Walk to School Month  
In October Tatworth Primary School will be taking part in International Walk to School month.

Please follow the link below and it will take you to the screen shot page.

<https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo>

Please press families and then press FIND SCHOOL. Schools post code is TA20 2RX

It will take you to our School

Dashboard where you can find your team and log your activity. This means we will have a bit of a competition to see which two combined classes are doing the most activity. There are two classes per team apart from Reception. To make it fair I will double Receptions hours. Good luck. You can access further resources by pressing FURTHER ACTIVITIES by the FIND SCHOOL.



## Harvest Festival and Charity Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

**Reminder:** We will be holding a Harvest Festival assembly at school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, and at the same time we will be encouraging children to support Macmillan Cancer Support and Breast Cancer Now. We would very much like to receive recipes and photos of meals or dishes you might have made from produce grown in your garden this year or family favourites from items in your cupboards. Please email recipes to [tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk) by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. These will then be prepared on recipe cards and, for a nominal fee of £1.00, can be emailed out for you to try.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will hold our special assembly. We will ask children to wear one red or pink item to school along with their school uniform, such as socks, jumper, a ribbon, in aid of Breast Cancer Now. In addition, each class will hold a spot the difference competition in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We are asking for donations via parentpay and a further £1.00 if they would like the selection of recipe cards emailed home. There will be prize in each class for the spot the difference competition and we will list these names in the newsletter.

We are very much looking forward to reading all your recipe ideas, so please email these to our school email address asap. I have already written mine out, so look out for the Rocket Soup Recipe as that is a favourite in my house 😊

### Parent Carer Forum meeting after half term.

We have parent/carer vacancies in Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 and Year 5. If anybody would like to join the group, please speak to other forum members to find out the commitment or chat to me, the more the merrier.

### Christmas Cards/Seasonal Cards:

In the next few weeks, we will let you know how you can order your child's Christmas or seasonal card. A proportion of this payment is donated to the school. Thank you.

### Celebrations:

**Gold Cards: Marley and Clayton.**

**Platinum Bag: Oliver J, Jess A and Jemima.**

### Behaviours for Learning Celebrations:

**Yew Class: Theo** for keeping going and trying really hard with your handwriting. **Jacob** for excellent focus and engagement in lessons this week.

**Hazel Class: Kyle** for having a great week! Kyle has shown lots of responsibility for his own learning and has been a great team player in helping others with theirs. **Tyler** for being a great risk taker and staying positive when completing his work.

**Hawthorn Class: Lily E** for her extra focus all week. **Oscar B** for engagement with his writing.

**Willow Class: Kai R** for always having a positive attitude and participating in all discussions and activities. **Ruby B** for listening to and carefully following instructions and excellent effort in writing.

**Beech Class: Faith** for working so hard and getting on straight away. **Leon** for being motivated and engaged in our English lessons. **Adley** for making excellent contributions in our Mrs Armitage work.

**Oak Class: Zephyr** for reading beautifully to the rest of the class (motivated and engaged).

**Declan** for working hard in PSHE (motivated and engaged).

**Acorn Class: Fergus** for working really hard on his handwriting. **Belle** for her outstanding behaviour.



**From PAFOTS...**please read on for a bit of info about us, and what we have coming up....

Our PTA is known as **PAFOTS (Parents and Friends of Tatworth school)**.

We are a group of working Mums (Dads, carers and grandparents also welcome). We are always happy to welcome new volunteers and accept any help for events or fundraising ideas that people are able to offer. As well as providing an opportunity to meet other parents/carers and form new friendships, the main focus of PAFOTS is to raise vital funds for the children and the school. Without these funds, in recent years, we would not have been able to provide Dictionaries, Year 6 leavers hoodies, Wellbeing Week activities, book bags, rugs in year 1 &2, and iPads to name a few.

This year, unfortunately, due to Covid-19, our plans for Easter bingo, children's discos, and the Christmas Fayre have had to be cancelled. So, we are now working hard to come up with new ideas to carry on fundraising that are safe for everybody. We are still very much committed to raising money for the school, which is needed now more than ever. However, we are aware of the financial implications on all our families. All we ask is for your support.

We are currently running Bag2School. Simply place any clean and intact clothing, bedding, curtains etc into the bag provided or a bin bag and pass on to a member of PAFOTS to donate. All the money raised will go to benefiting the children.

We are also planning Christmas fundraising ideas in lieu of a Christmas Fayre this year, which is always a big success. Watch this space or visit our Facebook page for more details very soon. We look forward to meeting new members and warmly welcome any help and support offered.

PAFOTS: Lucy Cleaver, Becky Barnes, Karen Sandford, Jess Haydon, Lorraine Brown, Tracey Ellis - Trott, Carolyn Slyfield & Becky Hartley.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

**Reminders:**

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**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.

**Parents' Evening:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November or Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

