



Dear Parents and Carers

3rd December 2020

No 13 Newsletter

We have had another busy week in school this week and tomorrow we have our first inset day of the academic year. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday and wish you all a relaxing weekend. Today we have sent home all of the lovely festive orders following the Christmas card art work.

Reception & Y1 Phonics Evening via Teams: today, Thursday 3rd December 5-6pm. This teams meeting will explain Read Write Inc. for parents to explain what the children do at school and how the children can be supported at home. We look forward to (virtually) seeing you there.



Christmas Tree

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Richard Down in the village for kindly donating our Christmas tree for our library area. The lights will switch on at St Johns Church tree on Saturday afternoon and we understand a special visitor will be driving by too.



Next Friday, we have an artist visiting school and working with year 3 and year 6 on a community art project. Photos to follow in next week's

letter. Also next Friday, Reception and KS1 will be watching a Tall Stories' live production of the Gruffalo. We are all very excited about this and will have our snack as we watch. KS2 will be watching a performance in the final week of term.



PAFOTS Virtual Christmas Fair

Next Friday 11th December, will also be our virtual fair. Children may wear non-uniform on this day. There are lots of activities for the children to do including: name the teddy, class activity/stall and own clothes day. Please see the flyers attached. The children will also each be bringing home their festive craft. Payment is set up on parentpay at a cost of £2.50 per child. Thank you.

Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

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Open the Book

This week, we held our first Open the Book assemblies since February. Thank you to the Open the Book team who suggested the story to fit with this week's theme: People who help us. Children in Y3 enjoyed acting out the story with Mrs Whiffin for the Y3/4 assembly, and the Y1/2 children watched as Mrs Billington led the story with some Y1 children assisting her. The story we shared was about the time God sent the Holy Spirit. Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God with them, helping them, guiding them through life and comforting them when trouble or difficulty comes.



Wellington Maths Challenge

Well done again to the four Y6 children who were chosen to represent Tatworth School at the Wellington Maths Challenge competition last Friday: Harry F, Jacob, Nikita and Theo. Unfortunately, we did not get a placing, but got a very respectable score of 12/25 (beating our score of 7 from last year!). Mrs Hewitson was very proud of how well they worked together as a team, so has awarded them all a Team Player learning behaviour.

COVID

Many thanks to everyone for their support with the adapted routines for coming into school and going home, abiding by the social distancing rules, dropping your children off and moving on swiftly.

We continue to ask that parents inform us of all covid test results by emailing the school. It is very important that we also have information of any positive test results in the holidays up to 24th December please inform school via tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Video Consent

Nativity

We will be filming the children's Christmas performance this year to share with parents through a private YouTube link. We will only film children where you have already given your consent for their image to be shared, and will not film children where consent has not been given. If you would like to withdraw your existing consent, please inform the school by Wednesday 9th December. The school respectfully asks that you do not share the YouTube video on social media, to protect the privacy of all pupils.

Food Vouchers

Next week, those families in receipt of benefit-related free school meals will receive details regarding vouchers for the Christmas holidays. If anyone has concerns regarding this coming break, please contact us and we will try and help.



Spring Term Meals

The menu for the Spring Term is now live on parentpay. If your child would like a hot meal please log into parentpay and make selections by **Friday 11th December**. Please choose meals until the end of term: 1st April, ensuring you skip through the half term break. (Reception parents: this will be your first time booking online, please call the office if you need support.)

Inter House Football

This week, Year 3 took part in a very close, inter-house football tournament with each house team playing twice. There were some excellent skills on view and wonderful individual goals. The final results were: Joslin in 4th, Langdon 3rd, Stonham 2nd and Brewer 1st. Well played to all.

Year 4 played an inter house hockey tournament. In wet and miserable conditions, the houses all played against the other three to decide the winner. Although they played in difficult conditions there was still good teamwork on show. Finally, Stonham finished 4th, Langdon 3rd, Brewer 2nd and Joslin 1st. Well played to all involved.

Celebrations:

Gold Cards: Willow Class: Eli x2. Hazel Class: Jemima & Brooke.

Pen Licence: Hawthorn Class: Oscar.

Badges

Oak Class: Olivia & Ava.

Beech Class: Jayden, Alaska, Megan & Verity.

Willow Class: Abigail, Harriet, Sophia, Hannah & Isabella.

Hazel Class: Tyler, Gracie, Matilda & Lilly.

Hawthorn Class: Erin, Josh T, Lily H & Rowan.

Yew: Summer.

Behaviours for Learning Celebrations:

Yew Class: Reggie for enjoying fractions 😊 **Izzy** for always being motivated and engaged; excellent participation in Maths discussions.

Hazel Class: Finlay for being motivated and engaged in science. Well done **Fin!** 😊 **Ollie** for keeping going with this writing and persevering in finishing and improving it.

Hawthorn Class: Layla for taking responsibility for her learning and completing extra at home. **Archie** for creating a descriptive recount and including our 'word wall' words.

Willow Class: Oscar for fantastic effort with his own writing, and supporting others to edit their work in a positive way. Dylan for excellent use of vocabulary and punctuation to improve his writing.

Beech Class: Brody for working so hard on his handwriting. **Harley** for making progress with his writing and contributions in class.

Oak Class: Amjed for taking responsibility – always has his equipment. Ava for taking responsibility – great phonics work.

Acorn Class: Madison for sitting beautifully to eat her lunch. **Ava** for always trying her best.

Kind regards,



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

Attachments: NOS – What parents and carers need to know about PlayStation 5.



PAFOTS: Christmas Pretties & Fair Posters.

Reminders.

Inset day: School is closed tomorrow, Friday 4th December for an inset day.

Christmas

Christmas Cards: Sadly, this year we are unable to use our 'Christmas post box' therefore, please do not send in any pupil Christmas cards which are usually delivered at school. We are also sadly unable to sell Christmas stamps.

PAFOTS Christmas Virtual Fair/Non-Uniform Day: Friday 11th December: Classes are busy making gifts/crafts to sell to bring home and PAFOTS have arranged for each class to have an activity or stall for the children to take part in. Purchases of craft items/activities, including 'name the teddy', may be made via parentpay - the total cost for craft activities and stall being £2.50 per child. Please purchase by 10th December, items will be sent home on the day of the Fair.

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 16th December. This is open to all pupils, please make selections on parentpay by tomorrow, **Friday 4th December.** Choose either roast turkey or sage, onion & cheese plait. Desserts will be chosen on the day: jelly & ice-cream or yule log.

Father Christmas will be visiting each class virtually this year during the week of 16th December.

Christmas Jumper Day 18th December. Children may wear a Christmas jumper on this day (this can also be a decorated jumper that you already have).

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