



8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

No 16 Newsletter

This has not been the start to the spring term or 2021 we had all envisaged or wanted, but thank you all for your commitment to our remote learning and for your patience as we have moved to on-line learning. We also welcome three new children into school this week: Owen Y4, Darcie Y2 and Laila Y5. Well done for each taking part in your on-line learning whilst moving school too 😊.

We are totally committed to doing the very best for our children and, as a staff, have fast-tracked our skills in Microsoft Teams and how it operates. As per guidance, we are expected to deliver a meaningful and ambitious curriculum to all our learners with a programme of 3 or 4 hours of work.

At the same time, we fully understand that for some families, due to their individual circumstances, this brings difficulties. We will endeavour to support with technical advice and equipment and have again today received a kind donation of a tablet from a neighbour, to be distributed where needed within our school community. Thank you to Mrs J Scott from Yonder Hill for her kind donation. If anyone would also like to make any donations please call 01460 220565 or email tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Before Christmas, we had received a proportion of our allocated hardware from the government to support the remote learning offer. This will be reviewed, and I am hoping extended, towards the end of January. We are however, after initial teething problems, able to issue some ipads from school for families that may need these.

From next week for children in Year 1 to Year 6, we will be asking children to upload work through assignments in Teams. The subject tasks will explain which work needs to be uploaded and the work should not be put in the comments stream.

The assignments will all have a title of the date the work was set and it should be uploaded into this assignment. We will send out further information about this early next week. Thank you.

Additional information:

All children who attend school on a Friday should bring wellies. Also, please bring trainers to school on the day your child is due to do PE. In school we are following the same timetable as the children at home. All PE lessons for children at school will be outside, weather permitting. Please wear appropriate uniform to allow this to take place. Children will not be changing clothes for these activities.

Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

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School Meals – for those children in school we are still offering hot dinner, please order as usual via parentpay. For children at home in receipt of benefit-related free school meal, we will be issuing vouchers as soon as they arrive. Please be aware, if your child is accessing their free hot meal in school, the voucher will be reduced.

FSM – for anybody who feels that their circumstances may have changed, please click on this link to see you qualify for free school meals: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

Thrive Award – We are very proud to announce that Mrs Henley has completed her Thrive training and today was presented with her special badge by Y4 children. The Thrive approach focusses on children’s mental health and wellbeing, with the knowledge, insights and resources needed to develop the relationships that help children and young people to flourish and learn.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Support during national lockdown

Following the announcement of the new national lockdown, we wanted to provide a reminder about some of the support that is available during this period. We acknowledge the additional pressures on staff, students and parents at this time and this link provides an overview of some of the key support and services available.

We would particularly highlight the following:

- Parent Support Helpline attached
- Mindline – click this [link](#) for more information
- Somerset’s public health website www.cypsomersethealth.org includes a Mental Health Toolkit, Wellbeing for Education Return information and Covid-19 specific wellbeing resources.
- Young Somerset website Covid-19 support page: [COVID-19 Support | Young Somerset \(Formerly Somerset Rural Youth Project\)](#)

Online Safety

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Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Hart'.

Tracey Hart, Headteacher

Attachments:

Online Safety for parent webinar: “It is never going to happen to my child...”
Parent Support Helpline.

