

Dear parents/carers and children,

15th January 2021

No 17 Newsletter

We have had another busy week, both in school and learning remotely. I know I have said it before, but I am so impressed at how well we are all doing with the computer-based learning, ramping up our technical knowledge and becoming MS Teams experts! For anyone battling with specifics, please join our virtual technical support session with our IT technician on Tuesday morning. Please just email the office and we will send you an invitation. Please also let us know if you are needing equipment, especially when there is more than one child in the family at school and you are trying to juggle devices. We may still be able to lend bits out.



It was lovely to see you all on the live assembly earlier today. Mrs Hewitson has awarded me a Risk Taker learning behaviour sticker for attempting my first live assembly! I have to say, it was quite daunting, mainly as I wanted it to be successful for all our children. Next week, it would be useful to reduce the 'pinging' throughout (by restricting our comments) to just answering any questions asked in the assembly – well done to Oscar B, who I believed was the first child to suggest that my shared photograph was of baby octopuses.

Following our usual routine, attached to this week's newsletter, are the term class letters. These are a little shorter than usual as we are sadly unable to offer so many of our extra-curricular activities and trips.

TEAMS update:

During our staff meeting yesterday evening, it was agreed that now we are a little more proficient with the on-line system, we will set regular assignments for each class and that these assignments will be commented on and marked by the class teacher or phonics lead. The number of assignments might fluctuate, depending on the lesson requirements, but these will be mentioned in the session information. It should not take more than a few days to receive the feedback. All other work can be uploaded to each child's OneNote or recorded in the exercise book each child has at home. We will not be able to comment on all of these extra posts but we do appreciate all of the work the children are doing at home.

A timetable will be added at the start of each week so that you are aware of the sessions planned and there may also be details of a number of live sessions or lessons too, in each year group. We are hoping to 'pin' each day's tasks and lessons so that it is easier for you to identify this at home. Pinned work will have a green bar down one side. Older conversations may be deleted soon to help us all see the relevant work more clearly.



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I am aware that some teachers prefer to work later in the evening and upload before going to bed, whilst others prefer to work early in the morning instead. To support the wellbeing of all staff, please could I ask that you respect this and not compare classes and teachers. The agreed policy is that there will be at least one lesson uploaded for each class by 8.50 am each morning. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

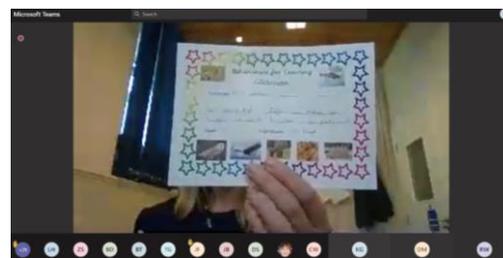
Live Sessions

Please remember all cameras should be off and microphones too. Please raise your hand if you want to say something in the sessions and the teacher will ask you to switch on your microphone to speak. We are aware that there may occasion be a clash when two classes may have a live lesson at the same time, please don't worry as these will be recorded and be available to watch later. Somerset's Support Services for Education, Elim (e-learning and information and learning), advocate that there should be no screen shots or snippets of recordings taken of any live lessons either.

Learning behaviour stickers will be added to assignments only and these will be awarded by teachers and school staff. We are encouraging all the children in Years 1 to 6 to continue to work towards their learning behaviour badges and we will record these in school. Notification of who has achieved their badge or coloured section, will be celebrated in our virtual assemblies each week.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Belle for her fantastic performance of her story: 'Belle and the Toothbot'. **Cohen** for his fantastic attitude to learning and super problem-solving in maths. **Acorn Class Parents** for their incredible effort in supporting home learning.



Oak Class: Cameron for having a positive attitude to the work set. **Leo** for always bringing a smile to our faces when we see his work. **Oak Class and their parents** for a positive attitude towards homelearning. A team vibe!

Beech Class: Zusa for being so kind and helpful to others. **Benjamin** for being so motivated and engaged with this learning at home.

Willow Class: Spencer for beautiful handwriting that he has worked very hard on. **Sophia** for completing fantastic work at home in all subjects.

Hawthorn Class: Amelia for her positive and thoughtful attitude in class 😊 she always gives 100% to all her work. **Jenson** for super handwriting in his book and great learning this week.

Hazel Class: James for aiming high in English and taking care to reflect and consider his ideas in our poetry work. **Amelia** for taking responsibility for her learning and completing her work on time.

Yew Class: James for having a super attitude to his work in school. Staying focussed and engaged at all times. **Izzy** for excellent engagement in homelearning assignments handed in, asking questions when necessary and supporting others. Well done Izzy!

Thank you to our school community:

As you can imagine, all at Tatworth Primary are working extremely hard to provide progressive learning, remain in contact with all families, offer support, recording lessons and preparing live lessons as well as engaging throughout the day with learners at home and teaching in school. We thank you all for your messages of support and thanks - and the occasional funny comment too, they are lightened our day. We also thank the Buckle family for their kind delivery



yesterday, we are sharing it out next week 😊. Also, thank you for the kind donation of IT equipment too from Mrs Childs: it is much appreciated.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Hopefully, those in receipt of benefit-related free school meals, have received vouchers for two or three weeks. Following the information in the press about the quality of food boxes, we are continuing to offer vouchers at the moment. Please be aware, if your child is accessing their free hot meal in school, the voucher will be reduced.

School Council Update:

As requested by the School Council, during the recent holiday we painted the wooden ceiling above the activity corridor blue to represent the sky!



Going forward, our numbers in school are continuing to rise and we ask again, in the spirit of the guidance, (mentioned in Wednesday's letter) that all parents who have requested places, or are considering requesting places, under the umbrella of critical worker status, do so only on those days when their child cannot be at home.

Kind regards

Tracey Hart
Headteacher

On Site Schooling Reminders:

Children attending school should enter/exit school as follows:

Year Group	Gate	Morning Drop Off	Afternoon Collection
Reception	Main school gate	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.30 – 3.40 pm
1	Gate by Year 2	8.30 – 8.40 am	3.20 – 3.30 pm
2	Gate by Year 2	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.30 – 3.40 pm
3	Main school gate	8.30 – 8.40 am	3.20 – 3.30 pm
4	Gate by Year 2	8.30 – 8.40 am	3.20 – 3.30 pm
5	Gate by Year 2	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.30 – 3.40 pm
6	Gate by Year 2	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.30 – 3.40 pm

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.

School Meals – for those children in school we are still offering hot dinner, please order as usual via parentpay.

