

Dear parents/carers and children,

5th February 2021

No 20 Newsletter

Goodness, February already! We are nearly half way through the academic year and it is so great to see so much super work coming in from our remote learners and learners in school too. Every day this week, as is often the case, I have been wowed by the commitment and dedication of all the adults in school and all the adults at home too. Motivating our children at home is not the easiest task, but there have been some fabulous ideas, including being creative at home to support with learning – using pine cones as 10s and acorns as ones is a fabulous one!

We are always impressed with the children's engagement, but really want to hear from anyone having difficulty. We still have a number of laptops available too, if anyone needs to borrow one from school.

Children's Mental Health Week

Thank you everyone for joining in on Mental Health Week; we really hope you had a lovely week dancing and listening to the extra stories. These resources will remain on the Assemblies Channel for the coming weeks so you can go back and hear one of your favourites anytime.

I haven't yet managed to complete my self-portrait, but am hoping to get it finished over the weekend. I have learnt a lot from Peter Reynolds: The Dot and Ish. I am just going to give it a go, look carefully and express myself!

Safeguarding – Please find attached a National Online Safety flyer: 7 Top tips for supporting children to express themselves safely online.

Parents' Evening

We have planned again for parents' evening to be virtual via Schoolcloud for Thursday, 25th February and Tuesday, 2nd March 4- 6pm. Please visit <https://tatworth.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. Appointments can be made from now and bookings will close at 3.30pm on Tuesday 2nd March, before the final day of meetings.

Pupil Survey

A child questionnaire will also be coming out today so all our community voices can be heard. Please click on the link in the main email for Key Stage 2 children to answer. Thanks.

Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

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The Great Big Art Exhibition

You will all remember the *Rainbows for the NHS* that were in windows across the country during the last lockdown. Well, excitingly, Sir Antony Gormley has just launched what is hoped to be the biggest art exhibition ever mounted, and we would like our school and community to get involved. Not only will this give families the opportunity to express themselves through art, but also to connect with the community by sharing their art in their windows. We hope that by the end of February, Tatworth and its surrounding area will be part of *The Great Big Art Exhibition* and you will all have the opportunity to visit for free! Further information will be coming up next week so watch this space...This week, focus still on expressing yourself through your self-portrait, as we will be using these pictures for our first exhibition.



Don't forget we have planned a whole-school, end of half term disco on Friday 12th February at 3-3.30 pm. We can then dress up and boogie from our front rooms! Email any final song requests to tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk by Monday. To join in the fun go to the Teams Assembly channel!

Parent Remote Learning Survey – a few more answers to questions

My child is coping well with the work load but is struggling with missing his friends and teachers:

Hopefully, Mental Health Week this week, has helped: meeting up with friends on-line and spending time being kind to yourselves. Each class is now having live sessions so it might be useful to drop into these; at least once a week there is the opportunity for children and parents to ask questions – this is usually linked to a live lesson. Each live lesson is shown in green on the class weekly timetable.

How do I encourage concentration, motivation and focus?

We understand that working at home is unusual for children and some might find this tricky. We would very much encourage you to work to the timetable that works best for you and your children. Even if that means an early start, or long break in the middle of the day for family or time outside. We are happy to support families with a telephone call too. Each child should also receive a message on their uploaded assignments, so hopefully this will help. Having something to look forward to or planning a family treat such as movie or games night or time out on bikes can be encouraging.

Maths. I am worried that I might teach my child the wrong way.

Please do not worry about getting it wrong. As parents, we all do our best to support our children to understand and learn. Many of the maths methods we use in school are the same as the methods you would have been taught yourselves. The White Rose or class teacher powerpoint slides are written to go through a concept in small steps. It may mean however, that a child needs to go back to a previous day's powerpoint to embed a method or understand the concept more fully. This is absolutely fine. All our powerpoints are left on the maths channel for each class and so can be referred to later in the week. I have attached the calculation policy link again: it explains each concept and builds on each method. All maths teaching moves through the principles of concrete, pictorial and abstract. Meaning, we would only move towards a written calculation such as $4 \times 9 =$ once we had made groups of 4 or 9 of something physical or used arrays as pictures to help us calculate. Again, please contact us again if you need support.

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Wear Your Scarf Day



Wear your scarf day!



PE

Please find attached a fantastic SASP PE resource to get us all through February! I hope that you are all having lots of kitchen discos but if you're not then, these activities might just get you dancing!

24hour Webcam

The hatching ducklings will be in school from 15th March – if anyone knows how we can set up a 24hour webcam please let me know. Our technical knowledge in school is improving, but I am not sure we are yet at the expert level to get this sorted 😊.

Celebrations:

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. Detailed information for each class is on the school website here:

<https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/curriculum/behaviour-for-learning/>

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Gold Cards this week: Willow Class: Spencer, Harrison & Skye and Acorn: Jake H.

Acorn Class: Rosalie for a fantastic effort in Phonics! **Thea** for an amazing attitude towards home learning!

Oak Class: Alfred for going on our first live show and tell (Team player). **Ziggy** for taking responsibility of his online work.

Beech Class: Megan for working so hard at home! Well done Megan. **Edward** for working so hard at home! Well done Edward!



Willow Class: **Ruby B** for working really hard to complete her home learning work to a high standard in tricky circumstances. **Kai R** for fantastic effort with his writing – beautiful presentation and ambitious vocabulary.

Hawthorn Class: **Owen** for being brave and joining us on our online meeting on Thursday 😊 It was so lovely to see you. **Jacob** for keeping going with all his schoolwork and trying his best. 😊

Hazel Class: **Kyle** for his outstanding commitment and effort to his learning and for consistently producing great work! **Fern** for aiming high in all her home learning, especially in English and Art. Well done Fern!

Yew Class: **Summer** for aiming high in all your assignments. **Rihanna** for fantastic expression in her poetry reading.

Staff: The following adults were awarded a joint certificate in assembly today for being brave and reading a story to the whole school this week: **Mrs Mercer, Mrs Churchill, Mr Stuttaford, Mrs Cox, Mrs Hewitson, Mrs Berrisford, Mrs Brooker, Mr Russell, Mrs Barnes, Mrs Whiffin, Mr Denning & Mrs Fowler.**

Platinum Bag:

Acorn Class: Olivia, Belle & Cohen.

Beech Class: Elijah.

Hawthorn Class: Monty.

Yew Class: Laura.

Badges:

Class	Badge	Green Person
Beech		Edward, Effie, Alaska, Eden, Alana, Verity, Isabel H & Leila
Willow	Oscar B	Grace, Oscar B, Abigail, Harrison, Skye, Chloe, Maisy So, Calum, Dylan, Lilly, Isabella & Kai R.
Hawthorn		Jenson & Lily E.
Hazel	James, Jemima, Meme, Ollie D, Lewis, Gracie & Fern.	
Yew	Harry, Jamie, Reggie & Ollie W.	James, Megan, Summer.

Critical Worker School Places

In order to help us with planning our school provision for those pupils attending, we have requested that all parents whose children that are attending school, to supply details of their work shifts/rota or hours of work. This evidence can be a simple email from your employer. Please email these to tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk Many thanks.

Going forward, our numbers in school are continuing to rise and we ask again, in the spirit of the guidance, 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.



Y6 Leavers Hoodies – the order letter went out this week, please order direct with Cupine Embroidery by **Friday 19th February**. Copy of letter attached.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

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.

Attachments:

Portraits.

SASP February Challenges.

NOS – & Top tips for supporting children to express themselves safely online.

Y6 Leavers hoodies letter.

