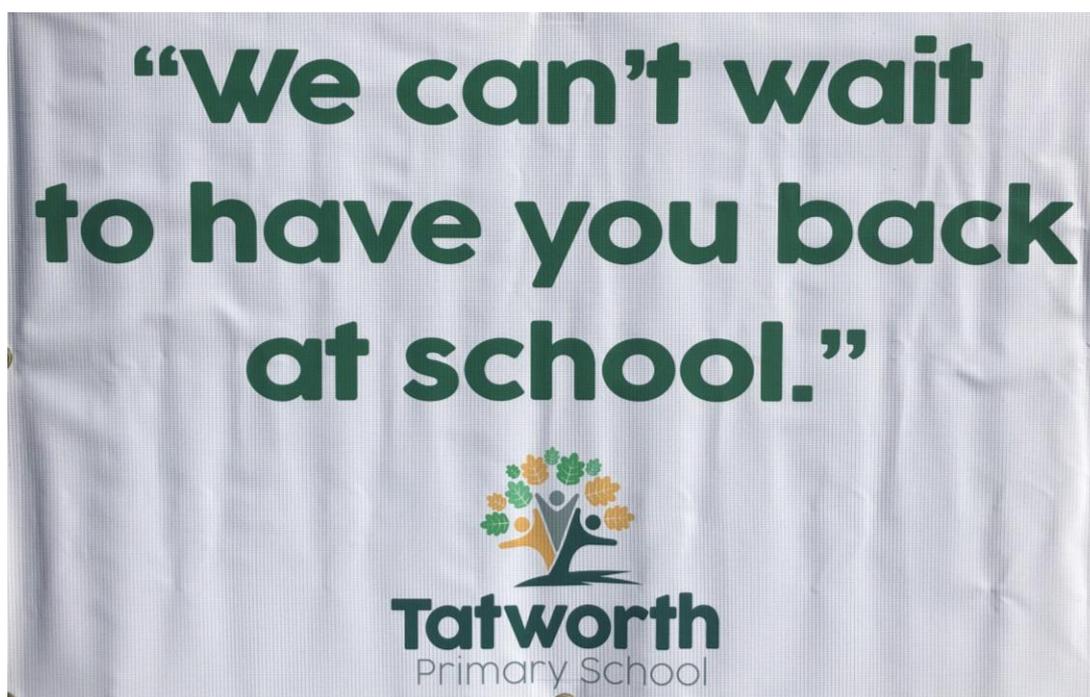


Dear parents/carers and children,

26th February 2021

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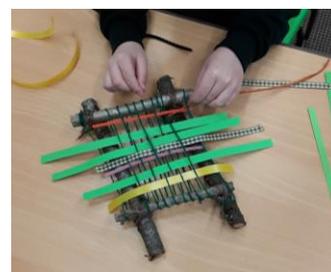


We are so delighted that we will be able to welcome children back to school soon and are working hard with the Government guidelines to manage this as carefully and safely as possible for our community. I will be sending out further information next week.

The teachers were very positive after last night's parents' evening meetings: they were excited to see so many of you and hear all your remote-learning news. Thank you for your messages regarding the half term skipping ropes. I really hope you enjoy them 😊. From the 8th March, we are still having to limit the things we bring into school, so the ropes will have to stay at home until at least the summer term but hopefully soon we can all be skipping on the field!

DT whole school topic

I have been very impressed with all the work the children have put into investigating and designing their animal home. Well done too for great skill development: there are quite a few super weavers and knotters amongst us all 😊. This weekend should be perfect weather for collecting your natural materials on spring walks. Everyone will have time next week to amend their design and make their new animal home. Happy foraging!



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Send Questionnaire – A link will be sent today to families with children on the SEND register. We would very much like to find out how the remote learning experience has been for parents and carers and children too. Thank you.

World Book Day

Next Thursday, 4th March is World Book Day. Please refer to the letter sent yesterday to find out about all the exciting activities Mrs Berrisford has planned. Thank you, Mrs Berrisford, I am really looking forward to all the events.

CVI (Complex Visual Impairment) – Y4, 5 and 6

Last year, we were invited to take part in a research project with the University of Bristol with regards CVI. The University has asked us to pass on a letter to all Year 4, 5 and 6 families which is attached to this newsletter. They are offering a £10 voucher to all families who complete the questionnaire which will feed into their project results. Many thanks.

Return to School Club information:

Breakfast club and after-school-club will resume from from 8th March for children where provision is needed to support parents to work, attend education and access medical care.

Extra-curricular clubs can also start to come back. Therefore, for the weeks up to Easter, Mr Bulbeck will be offering the following sessions. Each session will be free to all in the specific year group and they will be a taster of a club hopefully starting in the summer term. The club will be a 'strike and field club' starting with Reception class on 10th March. To book onto this club please send an email to the school tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk to request a place. These sessions will all be outside, so if the weather is particularly wet, the club will need to be cancelled.

10th March Reception

11th March Year 1

17th March Year 2

18th March Year 3

24th March year 4

25th March year 5

31st March year 6

Hot Lunch at School from March 8th

If you would like your child to have hot lunch from March 8th, please ensure you have updated any meal selections for your child on parentpay by Thursday 4th.

Express Yourself Artwork

We are very much looking forward to collecting in artwork on March 8th for a whole school display.

The Great Big Art Exhibition – here is the website link: <https://firstsite.uk/the-great-big-art-exhibition-gallery/>. Look out for the next topic: so far there have been portraits and animals themes.

Nativity videos and end of Autumn term musical ditties will be taken down from YouTube at the end of next week.



PAFOTS Family/Mother's Day Treat bags

Our fabulous PAFOTS team have created a special fund raiser linked to Mother's Day and the flyer is attached to this newsletter. Thank you for thinking of us all PAFOTS 😊.



Thank you to Covid vaccination teams

Some children in school wrote thank you cards to the local Covid vaccination team and these were sent on (via a Year 3 Mum) to the centre. They commented that it was a lovely surprise and thanked us back by sharing the display they had created!



Free School Meals – amended guidance

The government has confirmed that the current arrangement for providing vouchers or food parcels to children eligible for free school meals and who are learning from home, will continue after the half-term holiday, until Friday 5 March. Support to families over half-term can be provided through the [Covid Winter Grant scheme](#). We will also continue to provide parents/carers with a £15 voucher for each child for half term to cover the cost of their lunches. The vouchers will be slightly delayed but will be with you soon.

The link to enquire about eligibility to benefit-related free school meals and pupil premium is below. It is a straight forward on-line form which takes a few moments to complete. I would recommend all families to try the link regularly: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/#Apply>

Ducklings /24hour Webcam

The hatching ducklings will be in school from 15th March – we are very excited that all children will now see these in person too.

Donation: Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Julia Reynolds from Forton, for their kind donation of an Ipad and a laptop to the school.

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/>

Pen Licence:

Willow Class: Skye, Spencer & Maisy S.

Hazel Class: Laila & Ollie.



Writing

We have been having a particular focus on our writing this week, with our Fine motor Skills challenges, Super Sentences and Handwriting competition.

We have been so impressed with how fantastically you have responded!

Handwriting Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the handwriting competition, though all of the teachers said how difficult they found it to choose just one! We will give out the prizes once everyone is back in school.



There will be another handwriting pen awarded at the end of this half term, so keep working on your handwriting and presentation over the next few weeks, as we all return to school.

Fine Motor Skills Challenge

Lots of us have also been having fun practising our fine motor skills this week. Mrs Hewitson started the week with a challenge to see how many buttons could be threaded onto a string in one minute. She managed an impressive eleven (though Mrs Bailey managed twelve!)

Super Sentence Challenge

Thank you to all of you for the Super Sentences that you have written and sent in this week. You have been very imaginative and been using lots of descriptive vocabulary – I have loved reading them all. 😊 We will be making a display of all of your fantastic work next week.

Handwriting Winners:

Oak Class: Cameron

Beech Class: Edward

Willow Class: Aubree.

Hawthorn Class: Jenson, with special mentions to Ava, Charlie G and Erin.

Hazel Class: Matilda.

Yew Class: Kyron.

Gold Cards this week: Hawthorn Class: Jayden, Ava, Tyler W, Lily E & Archie

Certificates:

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Robin for her passion towards phonics. **Dottie** for her creativity in designing an animal home.

Oak Class: Ava and Daniel for great work especially in reading comprehension.

Beech Class: Rita for always going above and beyond – she doesn't just do the assignment, she does lots of extra work! **Leon** for pushing himself to fully engage with and enjoy year 2 football. **Leon** for pushing himself more often to get fully engaged with group tasks.

Willow Class: Lilly H for excellent participation and positive attitude. **Billy** for completing fantastic work in all subjects – such hard work, well done!

Hawthorn Class: Frankie for her continued positive attitude and sustained engagement to her learning. **Archie** for his effort and attention to detail designing his nest in DT this week.

Hazel Class: Florence for taking responsibility for her learning by completing all her work and then reviewing it to see if she can then improve it further. Very well done!



Yew Class: Summer for excellent, consistent effort throughout 'lockdown'. **Harry M** for excellent effort both in school and at home. **Megan** for excellent effort and maintaining a high standard of presentation. **Austin** for being motivated and engaged particularly in Maths and taking his time to explain his thinking with others.

Platinum Bag:

Acorn Class: Clara.

Oak Class: Darcey & Orla.

Beech Class: Isabel H, Benjamin & Brody.

Hawthorn Class: Jenson, Noah & Oscar F.

Hazel Class: Ollie, James, Lewis, Skye, Matilda, Amelia, Kyle, Lilly and Brooke.

Yew Class: Megan & Summer.

Badges:

Class	Green Person
Willow	Dexter
Hazel	Ben, Ollie, Austin.

Reminders:

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. The Summer term menu will soon be live, please make selections asap and by Friday 26th March in order that we can give forward numbers to the caterers.

Parents' Evening

We had a very successful parents' evening using Schoolcloud yesterday, Thursday, 25th February with a second session on 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. Please contact the school email if you need support to book.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

Attachments:

CVI questionnaire survey

PAFOTS Family/Mother's Day flyer

