

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear parents/carers and children,

## No 24 Newsletter

It was been lovely to have the whole school back together for the first time this year! The children have been absolutely fabulous; they have immediately picked-up with friends, remembered routines and there has been some lovely work started in the new books.

We have had a focus on wellbeing and gently getting used to being in school again. All children in KS2 and Year 2 have been reassessed on Accelerated Reader to check they are reading the correct level of reading book; the children can continue to access TTRockstars and Spellingframe too, as these have been particularly popular on-line learning activities. All home-learning work will be looked at from next week and then returned to you. Thank you again for all your support with this.

From next Monday, please can I ask for any equipment (borrowed laptops, ipads etc) or anything else you may have borrowed to come back to school, along with each child's animal fact file, DT animal home design, animal home and for those children who were working at home, the evaluation sheet too. If you have already placed your animal home out in the environment for an animal to live in, then a photograph would be lovely to see. Thank you.

## World Book Day 2021

A thank you goes to Mrs Berrisford, for organising a very successful event 😊. We had so many entries: it was very hard to judge and make decisions about prizes.

Message from Mrs Berrisford: Well done to all the children who contributed to our World Book Day Competitions last week. There were so many worthy winners! We have now judged all the entries and would like to announce the following winners:

Read Aloud Competition: This is where children could read any page from a book aloud. The Children were judged on enthusiasm, clarity and expression. A special congratulations to **Yr R Isabella, Yr 1 Alfred, Yr 2 Rita, Yr 3 Oliver, Yr 4 Archie and Yr 5 Imogen** who were chosen to represent their class and win a bookmark. The overall

winner was **Kyron in Year 6**. Kyron wins a £10 book voucher. Kyron's entry, along with the runners up, can be viewed on the Teams WBD channel.

Book Character Competition: There were some wonderful creations to choose from this year. Our three lucky winners, who have each won a WBD pin badge and bookmark, are: **Ellie Yr 6, Abi Yr 3 and Clara Yr R**.

Win a Book Competition: congratulations to our two winners **Brooke Yr 4 and Darcey Yr 1** who guessed our favourite book titles/characters. You each win a book from the listed titles.



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## Magdalen Visit

Last week Year 5 and Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed themselves at Magdalen Farm. We measured eggs using the incredible Eggnator 3000; raced each other in the bee game; worked together to build a nest for a hibernating dormouse; completed a treasure hunt to understand which animal lives where; and explored the woods to create animal dens! Oh, and not forgetting enjoying a lovely campfire with hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows! 😊



## Comic Relief – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

### Times Table Rockstars – Rock Down Relief

TTRS have today launched an inter-class competition for schools to take part in. Children in Years 2 to 6 will be able to score points towards their class average over the next week by getting correct answers in any games on TTRS between 9:30am and 3pm.



This means that, from Monday, they will only be able to earn points during the school day, but over the weekend, they could also login and earn some points! The competition ends at 3pm next Thursday and the winning class and the highest scoring children in each class will be announced in assembly next Friday.

Also starting today: for one month, the children can use their TTRS virtual coins (which many children already have thousands of!) to purchase a virtual red nose for their Rock Star avatar.

**TTRS will donate 5p to Comic Relief for each red nose purchased.**

Children can earn coins when playing at any time at school or at home over the next month. Have fun everyone!

**Well done to anyone who purchases a red nose this year. Unfortunately, they are not being distributed to schools to sell: only essential items are to be brought into school at this time. Thank you for your understanding.**

### PE Kit

Just as confirmation and in line with the government guidance, children are to be outside learning as often as possible as ventilation is an important measure of control for Covid-19. All children can wear their PE kit (on days they have pe) to school on dry days or when there is no risk of rain. When it is raining or is probably going to rain during the day, please can your child wear school uniform to school and bring their PE kit. Everybody will need a coat on wet or inclement days too, to protect them when outside. Thank you.



### Uniform voucher or extra food voucher

In case any families did not see the offer sent on Wednesday, all families in receipt of benefit-related free school meals (pupil premium children) can have either a Tesco's voucher for £5 per child to be spent on food or uniform or £5 towards uniform bought at school. This can be for uniform recently bought from school, too. Please notify the office.

### Whole School Celebration Assembly Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to those of you able to join us during our virtual whole school celebration this morning at 11.45 am. We had lots to celebrate. Our assembly is always at this time and will be, for the foreseeable future. All parents/carers are invited to join us for this virtual event!

### School Club information:

Breakfast club and after-school-club has resumed 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 from 3.30-4.30pm. 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': to book onto this club please send an email to the school [tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto: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.

The club dates are: 17<sup>th</sup> March: Year 2; 18<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3; 24<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4; 25<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 & 31<sup>st</sup> March: Year 6.

**The Great Big Art Exhibition** – here is the website link: <https://firstsite.uk/the-great-big-art-exhibition-gallery/>. This coming week we are still focussing on the theme of 'Colour'. Please display your pictures at home and let us see them at school too 😊.

### PAFOTS Family/Mother's Day Treat bags

Thank you, PAFOTS team 😊. The bags for Mother's/Family Day have gone home this evening. Keep them safely hidden about children until Sunday 😊. For your information, the bags have been left untouched for the last 48 hours and have only been touched by your child as they chose a bag and left school this evening.



### Consultation on School Terms and Holidays

The Local Authority is consulting on the draft school term and holiday dates for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years. Academies can set their own term dates and holidays, although most choose to align their dates with those set by Somerset County Council.

Wherever possible, Somerset looks to align its Term Dates & Holidays with those of its neighbouring Authorities.

There have been some strong views from trade union representatives that the Autumn half term should be longer and the summer school holidays shorter. Therefore, the proposal is to consult on two additional options besides the 5 day Autumn Half Term, one for a seven day half term and the other two weeks (10 days), both of these options will reduce the length of the summer school holidays. Please click the link to add your views.

<https://somerset.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/Termdates2023.24/consultationHome>

## Rapid Testing Centre

Please find attached a letter from Somerset County Council with information about Lateral Flow Test home test kits available for families. A reminder that the local collection centre in Chard at the Guildhall is open for test collections from 1pm – 7pm each day.

## Celebrations:

**Gold Cards this week: Oak Class: Alfred, Lanah, Darcey, Harper & Zephyr.**

## Certificates:

### Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

**Acorn Class: Ava** for her growth in confidence and for always trying her best. **Logan** for coming back to school with a fantastic attitude to learning

**Oak Class: Harper & Alfred** for taking care with their work.

**Beech Class: Megan** for making some wonderful contributions to our class discussion. **Eden** for excellent work in reading comprehension.

**Willow Class: Kai R** for working really hard in all his lessons. **Chloe** for coming back to school with a super, positive attitude.

**Hawthorn Class:** Ava for settling so well into Hawthorn class. A super week Ava 🤔 Amelia for participating in activities beyond school time.

**Hazel Class: Jemima** for being motivated and engaged and demonstrating excellent listening skills as well as actively taking part in all lessons. **Skye** for being mindful and looking after others in class.

**Yew Class: Jamie & Laura** for listening and responding to others during discussion.

## Platinum Bag:

**Oak Class: Cameron & Zephyr**

## Badges:

Class	Green Person	Grey/Silver Person
Oak	Lanah & Georgie	Cameron
Yew	Ollie B, Jasper, Harry F, Chris, Ollie C & Jack	

**School Meals** – 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 26<sup>th</sup> March in order that we can give forward numbers to the caterers.

## And finally, Ducklings .....

The hatching ducklings will be in school from **16<sup>th</sup> March** – we are very excited that all children will now see these in person too.

Kindest regards

Tracey Hart  
Headteacher

Attachments: Feedback from pupil questionnaire during lockdown & letter from SCC.

