

Dear parents, carers and children,

1st April 2021

No 27 Newsletter

Yesterday, along with a few of the teachers in school, I was very lucky to start my day listening to the children's author, Michael Morpurgo giving us advice on reading and ways to support our children in school with language development. As a school, we appreciate the importance of words and language and have a high focus on reading, trying many ways to instil a love of words, stories, poems and writing. In our curriculum time during each day, we set aside class time for reading and inspiring a love of words.



The messages from the training, which I felt you would also love to hear, included Michael explaining how his memories of stories and poems started by 'loving the sound of words' as his mother read to him and his brother: he didn't always understand them, but he loved the rhyme and rhythm and the way his mother talked. He said he can remember going to sleep at night dreaming about the words and stories he had been read. He shared, that even now, he can still hear a story through his mother's voice. He continued to say that we need to keep working at supporting children to enjoy language and that, when out on a walk for example, we should be 'talking out' stories and sharing ideas. It was reassuring to hear as there are so many distractions in life now, that as he grew up other interests took his time, and that he stopped being so immersed in his reading. However, with a constant reference and experience of hearing stories at home, he still developed a life-long love of stories and books. This is what we really hope for all our children at Tatworth.

I feel very privileged at school, to work with some marvellous readers and teachers, whose love of words and language overspill to us all. Embedded at school, children are immersed often, with marvellous words and introduced to many stories throughout the day and week. Michael Morpurgo continued by explaining that we need to support all children to grow as readers: we need to respond to children by making as many wonderful books available to them and to support families to work with us and all be champions of books and stories.

I would love to hear from any member of our school community who would like to join us and work with us to continue to make language a priority for us at Tatworth. I wonder if we can set up a forum or group of Reading Champions? 😊

Extra information: Chard library has limited opening now, but children can order books there for free. They also have a Facebook page: Somerset Libraries Chard and Somerset Libraries have also set up a Somerset Libraries Parent Group for anyone interested.

From the summer term, we will also start to add chapters of stories chosen by class teachers to the Assemblies Channel on TEAMS. This way, everyone can access some of our favourite books!

Please let me know if you have any other ideas for us to try. Thank you.

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Duckling update:

Our fast-growing ducklings have moved out of the library this week and into their new home on Mrs Kellaway's farm. They have also made some new friends.

The whole school has spent time this week writing about the ducklings and in assembly today, it was lovely to see duckling biographies, instructions for keeping ducklings, scientific articles about duckling feet and extra duck facts we may never have known before. Well done everyone!



Tesco food vouchers:

Families in receipt of benefit-related free school meals, will receive two weeks of food vouchers by next Friday 9th April for the two weeks Monday 5th April to Friday 16th April. The vouchers will be for £15 per child, per week. In addition, school offered an additional £5 Tesco voucher to these families per child and these vouchers will be sent out the week after the holiday period. There is also the offer of £5 off a uniform order if any of our benefit-related pupil premium families would prefer this. Please send a message to the school email: tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Covid-19 cases during the holidays:

Please may I remind all families to continue to report positive covid cases to the school email tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk between Friday 2nd April through to Tuesday 6th April 2021. Again, please email the school on Sunday 18th April if there have been any positive cases since 6th April, or if you and your family have been advised to self-isolate. Thank you.

Just to confirm changes from Summer Term:

Changes to wraparound care and afterschool clubs:

From the start of the summer term, all parents/carers will be able to access provision for their children for extra-curricular provision, without any restrictions on the reasons for which they may attend. At school we will continue to keep children in their school day bubble and keep bubble groups apart by at least 2m.

Where parents are using external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for their children, we have been asked to advise parents/carers:

- to limit use of multiple out-of-school settings providers, and to only use one out-of-school setting in addition to school as far as possible.
- to check providers have put in place their own protective measures.
- the link for guidance is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak> .

Changes to PE and physical activity in school:

Again, the expectation is for children to be kept in their consistent groups and bubbles. Our sport provision will continue and outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, although the school hall is also large enough for indoor activities if necessary, along with maximising natural ventilation flow with windows and doors open. We can include team sports in our offer where those sports, national governing bodies have developed their own guidance.



School uniform:

The guidance continues to highlight the importance of wearing school uniform to support children to feel part of the school. Our summer term uniform includes shorts and green and white summer dresses too. We will no longer need to ask children to wear PE kit to school on PE days. **Children need to be in school uniform from 19th April 2021 including black robust school shoes and white, grey or black socks** (girls may wear white socks).

If there are issues around getting school shoes then please contact me directly and we can discuss options. Thank you.

PE bags with only essential PE kit can be brought in each week on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. Trainers no longer need to be worn to school and can be kept in PE bags for PE lessons.

Spellingframe Competition

Congratulations to Hawthorn class for collectively earning the highest number of points. Well done everyone!

A Special Mention though goes to Beech Class for having the most children involved in earning points – great teamwork 😊

Spellingframe results:

Yew Class: 5168: Ellie, Megan, Harry M.

Hazel Class: 3155: Lewis, Julia, Brooke.

Hawthorn: 12,614: Sophia, Frankie, Ava S.

Willow Class: 11,407: Oscar B, Dylan, Grace.

Beech Class: 7076: Benjamin, Effie, Leila.

Oak Class: 7066: Alfred, Daniel, Isla.

Thank you to Mr Franklin:

It has been seven years since Mrs Kellaway led the fundraising project for the Defib machine attached to our school building. One evening this week, Mr Franklin kindly brought his toolbox to school and changed the light fitting inside the case and fitted us a new bulb. Thank you, Mr Franklin, I know it wasn't quite as straight forward as it could have been!

Celebrations:

Each week, the children who have been heard read at least five times at home, receive a raffle ticket. These raffle tickets are added to the tin and at the end of the half term, so today a raffle ticket is pulled out. These raffle tickets are added to a class tin and at the end of the half term, a raffle ticket is pulled out. The winner receives a National Book Voucher to spend on a book.

Congratulations to:

Acorn Class: Cora.

Oak Class: Marley.

Beech Class: Megan.

Willow Class: Maisy S.

Hawthorn Class: Ava S.

Hazel Class: Laila B.

Yew Class: Harry M.



Badges:

Class	Badge	Grey/Silver Person
Willow		Billy & Spencer.
Hawthorn	Ava S.	

Gold Cards this week:

Beech Class: William & Elijah.

Hawthorn Class: Frankie.

Hazel Class: Austin.

Yew Class: James.

Platinum Bags:

Oak Class: Alfred.

Beech Class: Faith & Effie.

Hawthorn Class: Jacob, Olivia & Charlie B.

Hazel Class: Austin, Jessica & Lewis.

Certificates:

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Lilly for her kindness towards others. Pearl for her outstanding effort and improvement with her writing.

Oak Class: Lanah for always doing her best. Ziggy for always doing his best.

Beech Class: Verity for excellent creative ideas for your duckling poem. Harley for working so hard on your duckling poem and having so many great ideas.

Willow Class: Calum for always doing the right thing and having a positive attitude. Spencer for always being cheerful, friendly and respectful and listening well.

Hawthorn Class: Olivia for continued effort and focus in PE. Loren for keeping going during Maths with Mrs Mitcham 😊

Hazel Class: Ben for being motivated and engaged and making a fantastic effort to actively take part in lessons. Leyland for taking responsibility for his learning and creating his next steps to improve his work.

Yew Class: Bruce for working so hard in RE and producing some lovely work. Kyron for excellent contributions and team work in RE.

Platinum Bags:

Oak Class: Alfred.

Beech Class: Faith & Effie.

Hawthorn Class: Jacob, Olivia & Charlie B.

Hazel Class: Austin, Jessica & Lewis.

Summer Term Clubs

Summer Term Clubs are for 10 weeks starting w/c 26.4.21 and finishing but including w/c 5.7.21

Day	Teacher/coach	Activity	Bubble
Tuesday	Mr J Charles Premier Education	Country Dancing/Maypole 22 places Outside: Main playground	Y1/2 3.30- 4.30pm £20
Tuesday	Mr M Bailey Sporting Chance	Athletics 22 places School Field	Y3/4 3.30- 4.30pm £20



Wednesday	Mr Bulbeck	Field & Strike 22 places School Field	Y3/4 3.30- 4.30pm £20
Thursday	Mr Bulbeck	Field & Strike 22 places School Field	Y5/6 3.30- 4.30pm £20

Please note, clubs are scheduled to be outside are all weather clubs. We are unable to accommodate these clubs in the hall in inclement weather as it is being used by Stay and Play. Please provide appropriate clothing if the forecast is for rain. Book clubs as usual via parentpay. If your child qualifies for pupil premium they may attend one club per year for £1. Please email the office to book for your child.

Additional information:

Last night the Government announced a review into sexual exploitation. A new NSPCC helpline has gone live today. Please see below:

NSPCC helpline: The new dedicated, confidential helpline will be run by the NSPCC and is available to current or past victims as well as parents, carers or professionals with concerns. The dedicated NSPCC helpline number is 0800 136 663, which is live from today (Thursday 1st April).

Lunch Time Supervisor Position

1 x Fixed Term Contract: Maternity Cover

6.25 hours per week (1.25 hours per day 12.45 – 14.00, Monday to Friday)

Term time only (38 weeks per year)

We are looking for reliable, conscientious people, able to be flexible and work as part of a team to assist with the supervision of students during the daily lunch break.

The application form and further information is on the website:

<https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

Closing date: 9am on Thursday 22nd April 2021

Interviews: Friday 23rd April 2021

Commencing: Monday 26th April 2021

Today we say good bye to one of our lunch time supervisors, **Mrs Sweet**. We thank her for all her hard work in the last seven years. All the staff and children will miss her friendly personality. We wish her well for the future.

It has been a fabulous four weeks with everyone back at school: we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable couple of weeks holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 19th April.

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

Attachments: SASP Easter flyers

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