



Dear parents, carers and children,

10th September 2021

No 1 Newsletter

This has been a fabulous first week back at school. I, for one, am ready for a relaxing weekend and time to recharge, as are many of the children, I am sure. It can be very exhausting: working hard, listening, focussing and concentrating! Well done everyone for a super start back. We welcome all of our new Acorn Class and their families to the school. We also welcome Alfie into year 3 and Miss Rinaldi, our new teaching assistant apprentice into reception class this week. congratulations to you all for a fabulous start to your time at Tatworth School.

Work during the summer:

During the summer, we have had an all-weather running track, made from recycled materials, added around the edge of the field and through the play trail. This now allows us all to run continuously, whatever the weather and whenever the field is out of use. The children have done very well so far this week and are already building their stamina. Fantastic work everyone 😊. The living wall and raised beds for the Oakey Dokey Garden are due to be built in the next couple of weeks and new fences are also going to be added to the classrooms by classes 1 to 3.



Painted stones:

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their painted stone ready to add to the Wellbeing Garden wall. I have photographed some examples below for inspiration. The theme was chosen by the children: 'stuff that makes you happy.' We would encourage everyone to have a go. The stones do not need to be varnished, as we will do that before fixing them onto the wall. If there are any family members or members of the wider village community who would like to add a painted stone to our collection, we would love to receive them. Please drop any completed stones to the front gate or with the children via their book bags.

COVID-19 precautions:

Thank you to everyone who has followed our revised guidance and risk assessment. I have sent a separate letter today with details from Somerset Public Health and the processes to follow in certain situations. We continue to stay vigilant in school and thank you for remaining distanced, wearing a mask and sending your child in with less equipment and smaller bags. Just to answer a couple of queries this week, we are continuing to ask that children leave bicycles and scooters at home and again ask that no birthday sweets or treats be brought to school to share with classmates. Thank you.



Love learning, work together, **achieve** and shine.

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Meet the Teacher:

Last Friday, all families should have received a letter from their child's class teacher to share before coming back to school and today, attached to this letter, is the termly class letter explaining the year group's routines, timetable and curriculum topics. Please look out for our virtual Meet the Teacher meetings for Year 1 to Year 6 children. These meetings help to explain the expectations of the year group, as well as give an opportunity to ask questions and find out about specific routines or topics and homework. A link will be sent to all parent/carer email addresses early next week. The meetings will be via TEAMS on Wednesday 15th September at 4.15 pm and again at 5.00 pm.

Platinum Bags: Alan W, for investigating the number 7 and representing it in many different ways.

Certificates:

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class:

Oak Class: Isabelle B for being motivated and engaged in all her learning this week and making a great start to year one! **Evie M** for being helpful and respectful towards others in her class.

Beech Class: Bailey for sharing ideas confidently with the whole class. **Robyn** for always showing a positive, kind and helpful attitude.

Willow Class: Isabelle H for taking responsibility and being an excellent role model in completing everyday tasks. **Alfie** for doing so well at settling into our school community and being a super-star in class!

Hawthorn Class: Isabella for being a wonderful role model in class. She is calm, kind and motivated to learn. A super start Isabella 😊 **Dylan** for being a wonderful partner. Thank you for being kind and considerate Dylan 😊

Hazel Class: Bethany for staying engaged and always having a go during class discussions. **Rowan** for being a supportive and encouraging partner and group member.

Yew Class: Brooke for being a thoughtful and helpful member of the class. **Ollie D** for outstanding contributions to class discussion and showing excellent focus and engagement. A fantastic start to Year 6 😊

One night residential to Magdalen Farm Year 3 and 4

Thank you for the positive response to our plans for a residential for these two year groups. Letters were sent out last term you can now make staggered payments on parentpay.

Y1 will be visiting Magdalen Farm in Winsham on **Friday 24th September**. A letter went out last term and can also be downloaded on parentpay. **Children will need to be dropped at Magdalen Farm car park at 9:30am and collected at 3pm**. A few consents are still outstanding, please consent on parentpay asap adding a note about transport.

Swimming for Years 4, 5 & 6

Swimming started this week for Year 6. As well as being an important life skill, it is a requirement of the sport curriculum that we take children in years 4, 5 and 6 children swimming. The children will have an hour's swim session from 9.30am-10.30am on the following dates:

Y6: 09.09.21/16.09.21/23.09.21/30.09.21

Y5: 07.10.21/14.10.21/21.10.21/04.11.21

Y4: 11.11.21/18.11.21/25.11.21/09.12.21 (no swimming on 2.12.21)

Please consent as usual via parentpay before your child's first session. All children will travel to the pool and sit pool side if they do not have consent. Children are to arrive at school for 8.30am 'pool ready' as per the letter.

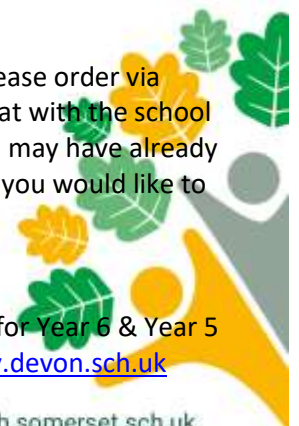
Reminders: Clubs start next week, please find attached the club list. Please sign your child up via parentpay as usual.

Uniform

We will be placing a uniform order soon for non-stock items: cardigans, white polos or coats. Please order via parentpay by 24th September. Don't forget we added a fleece lined, waterproof green school coat with the school logo to our uniform. The coat sizes are: 3/4 yrs, 5/6 yrs, 7/8 yrs, 9/10 yrs, 11/12, 13/14 & S. You may have already seen some of the new coats being worn, we have a sample in school, please contact the office if you would like to view it.

Y6 & Y5

Axe Valley Academy have an Open Day & Evening on Thursday 23rd September from 6pm - 8pm for Year 6 & Year 5 parents and carers. Further information regarding their Open Day is available on www.axevalley.devon.sch.uk



Holyrood will also be offering a roadshow at Tatworth for present year 6 children and families at 5.45 on 27th September 2021. Please look out for extra information coming soon.

Forms coming next week

Please can you look out for your child's data collection sheet and the pupil premium letter with application form. These need to be completed and returned by Friday 24th September.

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

Attachments:

Autumn Term Clubs

Wild Church flyer

