



Dear parents, carers and children,

17th September 2021

No 2 Newsletter

There has been excitement in school this week, as children have 'taken a risk' and put themselves forward as School Council, Eco-Warrior and Arts Ambassador class reps. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to those children who have been appointed. I look forward to hearing about your inspirational ideas during our meetings in the coming months. Badges were given out in assembly today, although with Arts Ambassador being a new role, we have yet to choose the badges – they will be with us soon 😊.

	School Council	Eco Warrior	Arts Ambassadors
Oak Class	Barnaby and Dottie	Teddy and Lilly-Mae	Amelia and Robin
Beech Class	Georgie and Arial	Ezra and Clayton	Archie and Orla
Willow Class	Zuza and Luca	Leila and Paige	Isabelle C and Effie
Hawthorn Class	Finley and Ruby	Skye and Benjamin	Abi and Billy
Hazel Class	Lily E, Josh H	Charlie B, Erin	Owen, Frankie
Yew Class	Fern and David	Lewis and Florence	Austin, James and Lilly

Thank you for all the wonderful painted stones. Once again, we have shared some across the school. It is lovely that we are now also receiving some from our wider community. Please keep painting and bringing them in. Here are a few more for inspiration 😊.



Reception (Acorn Class)

Very well done to all children in Acorn Class who have had a fabulous start to school and successfully completed their part time transition to school. From Monday 20th September all Reception children will join the rest of the children and start at 8.50 am and finish at 3.30 pm. Please can I ask parents and carers to wait in the long drive way next to the school car park at the end of the day. Mr Johnston and the reception class team will then ask you to walk round the front of school gate when the children are ready to leave. We thank you in advance for this as it will help us reduce congestion out the front of school.

Reception/Acorn Class

Mr Johnston would like to request Acorn parents/carers to email: homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk photos of family members and pets who are important to the children. This will support with our learning about each other's families.

Phonics Meeting – please pencil in your diaries our Reception, Y1/Y2 parents/carers phonics meeting on Wednesday 29th September from 5.30 - 6.30pm, which will take place on Teams. Within this important meeting we will give you all the information you need to know about our phonics program and there will be a chance to ask questions at the end. All KS1 parents are also welcome to attend. Look out for the emailed Teams link on Tuesday.

Send Forum

Mrs Webb would like to have a meeting each term with any parents/carers of children on our SEND register. This term's focus will be on communication and ways we can work to work together on this. The meeting will be on Tuesday 5th October at 9am. Please look out for more details in the coming weeks. Thank you.

Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

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Class Reps

It has been a little while since I last met with the parent/carer class reps and we now have a new class of children too. Historically, I have met once every half term, with a rep from each class to discuss school and to give an opportunity to receive verbal feedback or answer any questions or queries. I previously had reps in some classes but wonder if anyone is interested in becoming class rep to chat to me or send a quick email into school. It would be great if we could get this forum up and running again.

COVID-19 precautions:

Please may I remind parents/carers to continue to wear face coverings when dropping and collecting their children at the gates. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher:

Meet the Teacher virtual meetings took place this Wednesday; each class teacher explained about routines; what to bring to school and snacks; curriculum and recovery curriculum plans; attendance; learning behaviours; homework, reading and collaboration and sports fixtures for KS2 and national testing arrangements. We will send out the Powerpoint slides or recordings for each class on Monday. Please contact us at school if you have any further questions or comments. Thank you.

Just to confirm, with water fountains still out of use due to COVID-19 restrictions, all children need to bring a water bottle to school containing water. National dental health advice sent to schools, request that children only drink water during the school day with exceptions made on medical grounds. Please could you write a note if your child needs a squash drink other than water. Those children who do not bring a water bottle will be given a cup for the day and have the opportunity to refill it from the class tap.

Platinum Bags: Hannah (Y4) for a fantastic playscript.

Certificates:

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class:

Oak Class: **Barnaby** for being motivated and engaged and making excellent contributions in class. **Logan** for taking responsibility and being ready for all his learning.

Beech Class: **Lanah** for contributing to discussions thoughtfully and expressively. **Joel** for always doing the right thing immediately, with no fuss. Excellent listening skills.

Willow Class: **Noah** for being an outstanding team player and assisting others in group work. **Darcie** for being a wonderful risk taker and applying her best effort to every challenge.

Hawthorn Class: **Eli** for his positive attitude and thoughtful approach to his work. **Dexter** for his super contributions to discussions; building on others thoughts.

Hazel Class: **Lily E** for aiming high – a fantastic improvisation during our English lesson. **Charlie B** for thoughtful contributions to our class discussions.

Yew Class: **Imogen** for being a supportive friend. **Lewis** for excellent focus, engagement and partner work this week.

One night residential to Magdalen Farm Year 3 and 4 – Thursday 22nd October

A reminder that you may pay for the residential via ParentPay, in one go, or staggered if you prefer with all final balances paid by September 28th. The payment schedule is: £10 by July 16th, £20 by August 15th, £20 by September 1st, & £15 by September 28th.

We will be holding a **Teams Parents' Meeting on Tuesday 21st September at 4.30pm** to share more details about the camp, and its activities. We will send out the link on Monday, Magdalen have also provided a presentation link: <https://magdalenfarm.org.uk/userfiles/files/Schools%20General%20Presentation%20-2018.pdf>

Y1 Magdalen trip

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.** Y1 parent/carers please reply to the questionnaire link <https://forms.gle/rP2noATaALPC8T6o6> sent this week so we know how many packed lunches to order.



Y3 Day Visit to Magdalen Farm

On Monday 27th September Magdalen Farm have invited Year 3 for a taster day. This is a free day and will be a combination of a Magdalen staff development day and a Y3 geography curriculum topic day looking at map skills and grid references. Y3 parent/carers should have received a link today for consent and transport arrangements; please complete the questionnaire by Thursday 23rd September.

Swimming for Years 4, 5 & 6

Swimming continued 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: 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 started this week, we have places in all clubs except Archery/Parkour, do sign your child up via parentpay as usual if they would like to attend.

U11 Football Fixture Tuesday 21st September

We have our first sports fixture after such a long break! The fixture is at Holyrood Academy U11 football on the Astro on Tuesday 21st September, starting at 1pm and to finish at approx. 3pm. The following children have been selected: Rowan, Buddy, Charlie, Kyle, Leyland, Josh H, Noah, Lewis and Tyler. Thanks to everyone for competing consent online and letting us know you will transport your child. The team will leave school at 12.40pm and return at 3.20pm approx. Children will need a packed lunch on this day as well as an extra drink on this day. They will wear school sports kit but please ensure they have trainers and shin pads. If they wear glasses please bring sport goggles, (unless parents have given us consent otherwise). Don't forget sun cream and a hat if sunny or a coat and enough warm clothing if unsettled/cold.

Photographs

Tempest will be in school on Tuesday 28th September to take pupil individual photos plus school siblings. Parents will receive a direct link from Tempest for any orders.

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.

Return Data Sheets

Please return your child's data sheet if there are any changes and the pupil premium application form by Friday 24th September.

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

Attachments: What parents need to know about social media scams.

