



Dear parents, carers and children,

24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## No 3 Newsletter

We have had an exciting week this week. Our first adventure on Monday was an after-school visit to a local glass artist. Mrs Whiffin organised the trip for all School Council reps, Eco-Warriors and Arts Ambassadors and their families. We have a huge number of photos from the event and it was lovely that families were able to make the trip together. Thank you to all parents/carers and wider family members for supporting this event. Mrs Whiffin's report is below:



Twenty-seven of our families- our new class representatives along with their parents, carers, grandparents and siblings- had a lovely afternoon visiting the garden of local glass artist, John Payne. The garden looked stunning with beautiful glasswork glistening in the sunlight. John's garden and fascinating studio will be open to the public until 3rd October (see

attached flier for address and dates). I'm confident that the families who came would recommend a visit, and to make it even more appealing, the children have taken photographs and created a 'treasure hunt' quiz sheet to see what you can spot if you do visit (attached). John is very welcoming and would love to see more Tatworth families. Watch out for details of a design competition involving John coming soon!

There are many more local artists opening their studios to the public over the next fortnight: to find out where, visit this website: <https://somerstartworks.org.uk/> Please do let us know if you visit any of them.



On Tuesday, Year 5 and Year 6 boys attended a football tournament against other local schools at Holyrood. Mrs Churchill was impressed with your attitude and sports-person-ship with the teams and children you played against. We are so very proud of you all. Well done for achieving second place and we look forward to hearing about your future matches 😊.

Year 1 have also been on a Design and Technology/PSHE educational visit today to Magdalen Farm. They harvested food and prepared seasonal dishes too. We all hope they had an enjoyable, hands-on day.

## Wellbeing Stones

The children and wider community have continued to bring in their painted stones and we have loved seeing all of the designs. Remember all stones will be varnished at school before adding to the wall and should depict pictures and scenes of, 'stuff that makes you happy', thank you.



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

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### **National Tutoring Programme**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, we welcome Mrs Stocker to our team, as our NTP tutor. Once again, these 30-minute maths sessions are three times a week, planned in small groups of three children, from the same class. Children are involved from every class from Year 2 to Year 6 and these sessions will run until the end of the autumn term. Thank you to those parents and carers who have fed back to us regarding the successes from the summer term and we encourage families to keep in touch, as the sessions start back up.

Thank you to the parents who have been contacted about sessions before/after school. We do ask that children are on time if they have a before-school slot, to enable everyone to get the most from the sessions. Thank you.

### **Librarians**

Mrs Berrisford and Mrs Mitcham would like to say a big congratulations to all the librarians this week. They were very impressed during the interviews and enjoyed listening to all the fabulous ideas about how to improve the library. Our school Librarians are: Year 3: Isabel H, Amelia, Eden, William, Noah. Year 4: Harrison, Ruby H, Lilly and Oscar. Year 5: Charlie B, Ava S, Bethany, Layla, Frankie, Amelia and Erin. Year 6: Imogen and Gracie. We look forward to handing you your badges in the next few weeks.

### **COVID-19 Review and Restrictions**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September, I wrote to you detailing the Covid-19 risk assessment, routines and practices that would be in place from the start of September, as we came back to school. I explained that after three weeks I would review these practices and let you know if there were any changes from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Our approach continues to be appropriate and we will continue to open the gates from 8.40 am to 8.50 am to allow families to come to school at a staggered time and spread out. We will continue to ask families to wear face coverings when they drop and collect their children and we will continue to ask families to not send their children to school if they have a high temperature, continuous cough and/or loss of taste or smell and book a PCR test, awaiting the result before coming back to school.

The weather continues to help us to keep the classrooms well ventilated and this, coupled with the actions outlined in our COVID-19 risk assessment, ensure we are being mindful to restrict contamination and the risk of spreading the virus. We will continue with the 5-minute break between sessions to allow the classrooms to be aired. During this time, the children stand outside and all doors and windows of the classroom are fully opened.

As the weather starts to cool, children should start to wear layers and skins under their uniform, along with the grey PE hoodie on top of their green school jumper or cardigan.

Next week we have invited a small group of parents/carers in for a phonics meeting after school. We hope that over time, we will continue to have controlled meetings of this sort, to allow parents and carers to all eventually come back into school. Thank you for your patience with this.

### **Magdalen Farm Residential – Hawthorn and Willow Class**

Thank you for attending the evening meeting this week with Rose from Magdalen Farm. We have uploaded the recording of the meeting onto Teams home learning for anyone who was unable to attend. Please be aware that final payments are due on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

### **Y3 Day Visit to Magdalen Farm**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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. There is no cost for this educational visit, but we request parent/carers arrange transport. Parents will need to drop at Magdalen Farm between 9-9.15am and collect at the end of the day between 3.30-4pm. Magdalen staff will coordinate the drop off and collection as it is a narrow road and there will be a one way system in operation.

All children should wear comfortable trousers, along with the school jumper or grey logoed PE hoodie and waterproof coat. Children should also wear suitable footwear such as wellies, walking boots or old trainers. They



will need a packed lunch from home, as well as extra snacks: please cancel any parentpay meals for this day. For any children unable to be dropped and collected at the farm we will still offer a full day of education at school.

### **Flood June 2021**

Unfortunately, in June this year we had a flood of rain water in school. This affected the hall, green room and sports store. From Monday next week, the hall floor will be taken up and dehumidifiers put in, before a new floor is laid. Because of this, we will continue to have our PE lessons outside and look forward to our new floor being fitted as soon as is possible.

**Phonics Meeting** – please pencil in your diaries our Reception, Y1/Y2 parents/carers phonics meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30 - 6.30pm. This 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.

### **Year 2 Fluency Meeting – invitation only**

Next Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, we are inviting some parents/carers into school for a meeting about reading fluency. You will have received an invitation to this meeting so please let us know if you are unable to attend as we will pass the invitation on. We are having to restrict invitations so that we remain within our COVID-19 risk assessment guidelines. Please could all invited parents/carers only attend the meeting if they are well and not exhibiting the signs of Covid: temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste or smell. We also ask that all visitors wash their hands-on arrival and wear a face covering throughout the meeting. This is an exciting first step to welcoming more parents/carers on site as time goes on.

### **Flu Vaccination Whole School**

We emailed home a letter on Wednesday from NHS Somerset regarding on whole school Flu Vaccination for pupils. Please complete the consent form even if you do not consent to the vaccination. Please complete one form for each child, using the following link: <https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/flu/2021/east> as soon as possible, this link will close two working days prior to the session date. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason please contact Somerset SAINT for assistance.

### **[The Big Ask - Big answers \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)**

During last year, we sent the link from the children's commissioner which asked children across the country about the impact of COVID-19. The link above is a summary of the findings.

### **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 together on this. The meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. Please look out for more details in the coming weeks. Thank you.

### **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. **It would be great if we could get this forum up and running again, so please telephone or email in and I am happy to have a preliminary chat if anyone has questions or is unsure.** Thanks.

### **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. Hopefully, you received the Powerpoint or recording. Please contact us at school if you have any further questions or comments. Thank you.

### **Platinum Bags:**

### **Certificates:**

### **Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:**

**Beech Class: Cameron** for always being alert and focused, showing super listening skills and sharing ideas confidently. **Archie** for using mathematical vocabulary to make his explanations really clear.



**Willow Class:** Luca for being motivated and engaged and demonstrating excellent listening skills. **Megan** for taking responsibility and completing all her everyday tasks at school.

**Hawthorn Class:** Abigail for super focus and attention and detail in her literacy work. **Finley** for much improved presentation in his Maths book.

**Hazel Class:** Lily H for excellent focus during lessons and actively taking part in discussions. **Noah** for contributing so many fantastic ideas during our class discussions. **Josh H** for playing a fantastic football fixture. **Noah, Charlie B, & Rowan** for playing a fantastic football fixture.

**Yew Class:** **Buddy, Kyle, Lewis, Leyland & Tyler G** for playing a fantastic football fixture. **Julia & Kyle** for exceptional play in Rugby.

### Gold Cards



### Somerset Library Reading Challenge Winners

Congratulations to the following children who completed the reading challenge over the summer holidays:

Oak Class: Cohen  
Willow Class: Adley

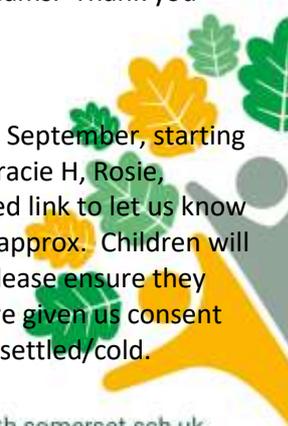
### U11 Football at Holyrood



Mrs Churchill's report: On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> our first, long awaited fixture started with U11 football at Holyrood. Wow! Tatworth played so well. All the players demonstrated great team spirit and valued each other's efforts. Everyone passed the ball, making scoring easy. We know at Tatworth that the goal scorers are fantastic but if it wasn't for the other members of the team the ball would not be in the right place. We played 5 games in total, won four and drew one. We were then in the final, where we played Neroche. Unfortunately, they scored two goals very quickly, we came back with one goal but the time was up. We are very proud of our players as they were 2<sup>nd</sup> overall out of 10 teams. Thank you Tatworth.

### U11 Girls Football at Holyrood – 28<sup>th</sup> September

We have our first girls sports football fixture at Holyrood Academy on the Astro on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 1pm and to finish at approx. 3pm. The following children have been selected: Erin, Lillie H, Gracie H, Rosie, Amelia, Julia, Olivia, Kaici, Bethany and Ava S. Please complete the consent online via the emailed link to let us know you that 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. 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.



### **Stockland Cross Country**

We have a team entered into Stockland Cross Country on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The following children have been selected: Kyle, Lewis, Noah, Florence, Jemima & Erin & non travelling reserves: Owen & Rosie. The race will start at 4pm and is due to finish at approx. 5pm. Please can parent/carers complete the questionnaire and make arrangements to transport children. Children will need to be collected from school at 3.20pm and arrive at Stockland School by 3.45pm to sign in.

### **Reminders:**

#### **Reception/Acorn Class**

Mr Johnston would like to request Acorn parents/carers to email: [homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto: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.

#### **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: 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.

#### **Photographs**

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

#### **Year 5 and 5 Holyrood Roadshow – change of venue**

Due to issues with our hall, the roadshow, due at Tatworth Primary School, 5.45 pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, has been moved to Holyrood School.

Kindest regards



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Headteacher

#### **Attachments:**

**Educational Psychology Service Flyer**

**Chard Netball flyer**

**Somerset Open Studio flyer and quiz**

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