



Dear parents, carers and children,

1st October 2021

No 4 Newsletter

Goodness, where did September go! The children have come back this term, with fantastic learning behaviours: determined to do their best and engage with their learning. We all enjoy coming to school with such a bunch of positive learners 😊. Thank you for your support with this.

We held a couple of phonics meetings this week which we hope you found useful. The recordings of both are on the class Teams pages so please access them if you were unable to attend. Also, thank you for supporting your children to watch the fortnightly maths videos and complete the on-line homework. Every class from, year 1 to year 6, is receiving this work and there is a hand in date too. Please let us know if you are having any problems logging in to this homework or difficulties uploading.

This week has seen a variety of activities taking place, including experimenting with cams in Yew Class, becoming architects in Hazel Class, developing map skills in geography for year 3, finding out about our wider families in Acorn Class and children in years 5 and 6 taking part in Stockland races. The coming week is also busy, with Hawthorn and Yew classes visiting Holyrood to take part in a RE and Music hands-on Gamelan experience, and Beech class on a geography inspired walk around the village.

Thank you to the parent/carer in year 1 and year 2 who has offered to join the regenerated Parent Forum. We are still looking for many more to join us: ideally, one parent/carer for each class. Our first discussion focus will be on the road outside of school and how we might be able to make it safer for all. The meetings are also an opportunity to talk about questions or queries specific to a year group and discuss whole-school events or issues. Please come and chat to me in the mornings on the gate, or phone for a chat if you are interested and want to know more: I am really keen to get this going as soon as possible.

KS2 PSHE lessons next week

At Tatworth, all classes have a PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) lesson each week around a whole-school theme, which is currently: Me and My Relationships. Next week, we are very pleased to say that a specialist teacher from the children's charity Coram Life Education will be visiting us and leading sessions in each of our KS2 classes (Y3-6). The children will be exploring emotional needs, thinking about choices that affect their health and wellbeing, and considering the qualities of friendship. In Years 5 and 6, the children will discuss how to deal with pressures from peers and learn about the effects and risks involved with drugs, including medicines, alcohol and tobacco.

Wellbeing Stones

Final call for all painted stones! Next week, our Oakey Dokey Wellbeing Garden will be updated with the living wall and raised beds. The wall will also be altered to include all the stones depicting, 'stuff that makes you happy', thank you.



Beech Class Walk

As part of our geography focus on the local area, we are planning to take Beech class for a walk around Tatworth, to provide practice at using a map and to observe and discuss the human and physical features of the environment around school. The walk will take place before lunch on Tuesday 12th October. Please send wellies and waterproofs for your child on that day.

Magdalen Farm Residential – Hawthorn and Willow Class

All children signed up for the residential have received a kit list letter and medical form this week. In order that we can fully prepare for the residential, **please return all medical forms along with meal choices by Monday 4th October**. A reminder that final payments were due on 28th September. Reminder texts will be sent next week for any outstanding fees.

Gamelan – A reminder that Y4 and Y6 have a drumming workshop at Holyrood during morning of Wednesday 6th October; please consent via parentpay as usual.



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Y3 Day Visit to Magdalen Farm

Year 3 had an incredible trip to Magdalen farm on Monday 27th September. We had an action-packed day where we learnt about the seasons and the equinox; calculated the distance dragonflies can travel; completed team building exercises in the forest; practised our map orientation skills; learnt about food chains and habitats, and even found time to collect apples and feed the pigs!



Year 1 Magdalen Farm Day Visit

Year 1 had a wonderful day last Friday at Magdalene Farm, learning all about the journey of food from the ground to our tables. We squeezed so many exciting activities into our day, from collecting eggs and cuddling chickens, to feeding the pigs, harvesting potatoes, tasting organic veg, composting and apple-juice making! It was a day filled with so many new sights, sounds, tastes and smells for us all - and the sun shone too!



Covid-19 – Please may I remind all parents and carers that our risk assessment asks for masks to be worn when dropping and collecting children at school. Thank you.

Lateral Flow Tests: Parents or carers of a school or college age child are requested to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing using LFDs, so you keep those you meet or work with safe from infection. These tests are free and are available from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

As a reminder, anyone with a positive result on a lateral flow test should book a confirmatory PCR test. You can book a test here [Testing for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\) https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/) or by calling 119. Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 should not attend school and should book a PCR test.

Hand and respiratory hygiene Frequent and thorough hand cleaning is part of regular practice at the schools. Please continue to instil with children the importance of good handwashing habits. This short video is a useful reminder that could be used with children at home: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/> The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important too.

Flu Vaccination Whole School

We emailed home a letter recently 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.

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 5th October at 9am.** A questionnaire link was emailed to parents of children on our SEND register this week, **please let us know if you can attend by answering the questionnaire.**

Holyrood Visits

For any children due to transfer to secondary school next September, Holyrood have an open evening on Thursday 7th October from 5pm – 7pm and open mornings on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th October 9am – 10am.

Most Engaged Reader was won by Rowan in Year 5, we hope you enjoy your book!



Platinum Bags

Oak Class: Emma H, Logan.

Hawthorn Class: Maisy So, Finley & Sophia.

Hazel Class: Lillie & Monty

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Beech Class: Elliott for always showing care and kindness for his classmates and teachers. Lola for always working hard, sharing ideas and having a go.

Willow Class: Isabelle for being an excellent team player and taking care to talk and listen with her group to get the task done

😊 **Adley** for keeping going and taking extra time to improve his writing. **Year 3** for being respectful and engaged on their trip to Magdalen Farm. **Year 3** listened well and showed great teamwork in all their activities.

Hawthorn Class: Spencer for providing great ideas during our history discussions this week. Tyler for his thoughtful contributions to class and discussions.

Hazel Class: Frankie for always staying engaged – her eyes are always following me! Tyler H for taking more risks – joining in with discussions and role-plays enthusiastically.

Yew Class: Laila for aiming high in her writing – using ambitions in her description. Finlay for keeping going in Maths when his is finding something difficult.

Spellingframe

Well done to all those of you who have worked hard on Spellingframe this week. Remember you can earn points for all of your practice not just the tests. Our top scorers in each class for this week were:

Beech Class: 1st: Alfred, 2nd: Florence, 3rd: Lola. **Willow 1st:** Benjamin, 2nd: Jayden. 3rd: Luca. **Hawthorn Class:** 1st: Benjamin, 2nd: Oliver, 3rd: Jimmy **Class:** Hazel Class: 1st: Jacob, 2nd: Josh, Layla. **Yew:** 1st: Benjamin, 2nd: Fern, 3rd: Finlay.





Stockland Cross Country

Congratulations to all our runners who took part in Stockland Races this week. Well done to the following children who were placed in the top 10 for their age: Kyle: 5th and Noah 9th.

U11 Girls Football at Holyrood – 28th September – Unfortunately this was cancelled due to bad weather.

Active Autumn Challenge

Join in the Active Autumn Challenge and Get Outside in Somerset & Don't miss the Halloween Half-term activities too!

[Download your activity pack here](#) and enjoy the daily challenges and activities in October. Will you complete all 31?

Take a look at the website for more ideas and activities you can do outside in Somerset - www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk/

October is a beautiful month to be discovering what's on your doorstep. The leaves are changing and Halloween will be soon upon us. Take a look at the daily activities to keep active with a special focus on half term activities.

There's something different every day, but also a chance for you to make your own. We would love for you to share your photos with us taking part or your favourite activity or even when you're out and about enjoying what Somerset has to offer.



Reminders:

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.

Swimming for Years 4, 5 & 6

Y5 start swimming next week. 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: Y5: 07.10.21/14.10.21/21.10.21/04.11.21, then 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.**

Kindest regards

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Attachments:

Tuning into kids parenting course flyer & English Chamber Orchestra Invite.

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