



Dear parents, carers and children

8th October 2021

No 5 Newsletter

This week, work has continued around school with new gates and fences by the classrooms at the front of school. The raised bed has been made from oak sleepers and School Council have today asked classes for donations of windmills no longer used at home or A4-sized paintings/felt-tip drawings of flowers and plants, which will be laminated and put in the garden as a pretty substitute (until the warmer weather).

Next week, work continues with the living wall and stone wall. I have mentioned to the children this morning, that we are still accepting stones for the wall, however any new stones coming into school will need to be varnished and ready to embed into the wall. All stones already received in school have been made waterproof ready for next week.

A belated welcome to Joshua in Willow Class and Arianna into Oak Class. Both children have been with us now for nearly two weeks and we are so proud of how well they have settled in 😊.

It was lovely to invite some parents/carers in school this week for the Send Forum; next week, on Friday 15th, we are holding our initial class rep Parent Forum. I am still awaiting confirmation from Gareth Ellington, our local PCSO, as he will hopefully be joining us to discuss the road outside of school. Thank you to our volunteers from Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, and I look forward to welcoming further representatives from Rec (as a sharing role), Y5 and Y6.

Future events:

SEND parents' meetings: Mon 11th and Wed 13th October & Parents' evening: Wed 3rd November and Mon 8th November

To give us all the chance to have a shared discussion with yourself and your child, I would like to invite parents, carers and children to attend Parents' Evening by video call on either Wednesday 3rd November or Monday 8th November between 4 pm and 6.30 pm. You will be able to choose your own appointment time with class teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment. Those families with children on the SEND register are also able to book a separate 15 min appointment on either Monday 11th or Wednesday 13th October from 4.30 to 5.30pm. Please see attached letter with information on how to book.

Send Forum

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the SEND parents' forum this week – it was lovely to welcome you into school again. We had a very useful discussion about communication between school and home: what information is helpful to share and the best methods for doing so. It was a really positive meeting and great to hear everyone's thoughts and ideas.



Our next meeting will be on November 16th when we will look at our school SEND policy and information report (available on the school website). We would like to open up this meeting to any parents interested in learning about the SEND process in school.

Gamelan

Report by Jess: To learn about musical traditions of Indonesia, Yew Class from Tatworth School took part in a Gamelan music workshop on Wednesday 6th October at Holyrood Academy, Chard. There they were able to get the opportunity to play different instruments from the island of Java including, the gongs, bonang and kendang. Nick, who was an expert in the musical traditions of Indonesia, explained how to play all sorts of instruments. He explained how the instruments from Java make really dreamy sounds.



KS2 PSHE lessons

Today, all KS2 classes were lucky enough to have a special PSHE lesson led by our visitor, Helen, and Harold the giraffe!

Here is some feedback from the children in Year 5:

"I liked the videos because they showed us what to do and what not to do." Oscar F

"It was really interesting to learn about how your body reacts." Rowan

"I liked seeing Harold and it was interesting to learn about medicines and drugs." Kaici

"I liked that we could say what we thought and not worry about it." Bethany

"I liked learning about what's healthy for our bodies and about how bad things can affect your body."

Charlie B

"I liked the way the videos showed you how to say no and be assertive." Olivia.



Magdalen Farm Residential – Hawthorn and Willow Class

We still have a few medical forms outstanding, please send these in asap. A reminder that final payments were due on 28th September. Reminder texts have been sent for any outstanding fees.

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)

<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.

Reading challenge – Well done to Archie in Hazel Class has also completed the library reading challenge.

Platinum Bags

Beech Class: Lanah, Declan, Lola, Cameron & Florence.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Oak Class: Cohen & Teddy for being an excellent 'team players' – they are both wonderful, thoughtful, helpful members of our class.

Beech Class: Arial for excellent effort in her writing, using Fred Fingers to spell words independently.

Amjed for always giving fantastic explanations using subject vocabulary across the curriculum.

Willow Class: William for aiming high and acting on his next steps to improve his writing. **Alaska** for being a wonderful risk-taker in Science.

Hawthorn Class: Kai G for being a kind and helpful member of the class. Thank you, Kai. **Sophia** for super focus and concentration during partner work.

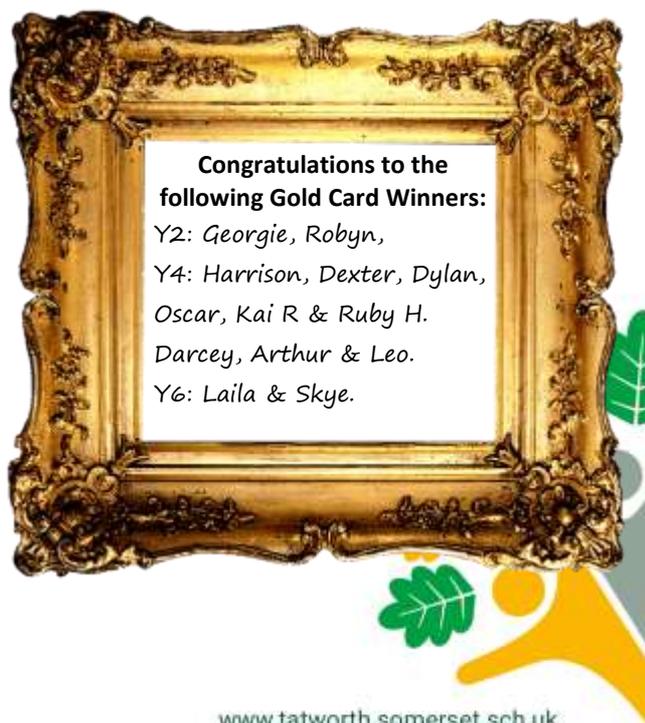
Hazel Class: Oscar for being engaged and sharing his thoughts during our special PSHE session today. **Ava B** for being engaged and sharing her thoughts during our special PSHE session today.

Yew Class: Buddy for really thoughtful contributions to discussions in RE. **Fern** for excellent focus and taking responsibility for her own learning by doing extra practice on her spellings.

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:

Oak Class: 1st: Ava, 2nd: Emma, 3rd: Lilly-Mae. Beech Class: 1st: Darcey, 2nd: Arthur, 3rd: Alfred. Willow Class: 1st: Jayden, 2nd: Luca, 3rd: Benjamin. Hawthorn Class: 1st: Benjamin, 2nd: Abigail, 3rd: Eli. Hazel Class: 1st: Bethany, 2nd: Chloe, 3rd: Frankie. Yew Class: 1st: Benjamin, 2nd: Gracie, 3rd: Leyland.



Netball Club

Just a reminder that on Thursday's we have an afterschool Netball club for children in Year 5 and 6. Boys can join this club too and play high fives. Places can be booked on parentpay.

U11 Girls Football at Holyrood –

Holyrood have rearranged the U11 Girls football for Tuesday 12th October: 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 texted 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 20th October. 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 linked emailed yesterday to let us know 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.

Fundraising

Lewis in Yew Class is fundraising for Cancer Research UK and holding Film night on Friday 15th October £1, permission slip will come home on Wednesday, please return this with £1 attached. Flyer to follow on Monday.



Parents and Pupils Privacy Notice

We need to use data on pupils in order to be able to keep everyone safe and deliver the best education possible. Only essential data is held, and we always follow the law when we collect use, store, and share your data.

You have a legal right to be informed about how we use any personal information that we hold about you. Our privacy notices explain how we collect, store, and use personal data.

An updated parents and pupils notice has been posted onto our school website, together with a simplified version for younger learners should you wish to share this with your child.

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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 started this 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: 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.**



Holyrood Visits

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

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

Attachments:

Schoolcloud appointment booking letter.

