



Dear parents, carers and children

15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## No 6 Newsletter

We have had a very busy week in school this week; I have been lucky enough to have been in many of the classrooms, and have worked with many of the children, which is always something I relish 😊

**This morning I met with** Gareth Ellington, our local PCSO, and our class parent/carer representatives. It was a really productive meeting, looking at ways to make our routes to school safer and encouraging us all to take care when out and about on the roads around school. We also discussed other questions brought up by the class reps. From the meeting we have confirmed:

- Gareth will do a survey of the road system and we will contact Speed Watch to see if they can monitor the roads at busy times around, school.
- We will keep the 10-minute start time (8.40 am – 8.50 am) to reduce congestion as families drop at the school gates.
- Contact the One Team Co-ordinator to find out about signage for the 20 mile an hour area in front of school and whether we can obtain new cones to make the no-parking zone more visible.
- Ask for parent/carer volunteers who would be happy to support by monitoring the road and how it is used at the start and end of the school day. This will help us identify any key issues we might be able to solve.
- I will find out about 'walking crocodiles,' which are planned walking routes to school, organised by parents/carers.

In addition to this we discussed:

- From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, older siblings of children in Acorn class will be able to exit from their classroom at the end of the day, walk around to the Reception playground and come out of school with their reception-age brothers and sisters.
- Reminding all families that children can wear layers of clothes to school, including: skins, extra school jumper, tights and grey school hoodies on cooler days.

## Goodbyes

This week we have said goodbye to Miss Board who has been working at the school for a number of years now. She has completed her level 2 and level 3 Teaching Assistant qualifications and is now studying for a teaching degree. To support with Miss Board's studies, she will be gaining experience at other schools; we wish well with her further studies and look forward hearing about her successes. Thank you for supporting the children so well during your time at Tatworth Mollie, and well done on all you have achieved so far.



## Harvest

This year, we are still holding our Harvest Festival remotely. Mrs Billington will be sharing the assembly with years 3 and 4 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> with the classes. We have attached the donation list for Lord's Larder as we will be sending our donations to them this year. Many thanks for your support with this. **Donations can start arriving from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

## SEND parents' meetings: Mon 11<sup>th</sup> and Wed 13<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you to those parents who attended SEND school cloud meetings this week. We still have some parents that did not sign up for their SEND Meeting. Please contact your class teacher to arrange a time for this important meeting.

## Future events:

### Parents' evening: Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> November and Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November or Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Bookworms Club

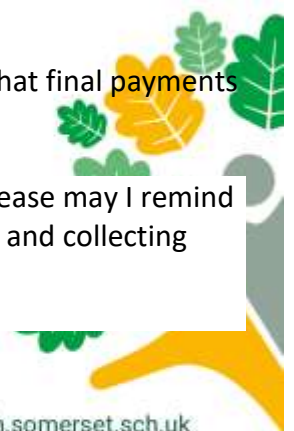
Over the last couple of weeks our new librarians and helpers have been busy running Bookworms Club at lunchtimes. It is wonderful to see pupils finally enjoying our new library and sharing in our love of reading. Bookworms club is open from 1.30 – 1.50pm on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the school library.



## 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 28<sup>th</sup> September. Reminder texts have been sent for any outstanding fees.

**Covid-19** – Please find attached a letter with updated guidance re. Covid-19 isolation. 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 are still waiting to hear when the School Nurse Team will visit school to administer the 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.



### Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

**Oak Class: Madison and Pearl** for being motivated and engaged in Maths. Well done! 😊

**Beech Class: Florence** for showing great enthusiasm in all subjects. **Daniel** for fantastic posture and tracking when listening to someone speaking.

**Willow Class: Effie** for being an outstanding team player and making timely and well considered contributions in our class discussions. **Many** for aiming high and acting on his next steps to improve his writing.

**Hawthorn Class: Skye** for super reading this week, 8 quizzes – reading more than 5200 words. Super Skye 😊 **Maisy** for super work with Miss Stephenson.

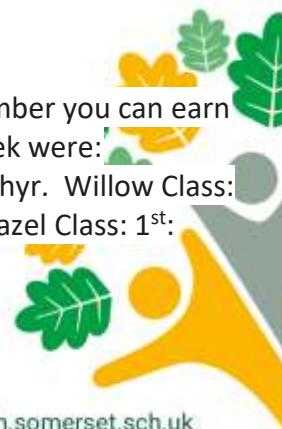
**Hazel Class: Oscar B** for staying motivated and engaged during or tricky Maths lessons! **Archie** for being a supportive and helpful partner and group member. **Amelia, Rosie, Erin, Ava S, Kaici, Bethany** for attending the U11 girls' Football fixture.

**Yew Class: Lewis** for taking responsibility - organising a fantastic fundraising event for a very good cause. **Matilda** for excellent effort during the morning run this week. **Julia and Lillie** for attending the U11 girls' football fixture.

### 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: 1<sup>st</sup>: Ava. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Olivia. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Emma. Beech Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Darcey. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Daniel. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Zephyr. Willow Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Edward. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Josh H. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Alana. Hawthorn Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Oliver. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Oscar. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Skye. Hazel Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Bethany. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Benjamin. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Olivia. Yew Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Benjamin. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jessica. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Leyland.





### Y3 & Y4 Interhouse Football

Mr Bulbeck's report: On Wednesday the year 3 and 4 sport children took part in the first inter house competition of the school year. The children split into their houses and played 3 football matches against each other. The competition was very close with lots of splendid goals being scored and teamwork to the fore. When all the scores were in the final standings were Joslin in 4th, Stonham 3rd and Brewer and Langdon couldn't be separated with the same points and same goal difference so took joint 1st place. Well done to all.



### U11 Girls Football at Holyrood Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October:

Mrs Churchill's report: On Tuesday we attended the rescheduled U11 girls' football. The girls worked really hard in all 5 games. Scoring on our last game. We came 5th out of six schools. Well done Tatworth I was very proud of your determination.

### Stockland Cross Country

We have a team entered into Stockland Cross Country on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 last week 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.

### 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

**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: 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.**

### Transferring to Secondary

The closing date of 31 October for secondary and upper school applications for September 2022 is fast approaching.

Finally, a thank you to Lewis in Yew Class for organising the film night, he has raised approximately £75 for Cancer Research, please send in any outstanding £1's on Monday.

Kindest regards

Tracey Hart  
Headteacher



Attachments: Letter re new Covid-19 guidance. Learning life-saving skills flyer. Lords larder needs flyer.