



Dear parents, carers and children,

19th November 2021

No 10 Newsletter

We have lots to report this week and lots of photos to share! Thank you for the donations for Children in Need - we so far have raised £180.08! The children looked fabulous today dressed up in spotty clothes or wearing clothes for the career they want when they are older. We have shared a few photos for you 😊. Well done to the **winners of the colouring competition: Clara** from Oak Class for design a bandana and **Isabel H** from Willow Class for mindful colouring.



Christmas

Yesterday, I emailed our plans for Christmas and in particular information about Nativity productions and KS2 singing in St John's Church. It will be lovely to welcome families back to school whilst being mindful of Somerset's amber status and Covid-19 restrictions. Our fingers and toes are all crossed that the viewings will take place in early December. There was a separate letter with the link to book tickets, and we thank you for your understanding regarding the ticket restrictions and invite to view the production together, rather than seeing a live Reception or KS1 production.

Please note that the Christmas dinner will be served on 15th December; please make a meal selection on parentpay by Friday 3rd December if your child would like Christmas meal. Christmas class parties will take place on Friday 17th December. We hope to all wear our festive jumpers on the 17th too.

Gardening

Thank you, year 6 for your support to keep our front of school looking smart. I am already looking forward to see which flowers will grow in Spring from your bulb planting. Thank you to the Frecknall family for sending these thanking us for hosting the movie nights.

Thank you, to Chard Factory shop for donating bulbs and seeds to the school; these will be used in our science lessons throughout the year.



Spring Term Lunches

If your child would like a hot lunch during the Spring Term, please make meal selections on parentpay by Friday 3rd December. Please select meals until Easter.

Covid-19

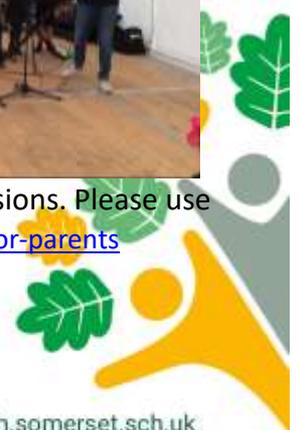
Please may I remind parents and carers that Public Health Somerset recommend us all to a face mask at drop off and collection at school. Thank you. Unfortunately, with higher than national infection numbers of COVID-19 in the area, our procedures have had to be tightened and we have to return to some of the routines from the summer term. Additionally, we ask for social distancing when waiting in the playground and for families to move away from the gates once they have dropped and collected. Each morning the gates are open for 10 minutes from 8.40 am and in the evening, children can be collected between 3.30 pm and 3.40 pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

Peripatetic Music Opportunity

On Monday, all classes had a great time taking part in a 'Rocksteady' workshop. We all had to keep a steady beat and many children got to try an instrument. At the end of each workshop, the newly formed band, played a short piece of music. It was amazing to see what can be created in such a short space of time with some budding musicians!



There are still places available if your child would like a place in the rocksteady band sessions. Please use the web site on the letter to find out more. <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents>



Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: **Millie** for her fantastic singing during our nativity rehearsal. **Ella** for her brilliant partner work and always rising to a challenge.

Oak Class: **Freddie** for being a kind and helpful member of the class – a great team player! **Cora** for always making thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Beech Class: **Olivia** for showing kindness and care towards classmates. **Clayton** for fantastic attitude and effort with reading in phonics.

Willow Class: **Jack** for listening extremely well and putting his best efforts. **Leila** for aiming high in English, creating a superb playscript!

Hawthorn Class: **Aubree** for aiming high to increase your reading fluency each morning. **Maisy So.** for being such a positive, helpful member of the class.

Hazel Class: **Chloe** for taking care with her writing, checking with her partner – she wants her work to be fantastic! **Toby** for settling in well and joining in with all lessons enthusiastically!

Yew Class: **Austin** for working hard to improve his times tables knowledge. **Skye** for working hard to improve her times tables knowledge.



Platinum Bags

Acorn Class: Noah, Maisie,

Oak Class: Thea

Willow Class: Darcie

Hawthorn Class: Monty, Josh H

Badges

Class	Badge
Oak Class	Pearl, Madison, Rosalie, Thea, Dottie, Cora & Robin

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. Willow Class are the winners this week with over 18,000. Next week we will be scoring on the percentage of the class participating.

Bookworms:

Congratulations to the following children for attending 10 Bookworm sessions: Y2: **Lola T** & Y4: **Oscar B**.

Reminders:

Open Morning – Reception September 2022 Intake

We are holding our final Open Morning for Reception 2022 intake on Wednesday 24th November. We will hold three sessions at: 9am - 9.30am, 9.30 - 10.00am & 11.00 - 11.30am. Due to updated covid guidance, the tours will now be only outside of the school.

Due to the current climate, we regret that the tour is only for two adults and not prospective students or pre-schoolers/toddlers. (We plan to hold transition events during the summer term for all students joining us next September). We would also like everyone attending to ensure they test negative using an LFD before arrival and to also wear a mask during the tour. We thank you for your co-operation with this.



All tours will need to be booked in advance by emailing the school on tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk
Please let us know all names of attendees and your preference of 1st and 2nd times for your tour. We will confirm appointments by email and try to match as closely to your request as we can.

Flu Vaccination Whole School

Somerset Saint will be visiting on Monday 6th December: The School Nurse Team will administer the whole school flu vaccination for pupils. Please complete the consent form even if you do not wish your child to have 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.

Eco Warriors

Don't forget we are also entering a national competition and would like children to create A4 posters promoting safe ways for picking up plastics from the beach. These posters are due in by Wednesday 24th November.



Swimming for Year 4

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: Y4:25.11.21/09.12.21 (no swimming on 2.12.21).

Sport

Y3: Those children that are taking part in sport will need gum shield and shin pads ready for Hockey this term. Y4 will need football boots and shin pads for Football. Y5/6 a gum shield on Tuesdays and Y3/3 on Wednesday. *If your child does not bring in a gum shield we will presume that you are happy for them to take part in hockey using a tennis ball.*

Winter Workshops

Jenny Mellings an established textile artist, is running community workshops for all at the Museum on the 11th December. This is in partnership with Somerset Art Works as part of 'Culturally Chard'.

10.30-12.30pm - Trees of Chard: Celebrate some of Chard's most distinctive trees, such as the apple, oak and ash through drawing and printing on fabric.

1.30-3.30pm - Ornamental Edging: Create decorative motifs, signs and symbols, inspired by objects from the museum's collection.

Drop in family activity, free museum entry and free workshop. Suitable for adults and children, all welcome. Chard Museum, Chard TA20 1QB <https://culturallychard.org/>

Mr Russell – if anyone would like to contribute towards Mr Russell's leaving gift, please donate and leave a message via parentpay.

Kindest regards

Tracey Hart
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Attachments: NOS: What parents and carers need to know about Netflix.

