



Dear parents, carers and children,

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No 11 Newsletter

Wellington Maths Challenge 2021

Today, four of our Year 6 children took part in the annual Wellington Maths Challenge. Unfortunately, although the event had been planned to take place at Wellington School, it had to be relocated to individual schools, so our chosen children completed the one-hour maths quiz in the Gold Room! Well done to Buddy, Jess, Kyle and Tyler who worked together to solve 25 very tricky maths questions. They have chosen one to share with you all. Their answer paper has been sent off and we await their score - good luck Team Tatworth!

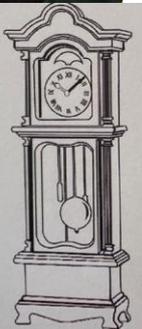


A clock chimes every half-an-hour.

On the hour, the number of times the clock chimes is equal to the time written in the twelve hour clock. So, at three o'clock, the clock chimes three times.

At half past the hour, the clock always chimes once.

How many times does the clock chime in one day?



Parent/carer questionnaire: On Wednesday, I sent the link for our parents/carer questionnaire. It is useful to hear from all our stakeholders and we appreciate all feedback we receive; later in the year, we will also speak to the children about their thoughts and will reflect on these too. Thank you for your many supportive comments. Below, are answers to some of the items raised:

It is difficult, with the restrictions in place, to talk to the class teacher: Our teachers are available at the end of each day to have an informal chat out the front of school or in the playground. However, please contact the school if you would like a longer or specific meeting, as these can be easily arranged.

It is clear that the school has the children's development and wellbeing at heart, but since the pandemic, support for mental wellbeing is a concern: We continue to review our PSHE curriculum in line with wellbeing recommendations and at all times, including through the stories we read the children, we focus on being kind to ourselves and each other. www.youngsomerset.org.uk/wellbeing-support offers advice to families and the school supports emotional literacy through ELSA and Thrive. If you have any concerns about your child specifically please telephone us to discuss this further.

It often feels unsafe during drop off and pick up times out the front of school as we are not allowed in the playground for Y1, Y2 and Y3. Being mindful of the need for social distancing, unfortunately the area out the front of these classrooms is not wide enough to allow parents/carers to be able to wait. The bottom playground is available and we welcome families to move into this space before collecting children from the younger year groups, if there is congestion. The playing field gate is available for all children to be dropped and collected also. As we are trying to organise safe routes to school, I would be very keen to chat to anyone able to organise and run a crocodile walking bus. Thank you.

I would like to see more sport related after school clubs. The new club list will be sent out soon and we have tried to include clubs that cater for all our different interests. The Christmas Card sessions will take place from Monday 6th December so, please look out for these too.

Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

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I would really love to come into school to see my child's work instead of having a video call for parents' evening. We agree: fingers crossed the Covid-19 restrictions will soon allow everyone to come back into school. However, in our efforts to keep everyone safe, and following government guidelines, we continue to follow our Covid-19 Risk Assessment. Thank you for your patience with this. I have attached a couple of photos from year 2, 4 and year 6's recent DT and art work.



Parent forum: Our next parent forum meeting is set for Tuesday 7th December. We still have space for a parent/carer representative from year 5 and year 6 classes. Thank you.

Reception 2022 tours: Many thanks to the families who visited us recently for tours around the outside of our school in preparation for September 2022 school applications. Following public health recommendations at the time, we hope to hold an open morning including seeing inside of school, on the 6th January 2022. Please remember, we have our virtual tour available on the website too: [Tatworth Primary School](https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk)



Author Visit next week

Billy, Bone and the Treekeeper, is the exciting new children's rhyming story from local author, Keith Trayling. He will be visiting school next week on 1st December, to share his book with our younger children.



Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Isabel W for fantastic attitude to learning; **Rupert** for always trying his best, especially in phonics.

Oak Class: Dottie for being motivated and engaged in her learning and making great contributions; **Rowan** for being motivated and engaged in maths and making great progress.

Beech Class: Harper and Zephyr for both singing fantastically and being enthusiastic for the nativity.

Willow Class: Leon for taking responsibility and starting his work independently; **Paige**, for outstanding engagement in class and hard work in handwriting.

Hawthorn Class: Erin, for making a conscious effort to focus on your reading this week; **Calum**, for joining in with class discussion and adding thoughtful explanations.

Hazel Class: Jacob for being a helpful partner by explaining and encouraging; **Lillie H** for improved focus this week – always ready, listening, looking and putting her hand up!

Yew Class: Meme for always being a kind and supportive friend; **Tyler** for being a consistently helpful and supportive member of the class.

Platinum Bags

Work celebrated this week included:

Darcey B for instruction writing; Benjamin G, Dylan, Isabella R, Oliver J for poetry; Elijah and Rita for maths and presentation of calculations and Ella G for phonics work. Very well done everyone 😊

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. This week we have scored on the percentage of the class participating. Well done to year 3 this week who came first, followed by year 1 and year 5. Next week we are keeping the competition the same. Keep signing on everyone 😊.



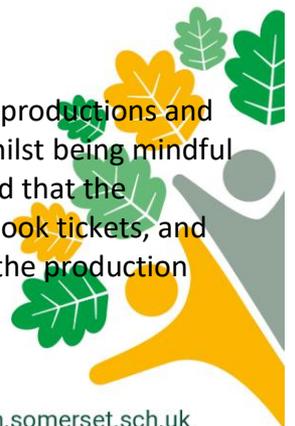
Reminders:

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.

Christmas

Last week, I emailed our plans for Christmas and in particular information about Nativity productions and KS2 singing in St John's Church. It will be so 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.

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

Our first band music lessons started this Thursday. 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>

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 final date: **Y4: 09.12.21 (no swimming on 2.12.21).**

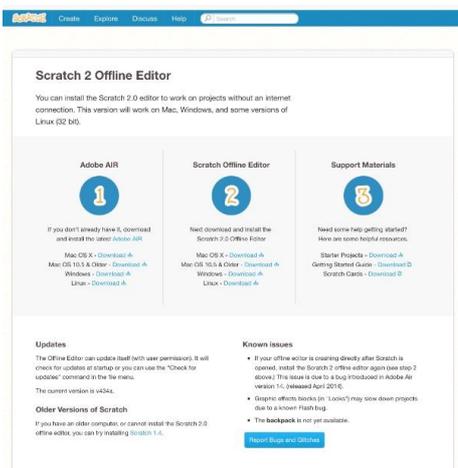
Mr Russell – if anyone would like to contribute towards Mr Russell’s leaving gift, please donate and leave a message via parentpay.

Scratch

Mr Goodman has asked me to pass on details of scratch downloads and resources.

This first link includes **Adobe Air needed to run** Version 2.0 for the latest Mac OSX and Windows systems that we use in school. This also includes downloadable support materials including coding cards. Scratch 3: <https://scratch.mit.edu/download>

Here is a link to version 1.4 that we use that works on all Windows systems but only up to Mac OSX 10.14 <http://cdn.scratch.mit.edu/scratchr2/static/scratch2download.html>



https://scratch.mit.edu/scratch_1.4/



Next week, we are filming our Nativities and on Friday, 3rd December we have an Inset Day, so please be aware school is closed to children on this day.

Kindest regards



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