



7th January 2022

Dear parents, carers and children,

No 15 Newsletter

May I start my first newsletter of 2022 by wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year. I sincerely hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday with your families and friends and that your children are looking forward to the new term ahead. Thank you very much for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts you and your children brought in on the last days of term; we all really appreciate your kindness and generosity. I attach the 2021/2022 term dates again for your information.



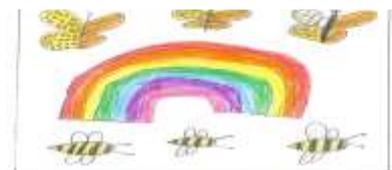
We welcome Dylan to Hazel Class and Mrs Parris as our newly appointed School Business Manager and wish them both well as they settle into school.

On Wednesday, I emailed all parents and carers regarding the national Covid-19 situation and the guidance received from the Department for Education and government. I have today sent a separate letter to hopefully qualify some information and give a further update regarding the changes due to take effect on Tuesday 11th January 2022. I have also added a flowchart to the latest letter, which show steps to follow in different scenarios. Please continue to telephone the school office or email if you have queries: I know how difficult it is to remain updated on the ever-changing picture and recommendations. I want to thank everyone for their commitment to supporting our restrictions and following the guidance. Our full risk assessment can be accessed at <https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Tatworth-Primary-School-Covid-Risk-Assessment-January-2022-3.pdf>

National Tutoring Programme: Mrs Stocker will be returning this term to deliver small group support work to help all children catch up and recover from the effects of Covid-19 lockdowns. Please look out for an email next week for those children due to attend.

Art Ambassadors glass panel art update:

Thank you for all the wonderful entries into the design competition for a nature-themed glass panel. John Payne, a local and very talented artist, is excited to have received the short-listed designs and is currently choosing the final winning pieces that he will recreate for us in glass. The arts ambassadors had a hard time choosing



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the shortlist as there were so many beautiful and eye-catching designs. Here they are, poring over some of the longlisted entries!

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected for the shortlist and whose designs have been sent on to John:

Fergus, Oak Class: Octopus

William, Willow Class: Sparkle and Shine

Samuel, Acorn Class: Colourful Tree

Thea, Oak Class: The Deep Sea

Olivia, Hazel Class: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Abi, Hawthorn Class: The Winter Day

Isla, Beech Class: Squirrel

Georgie, Beech Class: Mother Nature Mushroom

Gracie, Yew Class: Hedgehog

Darcie, Willow Class: Bugs and Flowers

Amelia, Hazel Class: The Acorn World

Lillie H, Hazel Class: Poisonous Wildlife

Isabella, Hawthorn Class: Ladybird's Leaf



Year 3 and Year 5 Music Visit – Tuesday 11th January

I am delighted to tell you that Year 3 and Year 5 will visit Holyrood on Tuesday morning to experience a workshop from 'The Turbans'. Children will travel by coach and return to school in time for lunch.

Coats and layering up

The guidance from government, continues to require us to ventilate the school at intervals throughout the school day. To help with maintaining an ambient temperature, we have a ventilation and movement break after each session during which the windows are opened more fully to allow air to move more quickly, in and out of each room. The CO2 monitors received in the autumn term, affirm that this is effective. The recorded change in air in any of the rooms in school, once the air is circulated, is improved immediately. With the weather getting chillier, please can you make sure that your child has a named, waterproof and warm coat for school that is suitable for the wet and windy weather. We encourage children to wear layers under their uniform at this time of year: the grey PE hoodie can also be worn over the top of a child's green school cardigan or jumper.

Music in School



Year 5 enjoyed learning recorder with Julia Hurley from Somerset Music last term and gave a fabulously festive squeak-free performance at their Christmas service, accompanied by Mrs Ellis-Trott on piano. Now that they have had a taster of learning a musical instrument, they may wish to continue with small group or individual music lessons in school.

Mrs Hurley offers tuition in violin, flute, guitar and ukulele, either through weekly shared lessons (20 minutes between 2 or 30 minutes between 3 costing £6 each), or



individual 20-minute lessons (£12 each). Through Somerset Music, instruments can be hired for the duration of lessons with Mrs Hurley free of charge. If your child is interested in lessons with Mrs Hurley through Somerset Music, please fill out the registration form using the online link [Individual and Small Group Music Lessons for KS2 Pupils 2021-22 \(office.com\)](#). Lessons are billed for in advance at the start of each term.



Mrs Ellis-Trott teaches clarinet, piano and saxophone in school at the cost of £6 for a 15-minute individual lesson or £11 for an individual 30-minute lesson. If your child is interested in lessons with Mrs Ellis-Trott please contact traceyellis-trott@mail.com or 07814758917.

Rocksteady Music – a note from the Rocksteady music teacher

Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are an opportunity for your child to learn new skills. The video below may give more information: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Freddie for outstanding behaviour and making a great start to the new term.

Wilfred for his partner work in phonics and trying his best.

Oak Class: Cora, Cohen & Lilly- Mae for excellent focus, concentration and contributions in phonics.

Beech Class: Orla for always being ready to share her ideas and ask questions. **Jake** for fantastic running on the playground.

Hawthorn Class: Ruby H for being such a helpful, kind and happy member of the class, you are a star Ruby! **Spencer** for being kind and considerate and helping me in the classroom! Thank you, Spencer.

Hazel Class: Kaici and Toby for always joining in and working well with their partners this week.

Yew Class: All of Year 6 for being fabulous and making an excellent start to 2022! James for being fully engaged and making excellent contributions to discussion in all subjects. **Lilly** for being fully engaged in all lessons and making excellent contributions to discussion.

Gold Cards

Hawthorn Class: Amelia & Charlie B.

Reminders:

Spring Clubs

Spring Term clubs start next week, if your child would like to attend please sign up via parentpay. Please find attached the club list. Spring Term Clubs are for 11 weeks starting w/c 10.1.22 and finishing but including w/c 28.03.22. Please provide appropriate clothing if the forecast is for rain. We are also hoping to run some 'Fizz Pop Science' clubs for Spring Term; there will be assemblies next week for the children to experience the club.



Y5/6 Dodgeball

We are taking part in a dodgeball fixture away at Richard Huish College on Monday 24th January 2022. We will leave school at 9.45am and return to school for 3.30pm. The children will be supervised by a member of staff. The results of our recent survey told us that parents would prefer the school to arrange transport for fixtures and as this fixture is a distance away we have booked a coach. The cost of the coach is £152 and parents are asked to make a contribution of £10 per child, which is a subsidised cost of the transport, using www.parentpay.com. The item is on parentpay for the selected children.

2022 tours:

Many families visited us recently for tours around the outside of our school in preparation for September 2022 school applications. We are able to continue these external tours at the end of each day in case there are families wanting to visit before deciding about school placement for Reception aged children in September 2022. Please remember, we have our virtual tour available on the website too: Tatworth Primary School Please share this with anyone who may be interested in the joining our school.

School Closure/Emergency Closure Reminder In the Event of School Closure

Should it be necessary to close the school, for example in extremely bad weather conditions, parents/carers will be advised as follows:

Closure before the start of the school day – a message will be posted on the front page of the school website and a tweet/text sent as soon as possible. The website will be updated as the situation changes.

If the school has to close during the school day, a message will be posted on the website/twitter and every effort will be made to text/phone parents if we are able to use the phone line.

In both instances Somerset County Council and local radio stations will also be advised who, in turn, include this information on their websites/broadcast the information.

It is the policy of the Governors that the school will remain open if at all possible. However, occasionally conditions are too bad for staff to travel safely into school, necessitating a closure. These occasions are very rare.

In the Event of Disruption to Transport

If the roads are snowy and it is likely that our provider kitchen may be closed, pupils who have hot school meals are asked to come to school with a packed lunch.

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

Attachment: NOS: What parents need to know about Fortnite, Term Dates, Club List.

