

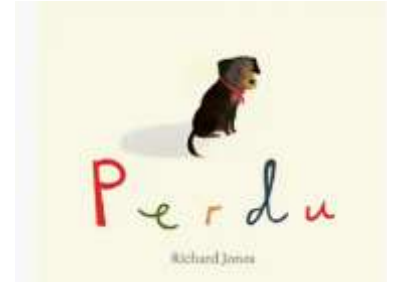


21st January 2021

Dear parents, carers and children,

No 17 Newsletter

We have had a few chilly mornings this week, but I'm sure you agree it is also lovely standing out of the shade with the sun on our faces. We have certainly had some great playtimes in the sunshine and I have chatted to a few classes about the super ways they are including each other in games and showing kindness to each other at breaktimes. Our assembly book this week is a favourite of mine: Perdu. Perdu is a dog looking for a place to call home.



Covid-19

May I thank everyone for their continued support with following the testing process and supporting us to keep everyone at school as safe as possible. In the news this week we have heard of some national changes to restrictions and I will write again separately once there are any operational changes in school.

Parentline

Parentline is a service run by Somerset County Council's Education Psychology Service aimed at supporting Somerset parents and carers whose children are facing challenges. Click this link for more information and contact details: [Parentline- Support for Parents and Carers](#)

SEND Forum 25 January 9.15am

We will be holding our next SEND Forum on 25th January from 9.15am when we will discuss questions that arose from the recent parent survey. This meeting is open to all parents/carers, not just parents of children on the SEND register.

Please find attached the regular County newsletter for SEND.

Reading

As part of continued focus on reading, the books below will be given out next Friday to children who have demonstrated perseverance in their reading. We are continuing to focus on reading fluency as well as decoding and blending when we teach children to read. Regular reading helps all children to improve their fluency and understanding of the texts or story.



Love learning, work together, **achieve** and shine.

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Fluency is best supported through:

- regularly hearing what fluent reading sounds like. This is why reading to your child each day is just as important as hearing them read.
- repeated reading of the same words and texts. Children should read their phonics books from the lesson and their book bag books at least twice at home, ideally more. You will notice how they become more fluent with each read.
- enjoyment and understanding of what they are reading. Praise your child when they make an attempt to read with expression, e.g. "I love how you read that in a scared voice," or "You read all those words without using Fred Talk. It was so good to listen to!"

Parents' Evenings

Forward notice of Parent evening dates: Wednesday 2nd and 9th March 2022 4pm – 6.30pm. We are still awaiting guidance to know how we are able to organise these and will update you as soon as we know. Additional meetings for children on the SEND register will take place between 24th January and 11th February. We will contact you to organise these.

Fizz Pop Science

We held our first Fizz Pop Science clubs last night and through popular demand, we were able to host a Rec/KS1 club and a separate KS2 club. Learning from last night, it would be a good idea if children come with an extra healthy snack for this club and we will make time for these to be eaten before the club starts at 3.40pm. We may also be able to have fruit available.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Noah for always being ready to learn. **George** for outstanding effort and attitude to learning.

Oak Class: Alan for being a risk taker and sharing his subtraction story in front of the whole class! Well done Alan! **Freddie** for being so motivated and engaged with work on our class book – even doing lots at home!

Beech Class: Georgie for learning and reading our poems and fluency reads with absolute gusto! Olivia for greatly improved listening and concentration through the day – Well done Olivia 😊

Willow Class: Joshua for being a perfect example of working hard in class and at home! **Eden** for taking responsibility and always producing work to a high standard.

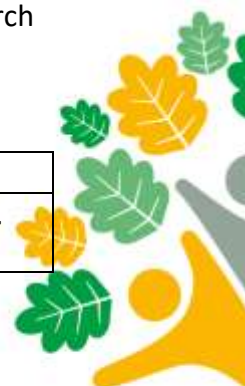
Hawthorn Class: Ruby B for being a super partner – supportive and helpful 😊 **Aubree** for working with focus and engagement in all her lessons.

Hazel Class: Monty for always taking time and care to present work neatly. **Layla** for improved focus on listening and checking that her work is set out correctly – keep it up!

Yew Class: Demisha for tackling a tricky extra maths challenge! **Lilly** for excellent research at home into our science topic!

Badges

Class	Green	Silver	Gold
Beech Class	Arial	Robyn	Daniel, Orla, Isla & Archie



Platinum Bags

Acorn Class: George, Millie, Maisie & Wilfred. Willow Class: Faith & Hazel Class: Whole of Y5!

Spellingframe:

Oak Class: 1st: Arianna, 2nd: Lilly-Mae, 3rd: Isabelle.

Beech Class: 1st: Darcey, 2nd: Alfred, 3rd: Arthur.

Willow Class: 1st: Joshua, 2nd: Jayden, 3rd: Benjamin.

Hawthorn Class: 1st: Oliver, 2nd: Billy, 3rd: Jimmy.

Hazel Class: 1st: Owen, 2nd: Bethany, 3rd: Lillie.

Yew Class: 1st: Leyland, 2nd: Gracie, 3rd: Demisha.



Flu Vaccinations

Further information from Somerset Saint: They have the following additional community clinic for Flu vaccinations. 6th February 2022, 09:00am until 12:00pm at Community Families Hub (old hospital), Level 2, East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN

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Chinese New Year – change of meal choice – Tuesday 1st February

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, the caterers have amended the meal choices to:

Stir fry Chinese chicken with noodles/stir fry vegetables with noodles or jacket potato with cheese or beans, plus Eve's pudding for dessert.

Although we cannot update the new choices on parentpay, if your child has ordered the meat/veg or jacket options that day they will receive the updated options instead.



Clubs

If your child would like to attend school clubs please sign up via parentpay. All school clubs except for Craft club still have places available.

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. All pupils will need to bring a packed lunch, extra snack and drink.

Kindest regards

Tracey Hart, Headteacher. Attachments: SEND newsletter, holiday club flyer.

