



4th February 2022

Dear parents, carers and children,

No 19 Newsletter

Good afternoon everyone and I hope you have had a good week. Once again, thank you for your support in helping us to manage our current COVID outbreak. Hopefully, with regular testing to identify new cases and isolating, we will see the number of cases start to reduce and flatten out. Thanks to everyone who has been really responsive when we have had to contact you about your child and to everyone who has taken their child for a PCR test when necessary.

Music – Beech Class

Again, this week, the school has been filled with music. Year 2 have continued singing with a coach from Somerset Music and there is hope that the class will form its own choir. Year 4 have now had 4 lessons of learning to play the ukulele.

Parents' Evenings

Forward notice of Parents' Evening dates: Wednesday 2nd and 9th March 2022 4pm – 6.30pm. Public Health explained this week that it is still too early to decide as to whether these need to remain remote or can be based in school. We are following their advice and will let you know once we have sound guidance from them. Additional meetings for children on the SEND register have begun to take place this week and will continue next week; these will be either held via Teams or a phone call.

Children's Mental Health Week 7th-13th Feb

Next week is the national Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year is Growing Together. During our PSHE lessons, we will be encouraging the children to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow. We follow a series of SCARF lessons to deliver our PSHE curriculum (SCARF stands for Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship), so to show our support for Children's Mental Health Week, we will be taking part in Wear Your Scarf to School Day. We invite all children, staff and parents to wear a scarf on Friday 11th February.



Year 4 Multiplication Check – June 2022

Attached is the year 4 parents and carers information pack from the DfE, explaining about the Multiplication Check due in the summer term. Thank you.

Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.

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Inter House Hockey Years 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have completed their Inter-house Hockey Competition this week. The children worked very hard in their house teams and followed the rules well. Each team played 3 games achieving 1 point for a draw, 3 for a win and 0 for a loss. The year 6 matches resulted in the following points: Brewer 6, Joslin 4, Stonham 1 and Langdon 4. In year 5, the points were: Brewer 3, Joslin 6, Stonham 1 and Langdon 5. When the points were combined Joslin were the overall winners, with Langdon and Brewer in joint second place; Stonham came fourth. Well done to both classes and all teams. We have a wonderful local club in Chard for any players wanting to continue with their hockey play, please see the following link chardhockeyclub.co.uk

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: **Freddie** for fantastic team work when tidying up. **Harry** for super partner work phonics.

Oak Class: **Brooke** for being a brave risk taker, challenging herself to try things she finds difficult. **Evie** for making great progress with her reading and phonics.

Beech Class: **Ziggy** for always giving his all to every task and discussion. **Amjed** for much in improved focus and effort in all lessons this term.

Willow Class: **Zuza** for being a risk taker and persevering with AR. **Joseph** for contributing great ideas in class discussions.

Hawthorn Class: **Billy** for using a wide range of vocabulary in his writing 😊 **Maisy So.** for always completing her homework on time. 😊

Hazel Class: **Josh** for excellent motivation and engagement during his extra sessions with Mrs Stocker. **Lily H** for improved focus on her reading and quizzing – keep it up!

Yew Class: **Gracie** for always being polite and respectful and having a positive attitude towards her work. **Brooke** for always being a friendly and helpful member of the class and trying her best at all times.

Badges

Class	Green	Silver
Oak	Olivia, Isabella, Cohen, Belle, Barnaby, Logan, Rowan, Brooke, Emma, Ava, Teddy, Evie, Amelia, Clara, Alan & Arianna.	
Hawthorn		Tyler
Hazel		Ava S, Josh T, Loren, Noah & Owen.



Platinum Bags

Acorn Class: Hollie

Oak Class: Alan

Beech Class: Lanah

Willow Class: Edward

Yew Class: Kyle & Jessica.

Spellingframe:

Oak Class: 1st: Arianna, 2nd: Sebastian, 3rd: Clara.

Beech Class: 1st: Benjamin, 2nd: Jayden, 3rd: Megan.

Willow Class: 1st: Florence, 2nd: Amjed, 3rd: Cameron.

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

Hazel Class: 1st: Bethany, 2nd: Jacob, 3rd: Olivia.

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



Reminders:

PAFOTS Meeting: everyone welcome: Friday 18th March 9am.

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.

Attachments: Multiplication tables check. NOS: 10 top tips for respect online. M' Daily Challenge flyer.

