



11th February 2022

Dear parents, carers and children,

No 20 Newsletter

It has been another busy week in school, with many opportunities to get outside in the sunshine and play and learn together. Beech class have observed plants and planting bulbs, ready for spring; Oak class have been outside, drawing maps of our school grounds, and Hawthorn class have been outside collecting natural items to add to their art work. Today, it was lovely to see many of us wearing a scarf to school and celebrating our individuality and differences. The whole-school assembly book, A Friend for Henry by Jenn Bailey, has been added as a Powerpoint to the Assembly channel on Teams; it focusses on appreciating each other and our individual preferences and ways. I hope you enjoy it 😊.

PSHE

This week, all classes have been considering the theme of Growing Together during their PSHE lessons, as part of Children's Mental Health Week. Children have considered what it means to grow emotionally, think about who can support and encourage them to grow, and what they can do to help their own growth and development. If you would like to access any of the resources at home, please go to: [Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk).

To celebrate the week, today we encouraged everyone to take part in Wear your scarf to school day.



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

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This week has also been **Online Safety Week**. Attached is a flyer with good ideas for staying safe on-line; this has also been shared in each classroom.

School Loaned Laptops/ipad s

In order to update equipment, we need to collect up all the laptops and ipads which have been loaned to pupils. Please could these be sent into school by half term, Friday 18th February, thank you.

Events coming up:

Three big dates are coming up: World Book Day, Thursday 3rd March; International Day of Mathematics, 14th March; and Red Nose Day, Friday 18th March. This week, we have added the information about International Day of Mathematics on 14th March. Next week, we will add details about World Book Day plans, and after half term, look out for information about Red Nose Day.



International Day of Mathematics is a worldwide celebration of mathematics that takes place on **14th March**. We have some exciting activities planned in school on the day itself, but leading up to it we have an exciting competition for you, as families, to take part in.

We are celebrating **Art in Maths**, and after March 14th will be creating a gallery of mathematical-based artwork, and plan for it to include your photos taken as a family, as well as artworks created in school. We have a **mathematical-themed scavenger hunt** for you to take part in, and there will be prizes for completed scavenger hunts as well as for the best photos taken as part of the scavenger hunt.

If you would like to take part, download the attached scavenger hunt and send in photos of what you find to homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk with the heading **Scavenger Hunt**, by **Friday 12th March**. If you want a wider audience for your photos, you can also share them here: <https://www.idm314.org/2022-photo-challenge.html> until March 1st. We can't wait to see what you find and appreciate the beauty of mathematics together!

Ava S and Jess have already had a go at the scavenger hunt and managed to find these pictures just around school, so you can get an idea of the sorts of things you could find: well done, Ava and Jess, for showing us that maths is all around us!



SEND Newsletter – please find attached the latest SEND newsletter.

Uniform Price Increase

Unfortunately, our uniform suppliers have informed us of a price increase from 1st April. Sweatshirts and Cardigans will increase by 30p to £10.30, polo shirts by 50p to £8.50, coats by £1.05 to £20.55 and our tracksuit bottoms by 25p to £13.50. Any orders after 31st March will be charged at the new prices.

Y6 Visit to Holyrood for Grease Performance

Yew class will visit Holyrood for the morning of Monday 28th February. There is no charge for this exciting visit. We will travel by coach, leaving at 9.10am and return in time for lunch. Children are to wear full school uniform, take their drinks bottle and small snack.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening dates: Wednesday 2nd and 9th March 2022 4pm – 6.30pm. Public Health explained last 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 will continue; these will be either held via Teams or a phone call. Thank you.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee: please find attached local information for events in the area.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Hollie for super effort with her oral bleeding. **Wilfred** for always showing kindness to others 😊

Oak Class: Arianna for being so motivated and engaged with her learning -even when working from home! **Sebastian** for making such great progress with his writing.

Beech Class: Alfred for being a kind and supportive partner no matter who he is working with.

Clayton for being a good 'noticer' in maths and giving detailed explanations.

Willow Class: Elijah for aiming high and asking very big questions. **Alana** for always smiling and giving challenges a go.

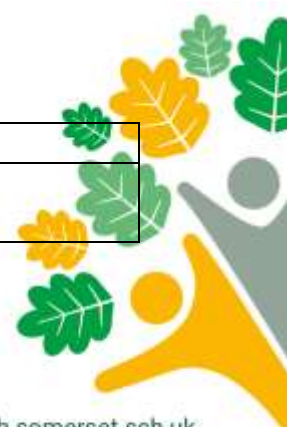
Hawthorn Class: Dylan for listening and joining with discussions following on from what others have stated.

Hazel Class: Oliver for staying positive and inquisitive during science with Mrs Bailey. **Lillie** for working hard this week on her tests – she is determined to work out the answer to every question! **Loren** for taking care whilst writing and editing to try to make her persuasive letter clear.

Yew Class: Ben for perseverance – always keeping going 😊 (plus achieving an outstanding score on spelling frame this week!) **David** for demonstrating a mature and positive attitude. **Lewis** for setting himself (and achieving) a target in his reading.

Badges

Class	Green	Silver
Oak	Fergus, Freddie, Thea, Dottie, Cora, Lily, Sebastian, Robin	



Platinum Bags

Hawthorn Class: Hannah & Isabella.

Hazel Class: Dylan, Ava S & Charlie B.

Spellingframe:

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

Beech Class: 1st: Florence, 2nd: Robyn, 3rd: Arthur.

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

Hawthorn Class: 1st: Skye, 2nd: Maisy So. 3rd: Jimmy.

Hazel Class: 1st: Dylan, 2nd: Toby, 3rd: Owen.

Yew Class: 1st: Lewis, 2nd: Finlay, 3rd: Leyland.

Yew Class: For Most Improved!



Reminders:

Forward Visit Dates:

Yew Class: Holyrood Grease performance – Monday, 28th February.

Hazel Class: Visit to Magdalen Farm – Wednesday, 2nd March

Acorn Class: Visit to Magdalen Farm – Monday, 7th March

Oak Class: Visit to Chard Museum - Monday, 7th March

Beech Class: Visit to Lyme Regis Museum – Wednesday, 30th March

Yew Class: Residential to Magdalen Farm, Wednesday, 18th to Friday, 20th May.

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

We break for half term next Friday, 18th February and return to school on Monday, 28th February.

Kindest regards

Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

Attachments:

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Scavenger hunt

Queen's Platinum Jubilee flyers

Holiday club flyers

NOS: Check in with your friends

