



11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear parents, carers and children,

## No 23 Newsletter

We have had a very busy week in school this week, with extra-curricular activities and events. Two classes have been on educational visits and I received a lovely email thanking the children for being so engaged and enthusiastic when focussing on their learning off-site.

Our fabulous School Council have ended their first-half-of-the-year duty, by organising Ukraine Day this Wednesday. Children spent time in class learning about Ukraine, the country, its geography and its people. They wanted me to pass on their thanks for dropping in supplies to the designated collectors and for donations to the Red Cross. They have also made and sold badges from After School Club and these funds will also be donated to the Red Cross.



We sent details about our WBD last week to the Chard and Ilminster Newspaper. This week's addition of the paper has a selection of these photos: well-done everyone 😊.

## Wellbeing Garden Glass Art and Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting

Today, there were two further exciting events. The newly appointed School Council were given their first task: to plant the Platinum Jubilee specially commissioned Tulip Tree.

The Arts Ambassadors had a delivery of the glass tiles, created following the competition for the Wellbeing Garden. The Chard and Ilminster Newspaper took pictures this afternoon, so we hope to see these photos in the paper in the next couple of weeks. Well done to our Art competition winners: Olivia, Abi, Georgie, Fergus & William. Your glass tiles are wonderful. If anyone knows a blacksmith who will be able to frame these glass pictures, please ask them to contact school. Thank you.



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

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### New School Council Members:

**Acorn Class:** Flipper & James; **Oak Class:** Rowan & Rosalie; **Beech Class:** Cameron & Ava. **Willow Class:** Eden & Jack. **Hawthorn Class:** Dylan & Jimmy. **Hazel Class:** Ava S & Bethany. **Yew Class:** Brooke & Oli.

**PAFOTS Meeting:** everyone welcome: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9am. Please do come along to this important meeting where we hope to start a new group of parents and carers to continue vital fundraising events for the school.

### Parents' Evenings

Thank you for attending the virtual parents' evenings this week. There are still some families who are yet to meet with their child's class teacher. I hope to contact these families next week if appointments have been missed. Please remember to return children's exercise books back to school, as soon as possible. Thank you.



**Comic Relief / Red Nose Day** – Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March: £1 donation for wearing non-uniform to school that day. Please pay via parentpay.

**Comic Relief Habitat Competition:** Pay 50p via parentpay to enter our competition to design a habitat for one of the Red Nose Characters: Flo, Dot, Sky, Rocco, Chip, Cam or Dash. Send in a photo/drawing of your design or creation, don't forget to add your name. Who will win 'Flo' or the mug? See attached flyers for inspiration!



### KS2 Times Table RockStars competition

Today, Mrs Hewitson has launched a new competition between our KS2 classes (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) on TTRS. All children should be accessing TTRS regularly to play games and practise their times tables. The winners will be the class with the highest percentage of participation during the week. The more children using TTRS, the better your chance of winning! Each Friday in assembly, one class will be awarded the TTRS Trophy...which class will be the first to win? 😊



Today year 4 and 5 used the new climbing wall during wet play.

### Cycle Helmet Donation

Thank you to Sustainable Chard Community Group for their kind donation of cycle helmets to the school. These are for use by PP children during our Bikeability sessions, which are planned for later in the summer term, and also for any children who regularly cycle to school.





## Covid-19

I have been asked to share the attached information around Covid-19 vaccinations for at risk 5-11-year olds. With cases still being reported in our school community, we are remaining vigilant and following our series of preventative measures. Thank you for continuing to support with this.

**Safeguarding:** Please find attached online safety information around Poppy Playtime.

## Acorn Class trip to Magdalen Farm

Acorn class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Magdalen Farm. We learnt all about the things we can do to encourage biodiversity, which included making seed bombs and the roles different animals - from pigs to bees - can play in creating thriving habitats. It was a brilliant day and all our children were fantastically well behaved throughout. Well done Acorn class.



## Beech Class this week

Beech class discovered that the pond is currently teeming with life. As we walked over, we saw lots of splashing as many of the frogs dived down, but three of them sat on the surface so we could observe them closely. We weren't sure whether they were frogs or toads as they were grey in colour, but we used Darcey's reading book "Frog or Toad" to help us to decide that they are probably frogs as they are quite smooth and staying in the water, whereas toads are warty and prefer to stay mostly on land. The pond is full of frogspawn so we will be observing that to see how it changes over the next few weeks.



### **Oak Class: Visit to Chard Museum:**

Year one thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Chard Museum on Monday. They explored lots of artefacts around the museum and found out about our local hero, John Stringfellow, and his innovation in creating the first powered flight. We are now experts in knowing what made the flight a success!

It was also great to be able to handle artefacts from the past and to try and imagine what life at school would have been like over one hundred years ago.

All of the children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly engaged in the experience. Also, the staff from the museum were incredibly impressed by the children's attitudes and enthusiasm. Well done year one!



### **World Book Day 2022**

We would like to thank all of you who entered our numerous WBD competitions. Our 'Win a Book' competition also has just been released so take a look on our WBD channel in Assemblies to view and enter.

### **Art in Maths**

Mathematical scavenger hunt; an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of mathematics. Please continue to upload your photos to the Homelearning email and they will be displayed in our "Art in Maths" gallery.

### **Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:**

**Acorn Class:** All of Acorn Class for their wonderfully sensible behaviour at Magdalen Farm.

**Oak Class:** All of Year 1 for excellent engagement and behaviour on the class trip to Chard Museum. **Madison** for such amazing progress in phonics. **Emma H** for imaginative and descriptive writing. Well done Emma 😊

**Beech Class:** **Ava** for showing great enthusiasm for learning, bringing in things that support the whole class learning. **Zephyr** for fantastic focus and effort in lessons recently.

**Willow Class:** Leila for fantastic effort in Maths when learning about perimeter. Isabel H for having the courage to contribute wonderful ideas in English!



**Hawthorn Class:** **Billy** for being so motivated and engaged in English – you have such wonderful and creative ideas Billy. **Isabella** for aiming high in improper fractions; showing determination and perseverance in a new concept – super work 😊 **Dexter** for being motivated and engaged in Science.

**Hazel Class:** **Tyler** for keeping going! – he has shown great determination in Maths and is now a fractions expert! **Bethany** for aiming high – she’s been challenging herself and doing extra questions whilst waiting in Maths – brilliant!

**Yew Class:** **Julia** for thinking of others and being considerate of their feelings. **Tyler** for descriptive and thoughtful writing.

**Gold Cards: Year 1: Harry. Year 3: Zuza & Paige, Jake. Year 4 times table pupils!**

**Platinum Bags:**

**Beech Class: Olivia, Ezra, Lanah, Robyn x 2!**

**Willow Class: Leon & Jack.**

**Spellingframe:**

**Oak Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Sebastian, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Arianna, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Olivia.**

**Beech Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Orla, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Olivia.**

**Willow Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Megan, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Isabel, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Joshua.**

**Hawthorn Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Maisy So. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jimmy, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Billy.**

**Hazel Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Erin, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ava B, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bethany.**

**Yew Class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Leyland, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Finlay.**

**Forward Visit Dates:**

**Beech Class: Visit to Lyme Regis Museum – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Yew Class: Residential to Magdalen Farm, Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May – further details have been sent home today.**

**Events coming up:**

Dates are coming up: International Day of Mathematics, 14<sup>th</sup> March; and Red Nose Day, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.



**SATs Meeting:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022, two meetings @ 4pm and 5.30pm in the main hall.

**Fixtures:**

**Transport to fixtures: Sadly, the impact of increasing fuel costs has dramatically affected our transport quotes for school. These charges are not a viable option for parents or school to contribute towards, therefore we will be reverting back to parent transport for future fixtures.**

**Gymnastics Competition:** We have entered three teams into the Key Steps Gymnastics Competition on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Spirit Gymnastics Academy in Yeovil. The event is organised into three age bandings. For each age, we can take four children and each competition lasts for 2 hours. Y1 & Y2: 9am – 11am: to leave school at 8.00am. Y3 & Y4: 11am – 1pm: to leave school at 10.00am. Y5 & Y6: 1pm – 3pm: to leave school at 12.00pm. A questionnaire link was sent this





week for the following pupils: **Y1: Lily-Mae & Teddy. Y2: Archie & Orla. Y4: Sophia, Erin, Skye & Lillie H. Y5: Ava S, Ava B, Amelia & Lillie H. Reserves: Thea and Arial.**

We need parents to sort their own transport to and from event. Please answer the questions via the link emailed on Wednesday to give consent and to let us know if you can help with transport for your child's session. Unfortunately, if we do not have transport then the team will be unable to attend. Please complete the questions by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> at latest. Please let us know asap if your child is not attending as after 16<sup>th</sup> we may ask another pupil to attend.

### **Y5/6 Primary Netball Competition: 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

We are pleased to take part in the Y5/6 Primary Netball competition on 29<sup>th</sup> March held at Westfield Academy, which may lead through to the County finals. The following pupils have been selected: Brooke, Gracie H, Imogen, Julia, Lily T, Florence, Lewis, Kyle & Buddy. The fixture will start at 1pm and finish at approximately 4pm. Mrs Churchill will supervise the children.

The school had already arranged transport for the team and will leave school at 12pm, returning at 4.45pm. The cost of the coach has been maintained at £220, therefore, parents are asked to make a contribution of £7 per child, using [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) or by using the bar-coded letter at a paypoint centre. No cash will be accepted into school.

Please complete the permission and payment as soon as possible and at latest by 17<sup>th</sup> March to enable us to make the necessary transport arrangements. Please also let us know asap if your child is not taking part, as we will offer the place to another child after that date.

### **Reminders:**

#### **School Council Message from Fern, Ruby and Dottie:**

School Council had a meeting about the new Learning Behaviour Badge ideas. Now we all need to create pictures and designs of the badges we like from the list below.

The last four design ideas are:

- . separate badges for each subject
- . rainbow of colours
- . oak tree and acorns\hills and trees
- . separate animal learning behaviour badge

Please let us have your designs by the end of the spring term.

### **British Science Week 11th to 20th March 2022**

The national theme this year is 'growth' and to celebrate we are asking children to think about what 'growth' means to them and show this on a poster to be entered into a nationwide competition.

Your creative and engaging poster will be presented on either A4 or A3 paper or card and contain clear and accurate information. All posters should be handed in to your class teacher by 14<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Calling all STEM Parents/grandparents/carers,**

Do you have a science, technology, engineering or maths (STEM) related career? Has studying science helped you in your job? Would you be willing to talk to us via Teams about your role and



its links to STEM? If so please contact [Marie.Bayley@tatworthschool.co.uk](mailto:Marie.Bayley@tatworthschool.co.uk) by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**Change of School Emails:** Our school emails are changing. Please make a note of the new addresses. For general school emails: [office@tatworthschool.co.uk](mailto:office@tatworthschool.co.uk) and to contact teachers use: [homelearning@tatworthschool.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@tatworthschool.co.uk)

### **KS1 SATs trial**

The school has been chosen by the DfE to trial the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar KS1 test paper this April. A letter is attached for all year 2 families.

### **School Loaned Laptops/ipads**

In order to update equipment, we need to collect up all the laptops and ipads which have been loaned to pupils. If there any more at home please do send them in asap, we will be chasing these up by telephone next week, thank you.

### **Uniform Price Increase**

Unfortunately, our uniform suppliers have informed us of a price increase from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March will be charged at the new prices.

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

Attachments:

NFER letter – KS1

Information on Covid-19 vaccination

NOS: What parents and carers need to know about WhatsApp.

Online Safety: Poppy Playtime

Flyers for Red Nose Day competition

Chard Guildhall Lego Club flyer

