



Dear parents, carers and children,

26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## No 32 Newsletter



Well done to everyone involved in our Platinum Jubilee Bonnet and Hat Parade! So much effort and enjoyment has obviously gone into making these superb hats: they are all so impressive! Thank you to our parents and carers who joined us this morning for our parade. The Chard and Ilminster photographer was also taking pictures, so some of the children and their wonderful hats will hopefully make it into the newspaper.



Although this was not a competition, School Council did need to choose a representative from the school to light the Beacon next week. Well done to Jayden, Willow Class.

Welcome to Alex who has joined us into Year 2 this week. You have settled so quickly Alex, well done.

Thank you to Tatworth and Forton Parish Council for the kind donation of a Jubilee mug and also to the Bethel Strict Baptist Church who also donated a bible to each pupil today.



## Parent Forum and Feedback

Thank you to the class representatives for meeting with me on Tuesday. We always have a good catch-up and it is a valuable time to understand and share families' questions and queries. During our session, we discussed the recent Ofsted report, school uniform, gates and opening times, our curriculum and Sports Day. I hope the following helps to clarify some points:

- The two areas for focus from our recent Ofsted inspection are both from our School Development Plan. We launched our progressive, knowledge-based curriculum in September 2021 and have been focussing on embedding it during this year. We will hold a parent/carer meeting to explain our new curriculum in the coming months. Thank you also for the lovely comments on Chard & Tatworth facebook page 😊
- We are investigating a dark green logo polo shirt to add to our uniform; this would be in addition to the traditional white shirt we have at the moment. I will keep you updated on this.
- Our school gates are opened at 8.40am each morning/ with school officially starting at 8.50am. The early opening is to ease congestion and support the children to have a calm start to the day. I hope to continue with this procedure from September. At the end of the school day, the gates are opened at 3.25pm so that parents and carers can come into the playground and designated areas ready for collection. We endeavour to keep our clocks all at the correct time and our bells are linked to the school computer to keep them accurate.
- Sports Day will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June this year. More detail to follow.

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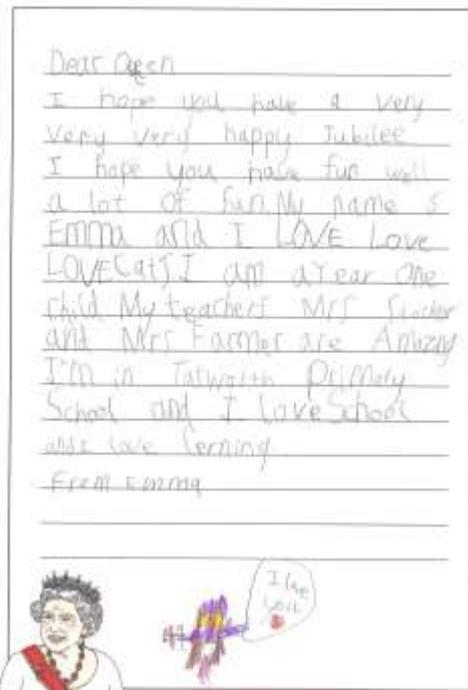
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## Chicks

We say goodbye today to our chicks. They have been a fabulous addition to our school over the last few weeks. The children have seen how they have developed and grown after hatching in the incubator. The specific characteristics of the different varieties are beginning to show and many now have feathers and are attempting to fly! All of our children have used the chicks as an inspiration for writing and building our knowledge of animal life cycles too. Thank you again to Mr & Mrs Palmer.



## Magdalen Farm

Last week, Year 6 enjoyed an adventurous residential visit to Magdalen Farm.

I personally think that den building was one of the best activities, because we got to work with people that we would not normally work with. This meant that it was a challenge to work as a team. I learnt that if we listened to each other, we could think of one great idea.



Another activity I really enjoyed, was the mud slide. We could have easily used the steps, but the mud was too inviting! Even though I had a good grip, the slippery mud meant I kept falling over. Nearly everyone got stuck, but luckily Mr Driver helped us to escape! By Julia.

One thing I really enjoyed was the pizza making. What really challenged me and my partner, was trying to roll out the pizza dough - it would always get stuck on the table! Dan said that we did not have enough flour to keep it from sticking. Once we had a base for our pizza, we started to add ingredients, including tomato paste and cheese. The pizzas tasted delicious. By Lewis.

Please make any final payments as per the schedule: £10 due by 27th May.



## Y4 Visit to Charmouth

Last Friday, Year 4 visited Charmouth to study river and cliff erosion. Here are some of the children's comments:

Erin: I saw and learnt about the sea defences used at Charmouth to Block the waves from erosion.

Ruby B: I saw examples of deposition and erosion on the river banks and how the River Char meanders to the sea.

Eli: I learnt that waves have energy and they have different stages: roll, break, surge and backwash.

Spencer: I saw the groynes used. They get smaller over time because the sand builds up.

We would like send a very big thank you to Seadown Caravan Park for allowing us to walk along their river bank. In addition, to Charmouth Heritage Centre and all the wonderful volunteers for their time, and providing us with rich memorable learning.



## Year 5

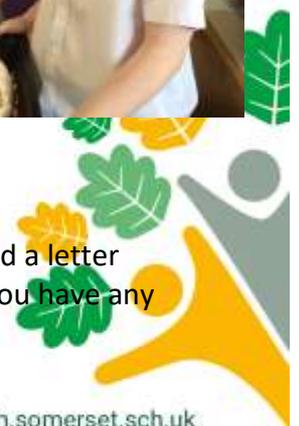


On Monday, Year 5 put on their aprons and started baking! Each group had designed their own twist on a classic white bread loaf. We weighed, measured, mixed and kneaded - don't forget the proving - until our loaves, rolls and baguettes were ready for baking. The smell of fresh bread filled the school. Well done to everyone in year 5.



## Maths Homework

All children in Years 1 to 5 have brought home a new maths homework booklet today and a letter explaining how our new homework will run. Please look out for it in your child's bag! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Hewitson, via [homelearning@tatworthschool.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@tatworthschool.co.uk)



## **ASD / ADHD Pathway Referral Query and Advice line**

We know that both families and professionals often have questions about referrals. In response to this we have decided to set up and trial a new Referral Query and Advice line.

This line is open to parent /carers, young people or practitioners from health, education or social care. The number for this Referral Query and Advice line is 0303 033 3002 and it will be open 9-12 every Wednesday and Thursday morning.

## **KS2 Times Table RockStars competition**

**Winners of the TTRS trophy Year 4 –Well done!**

### **Handwriting Pens for working hard on handwriting and presentation:**

**Willow Class: Noah**

**Hawthorn Class: Eli**

**Hazel Class: Kaici**

**Yew Class: Fern**

### **Book Vouchers for regular reading at home throughout the half term:**

**Acorn Class: Wilfred**

**Oak Class: Arianna**

**Beech Class: Robyn**

**Willow Class: Isabelle C**

**Hawthorn Class: Grace**

**Hazel Class: Josh H**

**Yew Class: Skye**

**Completed their Learning Behaviour Badge: Oliver Y4**

### **Platinum Bag**

**Willow Class: Jayden & Isabel.**

**Hazel Class: Dylan, Charlie, Jacob, Bethany & Ava S**



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

**Acorn Class:**

**Oak Class: Freddie** for keeping going with activities, especially in maths. **Emma** for being motivated and engaged in all of her learning, especially in maths.

**Beech Class: Isla** for thinking outside the box and taking a creative approach. **Alex** for getting stuck right in with his learning with a smile on his face from day one!

**Willow Class: Rita** for taking responsibility and planning an exciting mystery write independently. **Megan** for being engaged in rounders this term – fantastic effort and development of skills!

**Hawthorn Class: Maisy St** – well done certificate from Mrs Henley.

**Hazel Class: Charlie B and Rowan** for being a great friend.

**Yew Class: Tyler and Finley** for concentrated effort and great choice of vocabulary in their writing.

### **Y6 Leavers' Activity day: Visit to Haven Banks, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

In order that this trip can go ahead please ensure payment deadlines are kept, the payment schedule is listed below. Payment terms, as set up on parentpay: 25% deposit (£6.42) for Haven Banks + £7.30 towards coach: £13.72 - payment by 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. 75% total deposit for Haven Banks (£6.42 (April payment) + £12.85): £12.85 – payment due by 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Final payment for Haven Banks (£6.43) + £10 remaining coach cost: £16.43 – payment due by 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.



## Swimming Letter for Y5 and some Y6

Swimming sessions start on 7th June, followed by 14th June, 28th June, 5th July & 12th July.

Whilst consenting on parentpay, please leave a note with names of any persons that may collect your child from the pool. Families with siblings still at school, may collect them after the swimming pick up from the school office. Please consent for your child to swim on parentpay as soon as possible.

## Y6 Bikeability Sessions

After half term, Y6 will have the opportunity to take part in two Bikeability sessions, planned for 29/30<sup>th</sup> June & 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> July. Invitation letters have been sent home today. **In order that this activity can take place we need parents/carers to support us during the sessions. Please let the office know if you can help.**

**Y3 Seaton Wetlands Visit:** Tuesday 7th June.

**Y2 Carymoor Visit:** Monday 4th July.

## Academy U11 Rounders

The following children have been selected to take part on Tuesday 17th June: Mirella, Matilda, Jess, Gracie, Leyland, Bethany, Josh H, Toby & Noah. The fixture will start at 1pm and finish at approx. 3pm. We need parents/carers to make arrangements to transport their child, leaving school at 12.45pm and returning to school at 3.20pm approx. Your child will need a packed lunch on this day and please make sure your child has an extra drink on this day also.

They will wear school sports kit but please ensure they have trainers. If they wear glasses please bring sport goggles, (unless parents have given us consent otherwise).

Please complete the questionnaire link sent yesterday to consent and tell us of your transport arrangements. Unfortunately, if we do not have transport then the team will be unable to attend. The children will be supervised by a member of staff and need to be dropped to the main reception. Unfortunately, parents are unable to stay for the fixture. Please let us know asap if your child is not attending so we may ask another pupil to attend. Please complete the questionnaire by Friday 27th May at latest.

## Two New Clubs!

Exciting news! We have two new clubs both starting on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 3.30-4.30pm. Cheerleading and Flag (American) Football** for 5 weeks. To book a place for your child please click: <https://the-sports-project.class4kids.co.uk>

## Reminders:

**PSFA:** Tuning into Kids course starting on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

## Warmer Weather

Please remember to send your child to school with a sun hat and water bottle. We will be using these more at this time of year. Sun screen protection can be brought to school too, but your child would need to apply the cream themselves. It is therefore advisable to put sun protection on your child before coming to school each day. Thank you.

We break for half term today; school starts back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. I hope everyone has a restful break.

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

Tatworth & Forton Jubilee Celebrations, 40<sup>th</sup> Vintage Rally, Club Flyer, Axminster Guildhall.

