



2nd September 2022

Dear parents and carers

Newsletter no 1 - **Academic Year 2022/23**

Welcome back to our new school year. We also welcome some new families to our school community today, as well as all our new Reception children and families on Monday 5th September.

There have been some exciting projects and improvements made around school during the holidays, including a geography learning wall, which will be a visual reminder to support the geography topics we teach in school. Thank you to Mr Stuttaford and Mr Hartley for their work on creating the eco-friendship bench and painting the plant pots and seats around school.



It has been lovely today walking around school and spending time chatting to the children at break time and finding out all about their holidays. Everyone was excited to share tales of time spent with friends and family, camping in the garden or adventures further afield.

The children look so smart in their school uniform, complete with school shoes and plain socks. The new bottle-green polo shirt has seemed popular too and once again, thank you for following the advice regarding which plain, supermarket versions are suitable. Our expectations regarding uniform can be found on the school website: <https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/parent-information/uniform/>

Uniform orders, which were submitted in July, have been sent out with children today. Orders received in August will be processed in due course.

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PE kits need to be brought in on Monday and will be returned home on Friday. Thank you.

Start and End of the School Day

As in the summer term, we have adapted our whole-school practises to ensure we are operating to minimise all respiratory infections. At the start of the day, and once inside the classroom, children will be asked to wash their hands or apply sanitiser. Ventilation will continue to be important and class windows will be opened to allow a flow of air: this could be at break times, when the weather becomes chillier.

At the start and end of the day, parents are welcome to come into the large bottom playground or areas at the front of the school when dropping and collecting. All gates will be opened at 8.40 am and children can enter school any time between 8.40 am and 8.50 am. The gates will then be opened again at the end of the day for collection at 3.30 pm.

Each year group have been allocated gate(s) as below:

Year Group	Gate(s)
Reception	main gate or field gate
Year 1	main gate or field gate
Year 2	outside Years 1 - 3 classrooms or field gate
Year 3	bottom playground gate or field gate
Year 4	bottom playground gate or field gate
Year 5	bottom playground gate or field gate
Year 6	bottom playground gate or field gate

All children may be collected from the field gate, although we request all Reception children to come through the front, main gate during their first week at school and whilst on a reduced timetable. From Monday 12th September 2022, Reception children can access school via the field gate too. Siblings of Reception children and Year 1 children, can also come to the office door at the end of the school day to be collected from the front gate.

Attendance

Towards the end of the summer term 2022, the government released a new document which focusses on the importance of school attendance. [Working together to improve school attendance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/105222/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance.pdf) I am presently updating our Attendance Policy, but would appreciate input from parents and carers too. Please email the school office@tatworthschool.co.uk if you would be able to join an informal group to ensure our policy includes the voice of all stakeholders. Thank you.

Snack and Lunch Arrangements

Children can bring in: a snack, such as a fresh fruit or vegetable (not wrapped or packed), to eat during breaktime; their packed lunch (if not having a school lunch) and water in a bottle. Fizzy drinks are not allowed.

A free piece of fruit is provided each day for the three younger classes.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Universal Free School meals. In addition, hot meals are provided to children on benefit-related free school meals. Meals must be ordered via ParentPay. To investigate whether your child is entitled to benefit-related free school meals please click this link: <https://services.somerset.gov.uk/application-for-free-school-meals>

Hot meals are also available for KS2 children at a cost of £2.40 per meal for the Autumn term and are bookable per half term via ParentPay. [Autumn Menu 2022](#) [Autumn Term Allergen Information](#)

Y6 Residential Meeting: Tuesday 3.45pm in Y6 classroom or Tuesday 5.30pm teams meeting, link to follow on Monday.

Reading

Children today have brought home a reading book. Next week, we will be completing AR Star reader tests for our KS2 children and phonics assessments will also take place to ensure children are reading an appropriate, levelled book.

School Council/Art Ambassadors/Librarians (Y5 & Y6)/Eco-warriors

Next week each class will vote for their class representatives. Please encourage children interested in nominating themselves, to prepare an explanation they can share with their friends.

Class Letters and Meet the Teacher

Look out for your child's Autumn term class newsletter next Friday. Meet the teacher meetings will take place the following Wednesday, 14th September. There will be three possible meeting times: 3.45 pm and 4.15 pm in your child's classroom or a virtual meeting on Teams at 6 pm. During these meetings the class teacher will give information about class routines, their timetable and curriculum expectations. It will also be an opportunity to ask any questions and meet other class parents and carers.

Clubs

Lunch and after-school clubs will start from Monday 12th September. Details of additional clubs will be sent out next week. Thank you.

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend,

Regards



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