

14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear parents and carers

## Newsletter no 7

### Harvest Festival

Today, we held our school Harvest Festival which will support St John's Community Garden Kitchen. The Garden Kitchen has been used by people from across our community and St John's hope to keep it running throughout the winter. We have just delivered our donations to the church. Thank you to everyone who donated goods, tins etc. or fresh fruit and vegetables to school today. Thank you to Toby, Bethany, Oscar, Oscar, Tyler W, Kaici, Jacob and Amelia for presenting the harvest message so well – Confident Communicator sticker for you all! Having the whole school singing Cauliflowers Fluffy, a cappella, was an absolute joy to hear too 😊!



### Phonics Open Mornings

Thank you to Reception families who attended on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October for our Reception Class phonics open morning. We hope you found the session helpful. Mr Johnston and the children loved to share their learning with you.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, we would like to invite parents and carers of children currently in **Years 1 and 2 to a phonics open morning**. You will have the opportunity to watch Mrs Whiffin teaching a ten to fifteen minute "speed sound session." This will be with her usual group so may not include your own child, but the format of sessions is the same across the year groups so you will see how all phonics sessions start every day. Mrs Whiffin will be available afterwards in the hall to answer any questions about our phonics provision in school. Please come to the front of school at 9.10am where Mrs Woodman will welcome you and show you into the classroom.



## Art

Mrs Whiffin's report: Last Monday after school, a group of our arts ambassadors took their families to an art exhibition in Crewkerne on the theme of "Sanctuary." Lucy Gallwey, one of the exhibiting artists, gave us a tour of the artworks and then the children created their own pieces of art to be displayed alongside the rest of the exhibition. The children were fantastic representatives of the school, listening beautifully, asking interesting questions and creating super artworks. Here are Declan, Finnley and Amelia with their favourite pictures.



Last week, **Hazel Class** also went out on location around Tatworth to complete some geography fieldwork. They explored seven different locations and will now compile reports on the good points and areas for improvement around the village. One location that they were all very positive about was Mr Stephenson's childhood home, so a big thank you to Mr Stephenson's dad for welcoming us into his beautiful garden. Thanks to all the parent volunteers; it made the experience all the better for having plenty of adults.



In Science **Year 6** have been using their 'identifying and classifying' skills to classify leaves and challenge themselves to adapt the classification key to include different leaves and criteria.

### Axe Valley Orchestra Day

Thank you to Mrs Aspinall for staying with our children at Axe Valley during their Orchestra Day. She reported back to us: 'What a lovely day! The children practised and performed an excerpt from Beethoven's 5th Symphony, the Blue Danube by Strauss and a hoedown piece called Corn Dog to finish!'



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**Safeguarding:** Please see attached information about online games with upsetting content.

**Celebrations:**

Attendance winners this week are Year 2 Well done!

**Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:**

**Acorn Class:** **Rex** for super attitude to learning. **Poppy** for being a role model to others and always trying her best.

**Oak Class:** **James** for his commitment to his studies and always showing respect to others.

**Harry** for always being respectful of others and being motivated and engaged with learning.

**Beech Class:** **Rowan** for always putting his best effort into his learning and working especially hard on his handwriting. **Arianna** for always being ready to learn, looking and listening carefully.

**Willow Class:** **Darcey** for being a team player and always doing her best to help others.

**Zephyr** for being a super confident communicator and showing his thinking through discussion and neat work.

**Hawthorn Class:** **Jack** for being motivated and engaged in his learning, particularly focussing well during assessment week. **Effie** for aiming high with focus and attention during reading comprehension.

**Hazel Class:** **Hannah** for loving learning so much. **Hannah** makes the most of every minute in class and is always keen to take part. **Eli** for being a lovely presence in class. Eli is always friendly, kind and cheerful and treats everyone with respect and care.

**Yew Class:** **Tyler W and Charlie B** - for being confident communicators - they always have something to say! They are happy to explain their ideas and reasons to their partner or the class.



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## Sporting Spirits

This is a new element to our celebration assembly on a biweekly basis. There will be a number of children that have shown these sporting spirits in PE during the week.

The six values of **passion, belief, respect, honesty, determination and teamwork** were developed by young people to identify what the experience of **school sport** should be built around. Every two weeks the PE department will award children these sporting spirits.



## Sports Fixtures

### North Curry Fixture

Mr Park's Report: Congratulations to both teams that played in the first half termly fixture against North Curry on Tuesday. These fixtures give everyone the chance to play in a competitive game. Win or lose, it's the taking part that counts. The teams were: Dylan, Charlie, Jacob, Tyler H, Billy, Dexter, Benjamin G, Tyler G, Lillie H, Amelia, Olivia, Ava S, Sophia, Ruby, Skye and Isabella.



### English Schools' Football Tournament

Mr Park's report: On Thursday afternoon, we took a mixed KS2 team to the English Schools Football Association held at Buckler's Mead in Yeovil. We were one of the smallest schools

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and found it difficult to get a footing in some of the games. However, with some fantastic, positive football on display the children managed to win and draw two games against the odds. Josh finished off some fantastic team football with equally good goals. The school should be super proud of how the team represented us. Again, a massive thanks to parents giving up their time and making this possible.



## Reminders:

### Flu Vaccine

#### Change to deadline for consent submission

Last week I sent home a letter re the Flu Vaccination for all school children from Reception to Year 6 with the request to complete the consent form even if you do not consent to the vaccine. We have now been advised that the online consent [link](#) will now close at midday on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Our Tatworth Primary School unique code is **SM137175**.

### Secondary School Applications

Parents of Y6 children will be due to transfer to secondary school at the end of this year and need to apply online for places by 31<sup>st</sup> October. We have sent a few reminder texts this week for those that have not yet applied.

All applications for a secondary or upper school place in September 2023 must be made to your home authority. Please apply using the [online application form](#). The closing date for secondary school applications is 31 October 2022.

### Starting School 2023

The online form for starting school applications opened on 26 September 2022. A child can start school in the September after they turn four.

If your child is due to start school in September 2023 you are advised to carefully read the [Primary Admissions Guide](#) before making your application. Apply for places with this link: <https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/applying-for-a-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/>

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We will be holding an **Open Morning** on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November between 9 am and 10am or 11 am and 12 noon for any families with children due to start school in September 2023.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

### **School Vacancies:**

We have a few vacancies at school: within our lunch time team, see more information [here](#) and also, within our cleaning team, please contact Mrs Parris on: [claire.parris@tatworthschool.co.uk](mailto:claire.parris@tatworthschool.co.uk) for more details or an informal chat on 01460 220565.

### **Attachments:**

**NOS: Supporting children with upsetting content  
Forest and farm**

### **Dates:**

#### **Phonics Open Mornings**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Years 1 and 2 phonics open morning. Please come to the front of school at 9.10am.

#### **Parents' evenings**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November in school. Details regarding booking will be sent out next week.

#### **Open Morning at School**

- 15<sup>th</sup> November, 9-10am & 11-12pm

#### **Parent Maths Workshops**

Year 1 - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2:30pm-3:30pm

Year 2 - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2:30pm-3:30pm

Year 3 - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2:30pm-3:30pm

Reception class and Years 4, 5 and 6 will take place during the Spring Term.

#### **Reception Nativity**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 at 2.45 pm

#### **Y1/2 Nativity**

Dress rehearsal: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm

Two performances: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

**Music Assembly:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December (am)

**KS2 Carols** at St John's Church: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – timings to follow.

**Book Worms Club** - A reminder that on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes we run 'Book Worms' club in the Library. This is a great opportunity for your child to read with an older child or adult. Children can go to the library from 1.30pm.

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