

21st October 2022

Dear parents and carers

Newsletter no 8

Happy National Apple Day

Wow, what a fantastic day to end the half term! Well done to all staff and children for their apple creations; there are certainly many delicious and scrummy things we can all make from apples – I am going home this half term to try out Mrs Hewitson's apple flapjacks!



Focussing on local produce is a message our eco-warriors wanted us to think about and our day has certainly highlighted all we can do when harvesting the apples in our gardens.

Harvest Message

Last Friday we held a very successful Harvest Festival with proceeds being delivered locally to St John's. **The following message came into the school inbox this week, from St John's:** 'We just wanted to say a huge thank you for the amazing collection of Harvest gifts that you donated to our Community Kitchen Garden. We are so grateful for everything, and it will make a huge difference to us being able to keep the kitchen running throughout winter. Thank you. Michelle and Phil.'

Phonics

On Tuesday 18th October, we held a Key Stage 1 phonics open morning so that parents and carers were able to see a phonics lesson in action in school. Thank you to those who attended: we hope you found it useful.

Phonics Storybooks

Please ensure that all phonics storybooks that come home are returned to school once your child has read them twice so that the next group to read that story can also take them home.

Maths Workshops

Letters have been sent home this week to the parents/carers of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 about the maths workshops taking place in November. Please let us know, if you are able to attend, by returning the slip at the bottom of the letter, by the Friday of the preceding week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parents' Evenings: 2nd and 9th November: A letter went out yesterday with information how to book an in-person appointment via schoolcloud with class teachers.

National Apple Day Activities:

Reception: We very much enjoyed (for the most part!) our stewed apple with cinnamon and yogurt. Scrumptious.

Y1: Year 1 learnt about part and whole using our class apples. We cut the apple in lots of ways - we looked at our whole and parts. When we cut the apple horizontally, we even found a star shape with seeds! The best bit was eating the sharp, crunchy, juicy apples! We have some to take home with recipes to make cakes!

Y2: Today, Class 2 have enjoyed celebrating apple day. We have collected apples from our apple tree and have used them to make bird feeders to help look after our feathered friends.

Y3: We made apple cakes, mixing up the recipe, grating our apples into mixture.

Y4: We made apple and fruit kebabs, practicing our chopping skills. We thought they were delicious and want to make more of them at home.

Y5: Hazel Class made apple turnovers in the morning and enjoyed eating them in the afternoon with a singsong of Cauliflowers Fluffy in the shelters.

Y6: On Thursday, Y6 baked apple flapjacks and gobbled them up like machines! Everyone enjoyed their baking and making and thought it a luxurious day! Words by Dylan.



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More exciting learning from this week includes

Rocksteady Trial Sessions

Well done to all the children who had a trial with Rocksteady in recent weeks. We hope you have found them inspirational 😊.



Oak Class – making Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork!



Forest School - Willow and Hawthorn Classes enjoyed creating 'leaf' art as part of their Forest School activities on Tuesday.



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Safeguarding

Better Sleep Week - 17th – 21st October 2022

This week highlights why quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development including common triggers as well as practical strategies to consider. Please see attached flyers.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Those families who qualify for benefit-related free school meals will shortly receive an email with a link to download supermarket vouchers @ £10 per child. The email may contain VEX/Voucher Express – please check junk boxes before reporting missing vouchers.

The Good Grub Club

Please see attached flyer for a FREE family cooking sessions and meal at The Chard Young People's Centre Essex Close which start next week.

Celebrations:

Attendance winners this week are Yew Class – well done!

Platinum Bag

Hawthorn Class: Isabelle C & Faith

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Rosie for being brave and using her voice in front of the whole class. **George** for his super attitude to learning in phonics and marks.

Oak Class: Reggie for aiming high in his work to achieve his learning behaviours. **Samuel** for aiming high in all aspects of school – a very hard worker!

Beech Class: Isabella & Brooke for being motivated and engaged – writing their own fantastic stories at home based on our class story.

Willow Class: Jake for being engaged in his Maths learning this week. **Lola** for aiming high with both her English and maths work this week - super number bonds!

Hawthorn Class: Isabel for being a risk taker when performing a presentation in front of the class. **William** for communicating confidently when explaining a method of subtracting.

Hazel Class: Oscar for being a good team player and helping out classmates. **Harrison** for consistently demonstrating every one of the learning behaviours.

Yew Class: Rowan for being an excellent team player, he always offers help and is great at explaining. **Bethany** for keeping going – she stayed positive all week whilst we were learning a tricky method in maths and always had a smile on her face!

	Book Token	Fountain Pen
Acorn Class	Rosie	
Oak Class	Alfie B	
Beech Class	Arianna	
Willow Class	Alfred	Lanah
Hawthorn Class	Jayden Lee	Rita
Hazel Class	Abbi	Hannah
Yew Class	Lily Ha	Charlie

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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.

					
Frankie Y6	Joshua Y6	Evelyn Y1	Isabella Y4	Effie Y4	Finley Y5

Clubs

Please find attached the club list for next half term, bookings as usual are via parentpay. Clubs will restart w/c 7th November to 5th December inclusive.

Reminders:

Y3 Visit to Carymoor - Tuesday 1st November. We still need a few consents via parentpay for the whole class to attend.

Flu Vaccine

Change to deadline for consent submission

Recently, 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 for the vaccine. We have been

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advised that the online consent [link](#) will now close at midday on Friday 11th 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 need to apply online for places by 31st 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/>

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

Finally, may I wish you all a really relaxing, family-filled half term and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, 31st October.

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 for more details or an informal chat on 01460 220565.

Attachments:

Autumn 2 clubs

Sporting Chance Holiday Club (Tatworth)

Better sleep week

Good Grub Club Poster

Forest School Holiday Club

St John's Baby and Toddler Hub & Wild Church

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Dates:

Parents' evenings

- 2nd and 9th November in school. Letter sent home 20th October regarding booking.

Open Morning at School

- 15th November, 9-10am & 11-12pm
- Children in Need – Join in with the great spotacular, Friday 18th November

Parent Maths Workshops

- Year 1 - Wednesday 16th Nov 2:30pm-3:30pm
- Year 2 - Wednesday 23rd Nov 2:30pm-3:30pm
- Year 3 - Wednesday 30th Nov 2:30pm-3:30pm
- Reception class and Years 4, 5 and 6 will take place during the Spring Term.

Reception Nativity

Thursday 1st December 2022 at 2.45 pm

Y1/2 Nativity

Dress rehearsal: Monday 5th December at 2.45pm

Two performances: Tuesday 6th December at 6pm & Wednesday 7th December at 5pm.

Music Assembly: Thursday 15th December (am)

KS2 Carols at St John's Church: Friday 16th 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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