

11th November 2022

Dear parents and carers

Newsletter no 10

Remembrance Day and Poppy Appeal



Thank you all for your kind donations for the Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal. Today each class held its own focus on Remembrance Day. Lilly H Y5 & Isabel Y4 were both inspired to create the following art works. Thank you for sharing girls.



Open Morning

On Tuesday 15th November we will be holding an Open Morning between 9 am and 10am or 11 am and 12 noon. We are really looking forward to welcoming families to school with children due to start school in September 2023.

Author Visit

Fresh from a number of literary festivals, the esteemed author Tola Okogwu visited our School on Thursday. Tola shared some of her writing with the children such as 'Daddy do my hair', 'Aziza's secret fairy door' and 'Onyeka and the academy of the sun'. These can be purchased from the links below. In addition, Tola's Onyeka books will be available from the virtual book fayre next week. We have kept signed labels for anyone who purchases later in the term.

<https://www.waterstones.com/author/tola-okogwu/3244551>

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Tola-](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Tola-Okogwu/e/B01JLTHM6A?ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_3&qid=1664986833&sr=1-3)

[Okogwu/e/B01JLTHM6A?ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_3&qid=1664986833&sr=1-3](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Tola-Okogwu/e/B01JLTHM6A?ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_3&qid=1664986833&sr=1-3)

<https://uk.bookshop.org/contributors/tola-okogwu>

Further details about Tola can be found here: [Home • Tolá Okogwu \(tolaokogwu.com\)](https://www.tolaokogwu.com)

Oliver's write-up about the visiting author:

On 10th November, Tola Okogwu visited us. She told us about her amazing books. She inspired many people by telling us about her journey through writing. Amazingly, she isn't just a writer but she is a journalist and hair care expert. The reason she got into writing was because when she was younger, she loved reading but she couldn't find any books that had people like her in. She didn't want her children to have the same experience so she tried writing books herself. She asked us about superheroes and what made a superhero - some people said superpowers, some people said costumes, but she told us that it wasn't. She said

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that we all have a power- it may not be super speed but she said that we all have one. She has written lots of books like "Daddy Do My Hair" and "The Academy of the Sun." Thank you Tola.



Hazel Class Geography Project

Hazel Class' geography project culminated with a visit from two Tatworth and Forton councillors, Tim Eggin and Richard Down. The children showed fantastic oracy and geographical skills and knowledge as they presented on the results of their fieldwork. They discussed seven locations around the village and made suggestions as to how those locations could be improved. The councillors were hugely impressed by their suggestions and said that they were already discussing some of the points raised in meetings. They have asked the children to decide on three key issues around the village that they see as priorities and also to share ideas for the use of Jubilee Field.



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Signed Book Competition:

In assembly, the children were shown two books by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. Both of these books have a focus animal in the story and are beautifully illustrated. Both of these books have also been signed by the author which would be a treasure to own. For any children eager to own one of these books, they have been asked to design an information poster about either foxes or sharks. Our school librarians will read through the posters next Friday and decide who has won each of the books. Happy fact finding!



Virtual Book Fair

We are trialling a virtual book fair this year, which will allow everyone to browse the books from the comfort of their own homes. The fair will start on 16th November and run for one week. Books will start from about £2.50; they are bookshop titles with a huge reduction. Parents/carers will be able to order on line. There is no cost for delivery; everything will be delivered pre, eco-packed to



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school. School will also receive one book free for every 5 books sold at £2.50 - which will give a welcome boost to our library.

How will the fair work?

- Our fair will run for one week - a full 7 days - so parents also have the weekend to shop.
- During that week, parents and staff will be able to order directly from the books for bugs website.
- All books are brand new and just £2.50 each. *
- To get free delivery parents/carers need to put in their child's name and class, and the schools address in the delivery section. This is clearly marked and a 'how to' video is available here for anyone who is unsure.
- At the end of the fair all orders are delivered to school. Each order will be individually wrapped in a sealed eco-friendly bag with the child's name and class on.
- There are no minimum or maximum amounts you have to order and no shipping fees.
- Please see information page for parents with a short video on how to order- [you can view this here](#)

**Throughout the year they also have craft items and various book offers which vary in price.*

Safeguarding: Somerset Saint are visiting on Monday to administer the Flu vaccines.

Celebrations:

Attendance winners this week are **Oak Class** – well done!

Platinum Bag

Hawthorn Class: Luca, Alfie, Verity & Harley

Hazel Class: Billy, Benjamin, Maisy St, Ruby H, Libby, Abi, Sophia, Maisy So

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Summer for her fantastic representations of number in maths. **Piper** for her kindness to others and her super attitude to learning.

Oak Class: Tabitha for great motivation and engagement with her work at school and home.

Maisie for trying her best and keeping going. She has made great progress in her writing and maths.

Beech Class: Fergus for persevering and making excellent progress with his handwriting

Madison for demonstrating fantastic listening skills and joining in enthusiastically with our singing practice. Team work for **all of Year 2** for learning so many nativity songs in one week.

Willow Class: Arti for being super motivated and engaged this week – fantastic ideas in history. **Robyn** for aiming high in English and correctly using conjunctions in her work.

Hawthorn Class: Darcie for creating a super haiku poem, identifying rhythm and syllables.

Alfie for being a risktaker and explaining strategies in maths.

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Hazel Class: Calum for always making an effort to be doing the right thing, focused and on task. **Dexter** for regularly being kind, supportive and helpful to his classmates.
Yew Class: Olivia for improved focus on her reading – keep it up please! **Owen** for always producing lots of written work and then working hard to edit and improve – he never wants to stop!



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.

					
Dylan Y5	Oscar Y5	Archie Y6	Megan Y4	Cameron Y3	Alfred Y3

Inset Day - Friday 2nd December

A reminder that school is closed for inset on this day.

May 8, 2023 – Bank Holiday

Please find attached our updated term dates which reflect King Charles III's coronation bank holiday which will take place on Monday, May 8, 2023, two days after the coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey.

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Reminders:

Good Grub

Just a reminder that the next Good Grub Club will take place at the Chard Young Peoples Centre, Essex Close on Thursday 17th November. This one is an after-school club which will run from 3.45pm until 5.30pm.

Families can go along and cook and eat their evening meal together and take away a free recipe box for one of the recipes made so that they can make it again at home. There will also be an activity for the children to do should they not want to join in with the cooking.

Everything at the session is completely FREE. See attached flyer for information on how to sign up.

Parent Maths Workshops - Year 1 - Wednesday 16th Nov 2:30pm-3:30pm

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November, families are being asked to donate £1 to parentpay for their children to wear either spotty, stripy or colourful clothes. A second £1 per family can be donated if children want to take part in a colouring/designing competition – bear sheets have been sent home today. Thank you.



SEND Forum - 22nd November 2022, 9am

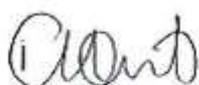
This forum is open to any Parents/Carers who would like to attend, your child DOES NOT have to be on the SEND register. We welcome any ideas, and aim to answer any questions you may have. For anyone wishing to attend the SEND Forum, please click on the link below to complete the form. <https://forms.gle/wWsz42bcBN3Wx5kV8> We look forward to seeing you. During the meeting, we will discuss how we identify and support children with SEND through the school.

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/>

Kind regards



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School Vacancies:

We have a few vacancies for a variety of roles in school; please see more information [here](#)

For positions within our lunch time team, our cleaning team or clerk to governors, please contact Mrs Parris on: claire.parris@tatworthschool.co.uk for more details or an informal chat on 01460 220565.

Attachments:

Term Dates

Christmas Fayre

Dates:

Open Morning for Reception 2023 families

15th November, 9-10am & 11-12pm.

Reading Events

16th Virtual bookfair.

Children in Need – Join in with the great spotacular event, Friday 18th November.

SEND Forum - 22nd November 2022, 9am

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.

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

Dress rehearsal: Monday 5th December at 2.45pm (this may need to move to Tuesday 6th December at 2.45pm)

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

Christmas Fayre

Friday 9th December 3.30 – 5.30pm – see attached flyer.

Choir Events

Thursday 1st December choir to community event.

Monday 5th December Wells Cathedral concert.

Tuesday 10th January 2023 Young Voices concert.



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KS2 Theatre Trip

KS2 Brewhouse Theatre Visit: **Tuesday 13th December.**

Letter coming out next week, tickets are £13.77 with the option for ice cream at £1.50.
(Look out for both payment items on parentpay).

Music Assembly: Thursday 15th December (am) – a celebration of music taking place in school including the Rock Steady concert.

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.

Residential Visits

Y5 Pixies Holt Residential 24th – 26th April 2023.

Y3/4 Magdalen Residential 5th & 6th October 2023 – for present Y2/3 children.

Celebration assembly each Friday for anyone able to join us. Please enter school through the front office gate at 11.45 am and sign in at the office.

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