

18th November 2022

Dear parents and carers

Newsletter no 11

We were delighted this week to welcome so many families into school for our **Open Morning** on Tuesday 15th November. Don't worry if you were unable to visit on this day, I am very happy to show families around at other times. Please just phone the office with a couple of time options and I am sure we can accommodate you.

Today, has also been a memorable day with our children enjoying **Children in Need**. So many children came to school dressed in their spotty, stripy or colourful clothes. We have raised **£217** so far which is fabulous. Well done for all the super colouring and collage. Our School Council reps found it very tricky this morning choose a Rec/KS1 winner and another for KS2. Congratulations to **Millie W, in year 1 and Dylan in year 6**.



The librarians and Mrs Mitchem were wowed by the fantastic effort everyone put into creating their factual posters about foxes or sharks. I have learnt a lot this week about both of these amazing animals. Did you know that foxes have whiskers on their legs to navigate at night? Or that sharks do not have bones?! Congratulations to **Megan in Year 4** for the poster about foxes and **Bethany Y6** for her poster about sharks. Each have won a signed book by Kiran Millwood Hargrave.



Maths workshops

This week, Mrs Hewitson held the first of our maths workshops. The Year 1 children had fun showing their parents/carers how good they are at maths, and demonstrating how they can use some of the maths equipment to help them show number facts and start to calculate. We especially enjoyed having a go with the rekenreks and asking the parents/carers to show their answers using their "bunny ears"! Thank you to all adults who attended, we hope you find it informative. Some information about websites and apps to try at home has been sent out to all Y1 parents.

If you haven't returned your slip yet, please let us know if you are able to attend these workshops coming up:

*Year 2 - Wednesday 23rd Nov 2:30pm-3:30pm

*Year 3 - Wednesday 30th Nov 2:30pm-3:30pm

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Eco bench

Thank you to Mr Hartley and Mr Stuttaford who have worked with our Eco-warriors to create the eco bench made from plastic bricks – photo to follow soon.

Performance letters

Letters have been sent out today for our Christmas performances:

Reception Nativity 'Christmas Counts' - Thursday 1st December 2022 at 2.45 pm. Next week we will send home four tickets per family via bookbags.

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 'Baubles' - Dress rehearsal: Tuesday 6th December at 2.45pm (this date has moved from 5th) and two performances: Tuesday 6th December at 6pm & Wednesday 7th December at 5pm. See ticket letter for information.

Music Assembly - Thursday 15th December (am) for parents and carers of Rock Steady Band Pupils, Mrs Hurley's Y5 recorders and Mrs Ellis-Trott's peripatetic music pupils.

KS2 Carols at St John's Church: Friday 16th December – There will be two performances at 9.45am and 10.45am.

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There is no charge for tickets for the above events, but as usual we will have a retiring collection for our chosen organisation which this year is **Thorncombe First Responders**, who are a team made up of volunteers who provide emergency help to thousands of people in Thorncombe and the surrounding villages. The 1st Responders have unfortunately had a cut in funding and we hope to help with collections from our Christmas events this term.



Please also see the attached flyer for their fundraising craft fair to be held in Winsham this Saturday in the community club, the jubilee Hall, the Bell and the school.

Virtual Book Fair

Our Books for Bugs book fair is now live! 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 started on 16th November and runs 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 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.*

Along with our launch here is the extra info to purchase a book for school. Below is an image with QR codes directing you straight to each list 😊



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If you would like to purchase an extra book for school whilst shopping, then here are some titles that teachers have chosen knowing they will be enjoyed by lots of children in school.

<https://booksforbugs.co.uk/your-wishlist/tatworth-reception/>
[www.booksforbugs.co.uk/your-wishlist/tatworth-year-1](https://booksforbugs.co.uk/your-wishlist/tatworth-year-1/)
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https://booksforbugs.co.uk/your-wishlist/tatworth-year-6



Safeguarding:

Please find attached a NOS flyer: Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II.

Flu Vaccination: Somerset Saint visited this week to administer the Flu Vaccine to pupils. For any pupils that missed the session there is further opportunities to receive their vaccination. Please see attached leaflet. All sessions are walk in sessions, so there is no need to arrange an appointment.

Celebrations:

Attendance winners this week are **Yew Class** – well done, each pupil in the class was here every day this week!

Platinum Bag

Y2: Rosalie, Clara, Arianna & Cora.

Y3: Arti and Ezra.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Elliot for being a positive role model and sharing his happiness with others.

Zach for being ready to learn and trying his best.

Oak Class: Freddie for a great focus this week – trying hard in all his subjects. **Wilfred** for always trying his best and motivating himself to keep going.

Beech Class: Tate for clearly explaining his thinking in maths discussion.

Teddy for staying focussed and tracking the speaker in discussion.

Willow Class: Cameron for aiming high in his writing – being a risk taker is paying off!

Harper for working super hard in English this week and producing great similes.

Hawthorn Class: Jayden for aiming high in his reading, by reading every night and every morning, therefore extending his learning. **Joseph** for being a risk taker and holding a conversation in French in front of the class!

Hazel Class: Sophia for going above and beyond to be helpful. **Finley** for aiming high and working hard to improve his writing.

Yew Class: Amelia for aiming high, she has been writing her own story at home! **Frankie** for working hard at staying positive when faced with something tricky in maths – keep it up!

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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.



Reminders:

Inset Day - Friday 2nd December

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

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.

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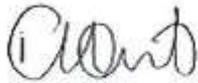
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Apply for places with this link: <https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/applying-for-a-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/>

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

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:

Christmas Lunch Menu – see Christmas letter for info.

NOS flyer: Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II.

St John's Christmas Events flyer.

Thorncombe First Responders Craft Fair flyer.

Christmas card competition from Councillor Payne.

Flu Vaccine walk in sessions.

Dates:

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.

Reading Events

16th Virtual bookfair for one week.

SEND Forum - 22nd November 2022, 9am

Parent Maths Workshops

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 2.30 pm, doors open 2.20pm.

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

Dress rehearsal: Tuesday 6th December at 2.45pm (this date has moved from 5th)

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

Christmas Fayre

Friday 9th December 3.30 – 5.30pm.

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Choir Events

Thursday 1st December choir to community event.

Monday 5th December Wells Cathedral concert.

Tuesday 10th January 2023 Young Voices concert.

KS2 Theatre Trip

KS2 Brewhouse Theatre Visit: Tuesday 13th December.

Parentpay letter has come home today, tickets are £13.77 with the option for ice cream kindly paid by PAFOTS.

Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 14th December. Please book by Friday 2nd December on parentpay if your child would like Christmas lunch. The options are roast turkey or vegetarian sage onion, cranberry & cheddar plait.

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 – 9.45am & 10.45am.

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.

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