

25th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Newsletter no 12

We are gearing up for a busy month in December and our stage is now up in the hall! Nativity rehearsals are in full swing with our Reception Nativity taking place next Thursday, 1st December and KS1 Nativity will be the week after on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th December. Our choir are also singing next week in church on 1st December and on 2nd December we have an Inset day where the children will have an extended weekend.

Eco-warriors report

Thank you to our Eco-warriors, Mr Hartley and Mr Stuttaford, who have designed and built our new friendship eco-bench. The children worked out the best way to fill the crates and weigh down the bench so that we can use our collected plastic waste for the benefit of us all.



Year 6 Drama Workshop

On Thursday, two drama students from Exeter University, Hannah and Immy visited our school and ran two workshops with our Year 6 class. During the sessions, the children learnt about the impact of different greetings and practised role-playing greetings as different characters. They designed and practised different greetings and thought about how to be welcoming.

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"It was really fun and I'd love to do even more drama!" Charlie B

"It was interesting to see how to react to different questions in different situations" Rowan

"It was enjoyable and it was good to be able to practise expressing your feelings." Lillie H

"I liked making up greetings and using my own ideas." Oscar F

"It was good to be relaxed and enjoy making up greetings with my friends." Frankie

"It was fun at the start when we played a game to introduce ourselves and learn about each other." Bethany



Maths Workshops

This week we held our second maths workshop for parents/carers and children in Year 2.

The focus was on using maths equipment to show the tens and ones in each 2-digit number, so that children can see what happens when they add and subtract. Once children understand the processes, they are able to move on to drawing out the tens and ones when calculating and, with lots of practice, they are able to move on to mental calculations. Remember that you don't need to have the same equipment that we use in school – lolly sticks and Lego bricks will do! Thank you to those who attended, we hope you found it useful.

If you haven't returned your slip yet, please let us know if you are able to attend the next workshop coming up: **Year 3 - Wednesday 30th Nov 2:30pm-3:30pm.**

Workshops for Reception and Years 4, 5 and 6 will take place in the Spring term.



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Wellington School Maths Challenge

Four children from Year 6 will be spending tomorrow morning (yes, a Saturday!) taking part in a maths competition against teams from other Somerset primary schools. Good luck to Charlie B, Dylan, Josh H and Owen!

Virtual Book Fair

Thank you to all those who ordered books from our recent Virtual Book Fair; your purchases have resulted in **30 free books** for the School! Not only have you supported the School but also a small business. We will let you know when we will be holding another Virtual Book Fair, but in the meantime, you can also buy books directly from www.booksforbugs.co.uk for delivery to your home address.



Safeguarding:

Please find attached a NOS flyer: What parents and carers need to know about TikTok.

Spring Term Hot Lunches

The new menu is now live, **please book on parentpay by Friday 2nd December** if your child would like a hot meal next term. For FSM and UFSM meals please make selections until 31st March. For paid meals for KS2 you may select and pay week by week but please remember the cut-off date for booking is the previous Friday.

Celebrations:

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

Platinum Bag

The whole of Beech Class – Wow!

Willow Class: Olivia B, Ezra, Marley, Leo

Hazel Class: Oscar, Ruby B, Harrison, Erin, Isabella, Spencer, Maisy So, Grace

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Ralphie for working so hard at this writing and pushing himself to do his best.
Harry for his fantastic Oracy when standing up to explain his ideas to the whole class.

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Oak Class: Finnley B for his respectful attitude towards his property and always helping others. Millie T for her concerted effort to be respectful and kind to others. Special mentions to Lauren and Millie W who are consistently aiming high.

Beech Class: Cora for clear, articulate explanations in Maths discussions. **Freddy** for thinking carefully about how to portray his Nativity character on stage.

Willow Class: Amjed for being super articulate in class discussions and always explaining why. **Florence** for being thoughtful of other children at breaktimes – what a super team player!

Hawthorn Class: Leila for aiming high, when writing poetry and using poetic features to engage the reader. **Rita** for being motivated and engaged in her learning in maths when multiplying and dividing.

Hazel Class: Oscar for being a kind, helpful and supportive partner to a range of people over the week. **Kai G** for working hard to support his partner in reviewing and editing work.

Yew Class: Oscar, Rosie & Chloe for keeping going and staying positive when faced with some tricky maths!



Sporting Spirits

					
Oscar B	Zephyr	Dexter	Charlie B	Jayden	Benjamin G

Reminders:

Nativities

Thank you to parents and carers for your support in helping the children learn their songs and lines for the nativity performances. Just a final extra push this week will help with their confidence. If you have any questions about costumes do come and ask.

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Inset Day - Friday 2nd December - A reminder that school is closed for inset on this day.

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



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:

Spring Term Menu

Please find attached a NOS flyer: What parents and carers need to know about TikTok.

Axminster Guildhall flyer

Scouting flyer

Community inclusion activity flyer

Belly dance flyer

St John's Baby and Toddler Hub flyer x2

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.

Parent Maths Workshops

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

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Reception Nativity

Thursday 1st December 2022 at 2.30 pm, doors open 2.20pm.

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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.

Reminder for the evening performances children will need to come dressed in costumes. On Tuesday 6th children will need to be dropped off at school at 5:40pm and for Wednesday dropped off at 4.40pm. If you are not staying for the performance, please ask the collection time when you drop off.

Christmas Fayre

Friday 9th December 3.30 – 5.30pm.

Choir Events

Thursday 1st December choir to community event.

Monday 5th December Wells Cathedral concert.

Tuesday 10th January 2023 Young Voices concert.

KS2 Brewhouse Theatre Visit: Tuesday 13th December.

Please consent and choose ice cream flavour on Parentpay, 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. Please order tickets by December 9th.

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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