

4th November 2022

Dear parents and carers

Newsletter no 9

Welcome back to the start of a busy second-half of the Autumn term. As ever, we have had lots to celebrate this week with year 3 visiting Carymoor for the start of their work on the Stone Age; years 4, 5 and 6 had a visitor who told them all about MPs, the government and parliament. In addition, most classes started new art and DT topics, along with a different focus on geography, history and science this week.

Thank you to all families who attended parents' evening appointments; it was lovely to welcome you back into school for this event and I know, from the people I chatted to, that you enjoyed this focussed time to discuss your child's education and how they are progressing. There were lots of great comments about the super art work up on display, which I shared with the children in assembly today. The final parents' evening is on Wednesday 9th November. There are still some families who have not yet managed to book a slot. Please now contact the school office to book an appointment. Thank you.

Hazel Class had a wonderful treat this morning when they were visited by Oak Class, who performed "The Ning Nang Nong" for them with confidence and expression. Hannah said, "I was very impressed; I don't think we could have done it as well." Hazel Class really enjoyed the performance.



Science

We are excited to announce Tatworth School have joined an Ogden Partnership with other local primary schools. The aim of this is to promote the teaching and learning of physics in our school and working scientifically.



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Children's Parliament

Written by Ava S: On Tuesday, Years 4, 5 and 6 had an exciting visit from someone who works for parliament. Tom's job is to go around to different schools and explain the work of MPs, the government and parliament.

We found out that there are two houses that make up the Houses of Parliament: the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

There is an MP for each constituency. For example, in Tatworth, we are in the constituency of Yeovil and our MP is Marcus Fysh.

All of the MPs have to be elected into the House of Commons. In the House of Lords, you have to be selected and there are people there who are the best at everything, for example artists, doctors and even Olympians!

Tom explained what happens when there's a new law. It pings-pongs from the House of Commons to the House of Lords where it is discussed and debated, and eventually it will be agreed. This can take about 6-12 months, but during Brexit, laws were decided in a day!

He also explained about laws that are designed to keep children safe, for example: texting whilst driving and the prices of sugary drinks.

At the end, we got to ask questions to find out more about how parliament works.

Remembrance Day and Poppy Appeal

Once again, we have been asked to sell poppies and related items for the Royal British Legion to support the armed forces community and people whose life has been impacted by war. Year 6 will be selling these items each day in the school library and children are asked to bring in their money – in the zip pocket of their book bag is best – ready to make their choices. We have a limited amount of stock, and items will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Please see the attached document for the items and suggested costs. Thank you.

Author Visit

Next Thursday, fresh from a number of literary festivals, the esteemed author Tola Okogwu will be visiting our School. Tola has written a number of well-known children's books aimed at EYFS, Key stages 1 and 2 such as 'Daddy do my hair', 'Aziza's secret fairy door' and most recently 'Onyeka and the academy of the sun'. Tola will be discussing her books with us and hopefully signing some books. If you would like a book signed, please bring one of her books in from home. These can be purchased from the links below or Tola's Onyeka books will be available from the virtual book fayre later this term. We will keep 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)

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

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

Virtual Book Fair

We are trialling a virtual book fair this year, which will allow everyone to browse the books from the comfort of your own homes. This 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 using a special code. 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. More information and links will be sent out prior to the start date.

Children in Need

School Council met this week and decided that they would like to fund raise for 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 can be donated if children want to take part in a colouring/designing competition – bear sheets to come home nearer the time. 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.

Y3 Visit to Carymoor - Tuesday 1st November.

On Tuesday, Year 3 travelled to Carymoor Environmental Trust to start learning about the Stone Age era. The children learnt how to track animals (and why that was important), how they lived and what they wore. They also made links to how much waste they left behind compared to now. On behalf of the class, I would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Stuttaford and Mr Elswood who supported with the trip and Gary and Nat at the trust for hosting such an engaging day.



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Safeguarding: please find attached a NOS flyer re FIFA23.

Fireworks

In assembly today, we reminded the children the importance of staying safe around fireworks, please see the attached advice.

Celebrations:

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

Platinum Bag

Beech Class: Sebastian

Willow Class: Cameron, Georgie, Daniel, & Isla.

Hawthorn Class: Isabelle C

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Lenny for singing his heart out during our nativity learning and practice. **Rupert** for his fantastic behaviour throughout the whole week.

Oak Class: Millie W for being a fantastic team player, helping others and always being kind and considerate. **Rupert** for aiming high and trying hard in all his lessons.

Beech Class: Arianna for aiming high always trying her best. **Cora** for being a kind and supportive partner.

Willow Class: Ziggy for taking his time to present his maths work in a clear way. **Marley** for effort and engagement in classroom maths this week

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Hawthorn Class: Verity for taking responsibility with her own learning and looking for strategies to help her complete tasks more efficiently. **Faith** for bring motivated and engaged when exploring similes in English.

Hazel Class: Ruby B for confident communication in science when describing a 'leap year'. **Oliver** for projecting his voice, articulating clearly, tonal variation, appropriate pace, good posture and use of gesture when giving a presentation.

Yew Class: Ava S and Bethany for excellent engagement in class discussions this week!



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.



Sport

Written by Owen Y6: On Tuesday afternoon, years five and six had an inter-house dodgeball event. The first match was Stonham v Langdon. Stonham got one point and Langdon got three points. In the second match it was Joslin v Brewer and Joslin got three points. Then it started to rain so we headed inside to the hall. Now for the third match – Stonham v Brewer – Brewer got three points. On to the final match which was Langdon v Joslin. Joslin scored three points and Langdon scored one.

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Extra points were awarded by Mrs Churchill and Mr Bayley for good sportsmanship. The best players in each team were: Monty in Year 6 for Stonham, Grace in Year 5 for Langdon and Olivia in Year 6 for Joslin because they each had to keep playing single-handed for their teams. Also, Sophia in Year 5 for Brewer for being a good team player. The final scores were read out and the winners were Stonham with 8 points.

Clubs

Clubs will restart w/c 7th November to 5th December inclusive. Bookings as usual are via parentpay.

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.

Flu Vaccine

Somerset Saint have asked me to remind parents to complete the consent form for the Flu vaccination for all school children from Reception to Year 6. **We have been advised that the online consent [link](#) will close at midday on Friday 11th November.** Our Tatworth Primary School unique code is **SM137175**.

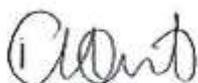
Starting School 2023

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.

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:**Poppy flyer****FIFA23****Firework Safety****Good Grub flyer****Dates:****Parents' Evening**

9th November in school.

Reading Events10th November Author visit16th Virtual bookfair.**Open Morning for Reception 2023 families**15th November, 9-10am & 11-12pm.**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 NativityThursday 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.**Choir Events**Thursday 1st December choir to community event.Monday 5th December Wells Cathedral concert.**Love Learning, Work Together, Achieve and Shine**

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Tuesday 10th January 2023 Young Voices concert.

KS2 Theatre Trip

Please note this is a change to the date previously sent out.

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

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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