

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

### Newsletter no 16

Happy New Year or Z Novym Rokom, to our Ukrainian families and Szczęśliwego nowego roku, in Polish.

I hope the last couple of weeks have been restful, giving everyone time to catch up with friends and family.

It has been lovely to hear the children, over the last couple of days, sharing their news and talking about their time visiting others and making memories. We had a really positive Inset day in preparation for the new term and the children have come back all ready to learn and find out about their new topics.

We welcome two new members of staff this week: Mrs Brooks in Hawthorn class and Mrs Legg, an experienced teaching assistant, working five mornings each week.

During this morning's assembly, I explained the importance of personal hygiene and making sure we are all washing our hands regularly. I shared the attached poster, reminding us all how to wash our hands thoroughly. I then shared a traditional Icelandic story celebrating the new year.

With more bikes and scooters now coming into school please can we ask that children identify their own with a personalised ribbon or sticker as it is tricky to distinguish between items that are the same, especially when they are new. Thank you.

This week I received a request from a local resident to remind us all to park respectfully when dropping and collecting from school. Please be mindful when parking near driveways, and farmers field entrances, even if only for a short time, as it may hinder access for them at a crucial moment. Thank you.

### Spring Term Clubs

Spring clubs are live on parentpay and start next week, please see attached flyer. Mr Butler is also happy for children to have a trial session at gymnastics on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> before signing up and paying. Please email the office with your child's name if you are wanting a trial gym session. (Gym club places are limited to 20).



## Maths Homework

All children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have brought home their current maths homework book and a letter today explaining which pages to complete during this term. Our Year 1 children are very excited because today they have also brought home their first maths homework book! Each week, the homework books will be handed out on a Friday and are due back into school on the following Thursday. Unfortunately, we are waiting on an order of new books for some children in Y2, so all Y2 books will be handed out on Monday for this week. Thank you for your support with maths homework.

## Parent Forum Meeting

Our termly Parent Forum meeting is set for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9am, held in school. Both Year 2 and Year 6 are still needing a parent to represent them; please let us know if you are able to help. Our Parent Forum is an informal group where parents can raise issues, be consulted on school policy and give their views. Each member has the opportunity to be more involved with school, and to represent views of each class. Thank you.

## Safeguarding

### Tuning in to Kids

What is Tuning in to Kids®?

Tuning in to Kids® is a suite of parenting programs that focus on the emotional connection between parents/carers and their children, from pre-schoolers to teens. The evidence-based programs have proven success in improving parenting, parent-child relationships and children's emotional competence and behaviour.

It is completely free and such a great way to meet like-minded families making positive changes. Please note that participants must attend all 6 sessions:

Tuesday 21st February 2023 10am to 12 noon  
Tuesday 28th February 2023 10am to 12 noon  
Tuesday 7th March 2023 10am to 12 noon  
Tuesday 14th March 2023 10am to 12 noon  
Tuesday 21st March 2023 10am to 12 noon  
Tuesday 28th March 2023 10am to 12 noon

Please see attached flyer and let the office know if you would like to book a place.

**NOS:** What parents and carers need to know about Staying Safe on new devices: please find attached flyer.

### Attendance Award:

Congratulations to years 2, 4 and 6 this week for joint winners of the Attendance Award.



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## Reminders:

### 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. The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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/>

Please do let us know if you would like to visit the school, we would be very pleased to welcome you. Just contact the office on [office@tatworthschool.co.uk](mailto:office@tatworthschool.co.uk) for an appointment.

Please look out for Spring Term class newsletters early next week and we will also be sharing links to view our Christmas performance.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

### Attachments:

Hand Hygiene Flyer

Spring Term Club list

NOS: What parents and carers need to need to know about Staying Safe on new devices.

Tuning into Kids Flyer

### 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. It would be lovely to see more parents each week.

**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 1.15 - 1.45 pm.

### Choir Events

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Young Voices concert. *Next week, morning choir will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January instead of Tuesday, as the concert is on Tuesday. Again, these are open to all choir members- not just those going to the concert. Additionally, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, we will hold a session for children coming to the concert, from 3.40pm until 5pm. This session will be a fun singalong session and also a chance to make a school banner for us to take to the concert. Parents and carers are welcome to join this session in the Year 5 classroom, or alternatively pick up their children at 5pm. So we have an idea of numbers please just reply to Mrs Whiffin's email to let her know if your child and/or yourself intend joining us.*

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**Year 1 Visit to Chard Museum** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

**Swimming** - Y4, 5 & some Y6– Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**Parent Forum Meeting** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9am.

**Residential Visits**

Y5 Pixies Holt Residential 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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

**Parent Maths Workshops:**

Reception class and Years 4, 5 and 6 will take place during the Spring Term.

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