



13th January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Newsletter no 17

We have a busy, full week this week in school. On Monday evening I walked around school and captured some of the activities going on outside of the school day. I wanted to share the buzz I witnessed and the extra opportunities the children were accessing:



Activities at Craft club, Stay and Play, Mr Butler's Sports Club and Choir banner making!

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On Tuesday, our choir, Mrs Brooker and Mrs Whiffin, spent the day and evening at Young Voices in Birmingham. We are really pleased that they had the opportunity to sing along with Heather Small and so many children from other schools. The pictures below share some of their experiences. A special thank you to Mrs Brooker, Mrs Whiffin and all parents and carers for taking the day to drive to Birmingham and share this special event. Look out for the full report next week 😊.



Spring Term Class Letters

On Wednesday, we sent out our Spring term class letters. We hope you find these useful when preparing and supporting your children's learning throughout this term. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

YouTube link for performances:

Utube links were emailed today for the Reception, KS1 and KS2 Christmas nativities and the carol concert. Thank you, Mr Evans, for your support in getting these ready for us all to see. Please can I remind everyone that these cannot be shared widely on social media, but can be shared privately amongst your family groups. Thank you.

Uniform

Children were reminded today in assembly about our school uniform including no jewellery, studs only for ear-rings, no nail varnish, hair to be tied back, black school shoes and trainers for PE. I have added the link [here](#) as a reminder.

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Please pop in and see me if you need support to send your child to school in the appropriate uniform and we may be able to help. Thank you.

International Day of Education 24 January

On Monday, our School Council will be leading an assembly following their discussions with me on Unicef's international targets and commitment to free education for all children across the world by 2030. They will be introducing a planned sponsored event so please look out for more information in next Friday's newsletter.

Warm Spaces - Friday, 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm

We are delighted to let you know that we have joined the Warm Welcome Campaign which exists to support and champion the community response to the cost-of-living crisis. Working with partners of all kinds, we want to provide a warm welcome to everyone who might need it this winter. Starting from Friday 20th January, our warm space will be each Friday 2.15pm – 3.15pm in the school hall. Please do share this exciting news with anyone that might need support.

Maths Workshops

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have brought home letters this week about the upcoming maths workshops with Mrs Hewitson. We hope that you will be able to attend, so you can find out more about how children at our school learn maths and how you can support your child at home. If you are able to attend, please complete and return the slip (by the Friday before please) so we have time to prepare resources. Please do not panic - no one will be put on the spot or made to come out to the front of class to show their workings!

- **Year 5 - Tuesday 24th January 2:30 - 3:30pm**
- **Year 4 - Tuesday 31st January 2:30 - 3:30pm**
- **Year 6 - Wednesday 8th February 2:30 - 3:30pm**

The workshop for **Reception class** will take place on **Tuesday 21st February 2:30 - 3:30pm**. A letter will come home before the half-term holiday.

Times Table Rockstars

All children in KS2 are able to login to the Times Table Rockstars website, now that Year 3 have signed up and set up their rockstar avatars! So, we are excited to announce the return of the highly-competitive (especially between the teachers!) TTRS class competition. Each week in assembly, the winning class will be the one who has the highest percentage of the class accessing the games and scoring points. There may be some opportunities for children to access games at school, but we would encourage all children to login at home and get playing if they want their class to win! Who will be the first class to win the much-coveted trophy?



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Celebrations

Attendance Award: Y2 year – well done!

Platinum Bag

Oak Class: Theo, Samuel & Noah

Willow Class: Alex & Joel.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Summer for super effort in maths – especially her counting. **Poppy** for coming everyday with a big smile.

Oak Class: Hollie for continuous effort and improvement in her phonics. **Jacob** for great effort in his learning and continuous improvement in his phonics as a result.

Beech Class: Evie for always trying her best and remaining focussed even when she is finding things difficult. **Thea** for always being focussed and engaged and contributing thoughtfully to discussion.

Willow Class: The whole of Willow Class for engaging superbly in discussions about river features; explaining their answers in detail. **Ava** for articulating her thoughts brilliantly when comparing books.

Hawthorn Class: Leila for learning her narrative verse off by heart, then performing it brilliantly. **Noah** for showing respect and empathy during a class discussion in RE.

Hazel Class: Isabella for having a go and doing things that challenge her

Benjamin for showing passion for reading, sharing his thoughts and making links with what he has read.

Yew Class: Illia for clearly communicating and demonstrating his understanding in maths.

Lily H for working really hard to learn her spellings – keep it up!



Free School Meals

With family circumstances forever changing at the moment, please access the FSM application through the link below. It is easy to complete and will identify whether you are able to access them reasonably quickly.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

You would qualify if:

Parents and carers who receive any of the following are entitled to free school meals

- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7400 after tax
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190

Only the benefits listed above qualify for free school meals. If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals. Please phone 0300 123 2224 for advice.

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Sporting spirits

					
Alfie Reception	Owen Y6	Ava Y3	William Y4	Eli Y5	Oliver Y5

PE

Sports KS2 Hockey

Mrs Churchill's report: "On a very soggy Tuesday afternoon some of the KS2 children played in a hockey tournament. The children all played with enthusiasm and it was good to see skills that had been developed put into play. Teams worked well together even though there was a lot of footwork! Stonham won all their games, Brewer came second, Langdon third and Joslyn fourth."

Holyrood Cross Country 17.01.23

The following children have been selected to take part in the Holyrood Academy Area Cross Country which will be held at the Holyrood Academy on **Tuesday 17th January 2023**:

Y3 Arti, Ziggy, Marley, Olivia & Lola. Y4: Elijah, Megan, Kian, Jack & Leila. Y5: Spencer, Aubree, Jimmy, Calum & Maisie S. Y6: Oscar B, Tyler, Kaici, Erin & Dylan. For this fixture, we need parent/carers to make travel arrangements for their child, **leaving school at 1:45pm to arrive for 2pm and collecting at 3pm approx. Please complete the online questionnaire by Monday 16th January 2023** or let us know if your child is not taking part.

Reminders:

Starting School 2023 – closing date this Sunday, 15th January 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 15th 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 for an appointment.

Parent Forum Meeting

Our termly Parent Forum meeting is set for Tuesday 24th 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.

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Safeguarding

Request for school supplies

It is always handy for us to have spare supplies of clean underwear (both girl's and boy's) and shorts/trousers/skirts should any child have an accident in school. Each of our Reception and KS1 classes have a bag of supplies and we have a shared box for KS2 too. If any families are able to send in any unneeded supplies from home for our bags and boxes, we would very much appreciate this. Thank you.

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 let the office know if you would like to book a place.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

Attachments:

Warm Spaces Flyer and Charter
Ham Hill Children's Event Flyer
DM Coaching holiday club

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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.

Year 1 Visit to Chard Museum – Wednesday 18th January.

Swimming - Y4, 5 & some Y6– Thursday 19th January.

International Day of Education 24th January.

Y4 Magdalen Farm Visit Wednesday 25th January.

Parent Forum Meeting – Tuesday 24th January 9am.

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Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 28th February & Wednesday 8th March: Appointment booking information coming home very soon.

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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