

20th January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Newsletter no 18

We have had another lovely week in school with Year 4 beginning their swimming sessions and Year 1 visiting Chard Museum to find out about early flight. Let's also not forget the large snowflakes which fell before brektime on Wednesday.



This morning Beech and Yew classes spent time reading together in the library.



Last week we sent out our class letters and next week we will be sending out details of our next parents' evenings, due at the end of February and beginning of March.

As the forecast continues to suggest colder weather next week, we will continue to grit our school grounds and immediate paths outside of school.

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PAFOTS

Members of PAFOTS braved the wintry weather this week to meet up and organise up-and-coming events.

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

Oak Class had a lovely time at Chard Museum on Wednesday. We travelled through snow to find out all about John Stringfellow and his first powered flight in 1848. Thank you to the staff who gave all the children a one penny piece as a reminder of their visit. Many thanks to the parents who joined us, enabling us to go.



International Day of Education 24 January

This Monday, our School Council lead an assembly following their discussions with me regarding Unicef's international targets and commitment to free education for all children across the world by 2030. They have planned a sponsored event for Tuesday 24th January where they are going to attempt to not use any stationery for two of their four sessions. The hope is that each child will be sponsored £1 to attempt this 'give it up' challenge. *(On parentpay the item is listed per child however donating can be per family. for families where there is more than one child in the school).* Our fundraising will be added to funds from other schools in Somerset to support the buying of resources for a school in Djibouti. I hope the letter sent home earlier this week helped to explain this important project. A special mention to Oliver and our older class, school council members, who presented the information to the whole school so well on Monday.

Every penny counts

Each and every act you make to support Digital Djibouti inspires hope.

A building enabling 75 more children to go to school and to bring technology to this one remote school costs £50,000

We CAN do it and open a whole new world to more children.

Can you make a difference?

Yes you can

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Warm Spaces - Fridays, 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm

Today, we held our first Warm Spaces session. This campaign 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. Our warm space will be each Friday 2.15pm – 3.15pm in the Green Room. This initiative was started by Martin Lewis and has been adopted by many organisations and local

government departments and spaces. To ensure we have a clear plan, I have enclosed our Risk Assessment as an attachment for your information.

**WE ARE A
WARM
WELCOME
SPACE**



Rocksteady Bands

Ryan from Rocksteady is offering a free taster session to any pupils who would like to try a session. Please email office@tatworthschool.co.uk if interested. Children will be slotted in before the end of term for a taster. Please see attached flyer.

Parent Forum Meeting

Our termly Parent Forum meeting is set for Tuesday 24th January 9am, to be 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.

Maths Workshops

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 brought home letters last 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.

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Celebrations
Times Table Rockstars Y3



Congratulations to the following Gold Card Winners:
Y1: Maisie x2, Millie. Y3: Darcey, Cameron & Alice.
Y4: Alfie, Isabel H, Noah.
Y6: Toby & Charlie.
Mrs Mitcham

Attendance Award Winners this week: Hawthorn Class – well done!

Whole School attendance this week is 94.86%. Our target is 96% per week.

Whole School Year to date attendance

Sessions	Sept 2022 to date	%
Attendances	30320	95.69
Authorised Absences	1208	
Unauthorised Absences	157	
Possible attendance	31685	
Lates	142	

Platinum Bag

Hawthorn: Darcie & Faith.

Hazel Class: Abigail, Eli, Hannah, Maisy So & Harrison.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Isla for always trying her best. **Rowen** for working so hard at his letter formation.

Oak Class: Wilfred for his quiet confidence and striving to improve his own work and outcomes. Rosa for being a confident communicator – listening and responding sensibly whilst at Chard Museum.

Beech Class: Jake for clear contributions and using a clear voice when talking in a group.

Violet for making great choices this week and enjoying story time with Mrs Poynter.

Willow Class: Amjed for keeping going with presentation in Maths – your work is much clearer Amjed, great job. Olivia for aiming high in English and staying engaged with super work produced this week.

Hawthorn Class: Alaska for taking risks and trying so hard in swimming. Isabel H for 100% engagement in every lesson! As well as supporting others in class.

Hazel Class: Maisy St for showing kindness and patience while supporting a classmate who was struggling. Billy for confident reading aloud for the class on more than one occasion.

Yew Class: Josh T for excellent focus on ensuring the quality of his writing in English lessons: fantastic ideas; neat handwriting & checking for errors. Monty for improved effort when editing his writing – it's good to see him crossing out and making improvements!

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PE

Holyrood Cross Country 17.01.23

Mr Park's report: Even though the temperatures had dropped, it didn't prevent all the schools from turning out in big numbers to the cross-country competition on Tuesday. A superb effort from all involved. All our children kept running until the end and never gave up. We scored a third of our runners in top ten positions! Many thanks again for the arrangements made by parents so we could attend the event.

Inter House Dodgeball

Mrs Churchill's report: On a very cold Tuesday afternoon we played inter house dodgeball. Everyone got to participate and enjoyed being part of their house team. As the games were playing, I collected up some sentences which the children were expressing:

"A great throw from Dylan."

"A good catch by Skye."

"A good dodge from Charlie."

Lovely positive comments, which demonstrate the great teamwork from our Tatworth School pupils. The rules were discussed and finalised, and the teams played three games each. Joslyn and Stonham were joint winners and Brewer and Langdon joint second. Thank you, Year 5 and 6 😊.

Reminders:

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/>

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.

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.

NOS: What parents and carers need to know about twitter, please see attached flyer.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

Attachments:

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Sporting Chance Feb half term flyer

Rocksteady bands

CIAT Activity 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.

Warm Spaces – Each Friday: 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm

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.

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.

Swimming Y4, 5 & some Y6

- **Y4:** 26.1.23, 2.2.23 & 9.2.23.
- **Y5:** 2.3.23, 9.3.23, 16.3.23 & 23.3.23.

International Day of Education: 24th January.

Parent Forum Meeting: Tuesday 24th January 9am.

Y4 Magdalen Farm Visit: Wednesday 25th January.

Parent Maths Workshops:

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

PAFOTS Valentines Half Term Disco @ Perry Street Club: Thursday 9th February.

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 28th February & Wednesday 8th March: Appointment booking information coming next week.

Residential Visits

- **Y5 Pixies Holt Residential** 24th – 26th April 2023.
- **Y3/4 Magdalen Residential** 5th & 6th October 2023 – for present Y2/3 children.

Reminder: Tuning in to Kids at Avishayes School – three spaces left!

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:

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- 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.

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