

27th January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Newsletter no 19

We are well into the swing of our new term's learning and staff spent a twilight session on Tuesday evening reviewing our music curriculum and discussing how we can incorporate more music into our day.



This coming weekend is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 27th – 29th January and we always encourage our children to take part. You can register here: <https://rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

There have been a couple of additional letters this week, including information about a Reception and KS1 trip to the theatre and feedback from my meeting with Parent Forum. Thank you again to the parent representatives for spending the time with me discussing any issues and concerns. Thank you to Miss Stuckey for becoming our Y6 rep, we are still needing a Y2 parent/carer. Do let the office know if you are interested.

There are more letters to come next week with information about our year 3 and 4 science café and information about parents' evening.

International Day of Education 24 January

On Tuesday we took part in a sponsored event to be paper-free to learn with our learning for half the day. We did not use stationery in support of the project 'Digital Djibouti', and Unicef's international targets and commitment to free education, for all children across the world by 2030. Our fundraising has so far raised **£89** and will be added to funds from other schools in Somerset to support the buying of resources for a school in Djibouti. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated.

National Storytelling Week

Next week is National Storytelling week and the children will be participating in a variety of activities, listening to and telling stories. I am sure they will enjoy coming home, practising their skills and sharing some of these with you

Tola's Onyeka and the 'Academy of the Sun' signed stickers

Anyone who purchased a copy of Tola's 'Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun' can come and see Mrs Hensman for a signed sticker for their book during Bookworms (Tues/Thurs 13:15-13:45)

Safeguarding

Scarlet Fever/Strep A

We have been informed that a small number of children that attend our school have been diagnosed with suspected/confirmed Scarlet fever or Strep A. Please find attached information from UK Health Agency previously sent out.

NOS: 12 top tips for building cyber resilience at home, see attached.

PSHE

This term all classes are focusing on the topics of Keeping Safe and Rights and Respect. This will include discussions about privacy and appropriate/inappropriate physical contact. Children will learn about the NSPCC's five steps to keep themselves safe, called the PANTS rule. If you would like more information, please look at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Some classes will also be reading the book *Some Secrets Should Never Be Kept* by Jayneen Sanders. If you would like to know more about our PSHE work, please email homelearning@tatworthschool.co.uk

with any questions.



Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 7th February – please find attached information from Mr Goodman.

Young Voices

Mrs Whiffin's Report: On Tuesday 10th January, members of choir and their parents travelled to Birmingham to sing in a Young Voices concert as part of a choir of around 6000 children and an audience of approximately 8000. We sang our hearts out and danced with joy, supported by professional dancers who taught us some moves. We sang as Heather Small's backing singers and learnt some beatboxing from the incredible BeatBox Collective. We were blown away by Anna Phoebe, a very cool violinist who has performed with Beyonce.

Abi said, "I loved it. I can't stop talking about it ever since!" and Grace said, "The stadium was smaller than it looked in the pictures, but it was lots of fun." Orla hoped one day she would play the violin like Anna Phoebe.

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Y4 Magdalen Farm Visit

Report by Benjamin: Year 4 went to Magdalen Farm for a taster session on Wednesday. It was freezing cold and we had to head inside straightaway to keep warm!

Our first activity involved studying actual skulls and teeth of various creatures, for example: stoat, fox and a wild hog! We learnt about animals' diets. Then we had a quick drink of hot chocolate to warm up and some delicious flapjack!

We then played a game using compass points and learnt about map-reading. Back outside into the cold, we were given maps of the Farm and had to locate secret places!

After that, we ran around finding pictures of different predators and their prey. That warmed us up!

After our lunch in the Barn, we built mini dens and animals using clay and natural resources. We learnt about hibernation and why animals need to do it.

We had a fantastic day out in the fresh, cold air! We can't wait to go again - perhaps when it's warmer!

P.S. Thank you to everyone that dropped off and picked up so promptly and without any fuss. Mrs Stocker

Reading Phonics

On Monday 13th March, we will be holding an information evening on **Reading Phonics Storybooks** for parents and carers of children in reception and Year 1. It will take place from 5.15pm-6pm in the school hall. We will share with you how we teach and use the Read Write Inc storybooks at school, and how you can use them at home support your child's reading journey. We will also share with you our exciting new eBook library. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions, so please do come along to find out more.

Maths Workshops

This week we held our workshop for parents/carers and children in Year 5. The session had a focus on fractions, so everyone had a chance to use the Cuisenaire rods, in order to see how fractions are parts of wholes. We showed fractions with our rods, wrote fractions, spotted patterns and practised converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. We found equivalent fractions and Mrs Hewitson cut up a cake to demonstrate how $\frac{3}{4}$ was equal to $\frac{6}{8}$! We hope those who attended found the session useful.

This half-term we have the following sessions running:

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

Please send in the slip by the Friday before so we can prepare resources for those attending, thank you.

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

TT Rock Stars Year 4!



Attendance Award Winners this week: Beech Class!



Whole School attendance this week is 92.94 %. Our target is 96% per week.

Late into school: Any pupils arriving late into school need to be signed in at the office by parent/carers on arrival.

Whole School Year to date attendance

Sessions	Sept 2022 to date	%
Attendances	32523	95.52
Authorised Absences	1351	
Unauthorised Absences	175	
Possible attendance	34049	
Lates	162	



Platinum Bag

Reception: Isla, Elliott B & Elliot H for fantastic artwork looking at trees.

Y1: Lauren for fabulous writing.

Y3 Olivia and Isla's for their salt dough scientific skeletons.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Elliot for a fantastic attitude to learning and always trying his best. Rupert for being consistently ready to learn and helping his friends to be ready too.

Oak Class: Millie for always challenging herself and applying her knowledge. Flipper for her amazing effort in performance both in PE and poetry performance to Y2.

Beech Class: Belle for always being ready to learn – every day and every lesson. Robin for practising her spellings at home and focussing really well in her spelling sessions.

Willow Class: Georgie for aiming high with all lessons, in particular, geography and writing this week. Clayton for engagement in all lessons and giving everything his best.

Hawthorn Class: Elijah for keeping going in maths – even when he found it tricky.

Leon for demonstrating super engagement and answering lots of questions on our trip to Magdalen farm.

Hazel Class: Dexter for being a consistently helpful and positive presence in class.

Eli for working really hard on his next steps and being proud when he achieves the.

Yew Class: Oscar F, Oscar B and Erin for excellent use of imagination and focus to produce a piece of suspense writing.

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PE Sporting Spirits

					
Y3 - Clayton	Y6 - Noah	Y2 - Victor	Y4 - Oscar	Y4- Maisy Sol	Y4 - Alana

Congratulations to Skye: Y5, who has been selected to play cricket for Somerset County Under 11s club. We are very proud!

Science

Thanks to Chard Factory Shop as they kindly donated seeds and bulbs to the school for science.



Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for: Finance Officer, Clerk to Governors, Teaching Assistant and a SEND Teaching Assistant. We welcome informal visits to the school by contacting the office on office@tatworthschool.co.uk. Please find more information here: <https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

Attachments:

Safer Internet Day

Strep A/Scarlet Fever Info

NOS: 12 top tips for building cyber resilience at home

PAFOTS Valentines Disco

Holyrood Movie Night/Cambodia Fundraiser

Reminders:

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.

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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.

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. Following on from Parent Forum, once a month, we will hold the assembly in the afternoon: starting **March 3rd at 2.55pm.**

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. **Please spread the word to anyone who might benefit, thank you.**



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.

Football – From next week Mr Bailey will run lunch time football sessions with each year group from year 1 to year 6 to support teamwork. Children in KS2 will need to bring in football boots and an extra pair of jogging bottoms to access these sessions. Each year group session will take place on either a Tuesday or Wednesday: children are asked to have their kit with them on both days. Thank you.

Swimming Y4, 5 & some Y6

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

Parent Maths Workshops:

- **Year 4** - Tuesday 31st January 2:30 - 3:30pm
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PAFOTS Valentines Half Term Disco @ Perry Street Club: Thursday 9th February. Please book places before 2nd February via parentpay to help them with their planning.

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Wear you Scarf to School Day to show your awareness and support of keeping safe online.
Friday 10th 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 – a few 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:

- 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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