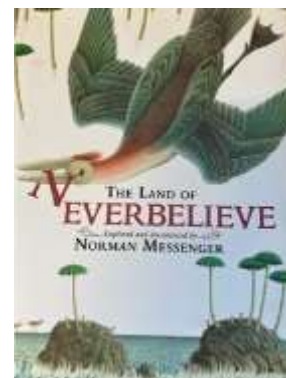


3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Dear parents/carers and children,

### Newsletter no 20

What a lovely week of storytelling we have had. The children will be able to tell you all about the Land of Neverbelieve, with its ability to grow legs and move anywhere in the world! We have designed trees that grow all sorts of useful and delicious things, created new animals by combining animals we already know about and written persuasive paragraphs to encourage us all to eat fruits in unusual colours! Our KS1 children have rhymed the week away with some Julia Donaldson classics and Reception have been immersed, as ever, in fiction.



Our new books arrived this week from Books for Bugs. Thank you to PAFOTs and parents once again for buying the books on our wish lists.



I was lucky enough to go swimming with children across KS2 on Thursday and I was in for a treat. Very well done to all the children that attempted their 25 m distance and especially well done to those who achieved it – your smiles as you got out the pool made my week 😊. It was a joy to see.

Yesterday evening during our governor meeting, I explained to our Board of Directors about the importance of attendance at school and how each child's career data – their attendance over time - will help us to understand, with your help, patterns or specifics that might be affecting children's attendance. Your child's attendance data will be sent out with the progress and attainment data on the Monday before your parents' evening appointment early next term. I am very happy to discuss the data and to support with strategies to help us all be on time each day. Thank you.

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**Next week ....**

**Wear Your Scarf to School Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

During PSHE lessons this term, we have been thinking about ways to keep ourselves safe, which includes the need to stay safe whilst online. Children's mental wellbeing is improved when they are able to make connections and build relationships with others, but we need to ensure that technology is being used responsibly in order for online connections with others to be safe and positive. To show our support for the important message of safer online connections, we are taking part in Wear Your Scarf to School Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please wear your scarf to school!



# Wear Your Scarf to School Day

Friday 10th February

**Science Café**

Year 3 and 4 Parents/Carers are invited to attend our Physics Café and immerse yourself in an evening of earth and space themed activities. This will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 5.45pm – until 7pm, with refreshments available in the green room. To give us an idea of numbers, please return the reply slip sent home today, thank you.

**Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February & Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March: (Y6 now 1<sup>st</sup> March)**

Details of how to book appointments was emailed on Monday. You will be able to choose your own appointment time with class teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment.

Before the evening we will be sending home attainment data from recent assessments in order to give parents/carers the opportunity to discuss these with teachers at the parents' evening. **Please note: the second Y6 parents evening due on 8<sup>th</sup> March has had to be rearranged to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. All booked appointments will be transferred across; please let us know if you now cannot make the new appointment and need to rebook another timeslot.**

Appointments can be made from now and bookings for both sessions will close at 3 pm on 24th February 2023. Attainment data will be sent home on either Monday 27.2.23 or 6.3.23, (at the start of the week of your chosen appointment). To ensure you receive the report in good time to review before the meeting, please don't delay booking your appointment.

**Whole School Photograph**

We are investigating the possibility of arranging a whole school photograph to be taken in the summer term. Prints will be available to purchase at £20 each and are supplied in a roll. We would need to sell a minimum of 25 copies. Please could you let us know if you might be interested in purchasing one by answering this questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/oNw6zp4tgEiM3eE36> by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

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## Safeguarding

Next week, all classes will be focusing on being safe on the internet. Please find attached a flyer from NOS: Tips for encouraging open discussions about digital lives.

Reminder ... please can I remind all families that toys do not need to come to school. An increasing number of cuddly creatures or nik-naks are appearing at break time and lunch.

## Reading Phonics Storybooks

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 to 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 4. The theme for the session was multiplication and division, with a focus on times tables as, by the end of Year 4, children should be able to recall all of their times tables up to 12 X 12. We worked through different methods for working out times tables, practised counting up, and tried different games that can help children to practise recalling their tables. We used the rule of commutativity (which means that  $3 \times 7$  is equal to  $7 \times 3$ ) and thought about related division facts. We even managed some dancing and singing to practise our 12 times table at the end of the session! We hope that those who attended found the session useful.



This half-term we have one more session running:

- 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.

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The workshop for Reception class will take place on Tuesday 21st February 2:30 - 3:30pm. Letters were sent out yesterday, so please return the slip to let us know if you are able to attend by Friday 10th February.

## Celebrations

### TT Rock Stars Winners Y4



### Attendance Award Winners this week: Y2!

Whole School attendance this week is 94.24 %. 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	34340	94.45
Authorised Absences	1456	
Unauthorised Absences	181	
Possible attendance	35977	
Lates	171	



### Platinum Bag

**Y1: Finley M, Tabitha, Theo, James, Jacob, Finley B and Rosa** for their 'Matisse' collage artwork.

**Y2: Emma H** for presentation and great ideas in writing. **Dottie** for her handwriting, spelling and great sentences.

**Y4: Noah & Alana** for super digestion story boards. **Harley Jayden, Paige** for their combining of animals' artwork.

**Y5: Kai R, Isabella & Maisy So** for DT tree designs for the land of Neverbelieve.



### Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

**Acorn Class: Andrew** for his super attitude to learning. Andrew has been trying his best every day. **Summer** for being confident to try her best in everything she does.

**Oak Class: Alfie** for always being motivated and engaged in his lessons. **Lauren** for being motivated and engaged and continuously trying her best in all subjects. **Finley M** for his innovative ideas in art and his willingness to share resources.

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**Beech Class:** **Olivia** for always trying her best and getting on quietly and efficiently. **Logan** for excellent partner work – sharing and asking about his partner’s thoughts and ideas.

**Willow Class:** **Arti** for aiming high with this maths discussion work. Arti always thinks about the clarity of what he says. A really high-level skill! **Lanah** for focusing all her efforts to write a fantastic mystery story. Super job.

**Hawthorn Class:** **Darcie** for keeping going in swimming and achieving 25 metres in one go! Fantastic attitude. **Paige** for keeping going in swimming, trying her hardest at swimming 25 metres, and getting there!

**Hazel Class:** **Libby** for making excellent strides in her writing recently. **Isabella** for making an effort to go above and beyond in her work lately

**Yew Class:** **Toby, Amelia & Kaici** - for being Risk Takers - they bravely acted out a story in assembly (with no warning!) and were fantastic!

### Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for: Finance Officer, Clerk to Governors, Teaching Assistant, Apprentice Teaching Assistant and a SEND Teaching Assistant. We welcome informal visits to the school by contacting the office on [office@tatworthschool.co.uk](mailto:office@tatworthschool.co.uk). Please find more information here:

<https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

### Attachments:

**NOS: Tips for encouraging open discussions about digital lives**

**TA Apprenticeship advert**

**Sporting Chance holiday club flyer**

**Forest & Farm club flyer**

### Reminders:

#### Pixies Holt

Payment schedule: **30<sup>th</sup> Nov:** £13 (deposit); **16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** £20; **21<sup>st</sup> Jan:** £20; **10 Feb:** £20; **28 Feb:** £20; **17 March:** £20; **31<sup>st</sup> March** £20. Then the final £50 to be paid by **21<sup>st</sup> April**.

You can pay in one lump sum or in fewer instalments of a greater amount if convenient.

A meeting to discuss further details and arrangements will take place on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023** at 3.45pm and repeated at 5.30pm.

### 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.55pm.**

## **Warm Spaces – Each Friday: 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm**

Starting from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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WARM  
WELCOME  
SPACE**



**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**

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

## **Parent Maths Workshops:**

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- Reception class - Tuesday 21st February 2:30 - 3:30pm.

**PAFOTS Valentines Half Term Disco @ Perry Street Club: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.** Please book places via parentpay to help them with their planning.

**Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

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#### **Residential Visits**

- **Y5 Pixies Holt Residential 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Meeting: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 3.45pm and repeated at 5.30pm.**
- **Y3/4 Magdalen Residential 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Zog Performance at the Octagon Theatre Visit Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

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