

10th February 2023

Dear parents/carers and children,

Newsletter no 21

Goodness, that was a very busy half term! I cannot believe we are already in the second half of the academic year. Our children have completed their assessments this week and we will share this data, along with attendance data, at the start of the week you have booked your parents' evening appointment. Please note, we have extended our parents' evening appointments to 6.30 pm. Please contact via homelearning@tatworthschool.co.uk if you are unable to book an appointment. Thank you.

Today, we have been wearing our scarves to school to help us to focus on our wellbeing. The link below also signposts organisations for support regarding mental health and suggestions of groups and events. I hope you find this useful.

Young Somerset <https://www.somersetbigtent.org.uk/>

Wear Your Scarf to School Day – Friday 10th 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 all wore our scarves today.



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to School Day**

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Well-being Workshop

In order to support us all to develop a range of strategies to understand and manage our emotions, Dr Rob Kirkwood, our Occupational Therapist, will be delivering a session after school on 23rd March at 3.45. He will explain the Zones of Regulation and how using them can be a positive way of enabling children to support themselves when feeling anxious or overwhelmed. Please let the office know by email if you would like to join us.

This afternoon, we welcomed parents and carers into year 5 for poetry recitals. Congratulations to all our children who took part – we are always so in awe of your courage and determination when presenting to an audience. Very well done 😊.

Y5 & Y6 are visiting Holyrood on Monday 20th February for a performance of The Addams Family.

Letters have been sent home today and can also be downloaded from parentpay. Please pay and consent on parentpay asap as this visit is during the first morning on our return to school after half term. Children without consent will not be able to attend.

PSHE - Years 5 and 6

After half-term, Y5 will be starting to learn about puberty, including body changes and the menstrual cycle. To support their learning, on Wed 1st March, the girls in Y5 will join the girls in Y6 to watch a live lesson led by expert Brook educators. During the lesson, they will learn the key facts about menstruation (including the emotional and physical changes they may experience), find out about the range of products available and identify ways to support themselves and each other. They will be with Mrs Whiffin throughout, who will ensure that the girls feel confident about asking any questions after the lesson. If you would like to find out more or speak to us about any concerns, please contact Mrs Hewitson or Mrs Whiffin.

A huge thank you to PAFOTs, Mrs Meaker and Mr Taylor, for the end of term disco. It raised nearly £300, which is a fantastic amount towards school funds.



Safeguarding

This week, the children in KS1 and KS2 have focussed on internet safety as part of their computing lessons. Attached is a poster looking at 10 ways gaming can support positive outcomes.

Maths Workshops

This week we held our workshop for parents/carers and children in Year 6. The theme for the session was fractions and it was a real whistle-stop tour through all of the different ways to calculate with fractions! The Y6 children showed their parent/carer the methods we use to find equivalent fractions, simplify fractions, add/subtract/multiply/divide fractions and find fractions of numbers. Thank you to all who attended - we hope you found it useful.

Next half-term we have our final session running:

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- Reception class - Tuesday 21st February 2:30 - 3:30pm (please come to the front gate from 2:20pm)

Please let us know if you are able to attend by Friday 10th February so we can prepare resources, thank you.

Attendance

This week our attendance is 94.67 %. Our target is 96% per week.

Congratulations to Y6 for winning the highest attendance for the Spring Term!

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	36205	95.41
Authorised Absences	1559	
Unauthorised Absences	183	
Possible attendance	37947	
Lates	179	

Handwriting Pen Winners:

Y3: Ezra

Y4: Isabel

Y5: Harrison

Y6 Iestyn



Platinum Bag

Reception: **Rupert** for his commitment to art. **George** for making 21.

Y1: **Noah and Rosa** for excellent phonics and writing.

Y3: **Robyn, Alfred, Orla, Ziggy & Ezra** for creating clearly annotated sketch maps with correct features.

Y4: **Faith, Alfie, Adley, Darcie, Noah, Jayden & William** for fabulous writing for their Anglo-Saxon posters.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Elliot B for his kindness and honesty. Elliot is also very reflective learner. Well done! **Ronnie** for coming into school beautifully each day this week – giving his mum a hug then saying goodbye.

Oak Class: Flipper for always trying her best and aiming high in phonics. **Freddie** for beginning to take responsibility for his own learning – using spelling frame and completing his maths homework.

Beech Class: Rosie and Robin for excellent focus in maths lessons.

Willow Class: Orla for engaging in her homework and trying her best in TTs and Spelling.

Elliott for aiming high in geography and recalling great facts from previous weeks.

Hawthorn Class: Harley for aiming high with this writing about Anglo-Saxons this week. A super piece of work! **Joseph** for keeping going in swimming.

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Hazel Class: Ruby H for fantastic effort in everything, as always, but particularly for her work on division in maths and her super jumping in PE. **Grace** for doing her best and remembering that work doesn't need to be perfect; her best is good enough!
Yew Class: Frankie for being really focussed on making sure she understands our maths work – fantastic attitude! **Tyler** for always sharing and explaining his fantastic ideas.

Sporting Spirits

					
Y5 Ruby H	Y6 Rowan	Y3 Jake	Y3 Darcey	Y4 Amelia	Y4 Noah

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for: Finance Officer, Clerk to Governors, Apprentice 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:

NOS: 10 Ways gaming can support positive outcomes

Warm Space flyer

TA Apprenticeship advert

Sporting Chance holiday club flyer

Forest & Farm club flyer

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.

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.

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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. 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. **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 –Mr Bailey will continue to 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 Y5 & some Y6

Y5:2/3/23, 9/3/23, 16/3/23 & 23/3/23.

Parent Maths Workshops:

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

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 28th February & Wednesday 8th March

Please note: the second Y6 parents evening due on 8th March has had to be rearranged to Wednesday 1st March.

Reading Phonics Storybooks: Monday 13th March, 5.15pm-6pm, we will be holding an information evening on for parents and carers of children in reception and Year 1.

Science Café - Year 3 and 4 Parents/Carers are invited to attend our Physics Café Wednesday 22nd March, 5.45pm – until 7pm, with refreshments available in the green room.

Well-being Workshop - Dr Rob Kirkwood, our Occupational Therapist, will be delivering a session after school on 23rd March at 3.45pm.

Residential Visits

- **Y5 Pixies Holt Residential 24th – 26th April 2023. Meeting: Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at 3.45pm and repeated at 5.30pm.**
- **Y3/4 Magdalen Residential 5th & 6th October 2023 – for present Y2/3 children.**

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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 19th April.

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