

3rd March 2023

Dear parents/carers and children,

Newsletter no 23

We have had another fabulous week of learning in school! Thank you to all who were able to join us today for our first afternoon assembly – we really hope it has helped more of our wider school family join us to celebrate all the children’s successes. We also really appreciated the chance to catch-up with many of you at our parents’ evening this Tuesday and look forward to more meetings next week. Please look out for your data letters in book bags on Monday evening.

Y5

On Monday 27th February, Year 5 visited the Swiss Tulle factory in Tatworth to learn about the Victorian Industrial Era. The following day they visited Crewkerne museum where they learnt about the varied textiles industries that developed in factories in and around Crewkerne during the industrial era, such as gloving, sails and webbing. They enjoyed exploring old maps, trying on and designing gloves and other clothes, and having a go at weaving; this was so popular it continued on the coach home!



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World Book Week:

Tatworth are having a World Book Week starting on 6th March. By having a whole week to celebrate reading, we can include events on each day.



On **Monday** children will write book reviews so that they can share books with each other and explain why they would recommend them. They may also have the chance to enter the National Book Token design competition.

On **Tuesday**, teachers will be sharing books across the school and children can drop in to different classrooms and choose a story to listen to.

On **Wednesday**, children need to bring their 'Book in a Box' to school to be shared and judged. In the afternoon, children will have a reading hunt around the school grounds.

At the end of the school day on Wednesday, families can come back into school with their children and enjoy testing their knowledge as they walk around the 'Book in a Box' displays. This event does coincide with parents' evening.

From 8 am to 8.40 am on Thursday, we are pleased to invite parents and carers to share a book and a light breakfast with their children, in the library. Thank you, Tesco Chard for your donation of 100 pains au chocolat.

On **Friday** I will share my favourite book in assembly and give out any prizes.

We will also extend the event from 20th - 26th March when we will participate in another virtual book fair building on the success of the last event.

Parent/carer questionnaire

Next week I will be sending out our annual parent/carer questionnaire. We have edited some of the questions from last year so as to give clarity. Thank you to parent forum for your support with this. The questionnaire will be open from Monday 6th to Friday 17th March. All participants will be entered into a draw for a £20 Barlemow's voucher. Thank you for taking the time to complete this. We find this feedback very helpful. The results will be shared later in the term.

Clubs

We are excited that we will be including some extra music clubs after Easter – look out for further details later this month.

Year 5 and 6 MOTIV8 Fortnite Festival 21/03/23

It has come to my attention that we did not make the facility for signing up to the Nerf Festival equal to all families – working parents/carers did not access the link until the end of their working day. As we have more than ten requests to attend, I have now closed the option to sign up and will now put all names in a hat and pull out the first ten. In future, we will send out any 'first come first served' letters at 4 pm, the end of our school office day. This will hopefully give all families a fair and equal chance to sign up to events. Please be aware that on 21st March we also have a history morning planned for year 5 with a visit from Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the Somerset Museum. If you would like your child removed from the Nerf experience in favour of this event, please let the school office know. The ten successful names will be notified next week.

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Lost Teddy – this lovely teddy has been found at school, he is currently in the office helping out, please pop in and claim him if he belongs to you.



Holyrood Hi 5s

Mrs Churchill's report: On Tuesday the 28th we took a very excited Y5/6 netball team to Holyrood to play High Fives Netball. There were eleven teams in total made up of the surrounding Primary Schools. Each team was placed in a pool and the teams played each other within this pool. Unfortunately, Tatworth did not make it through to the finale but there was great teamwork and very respectful playing. Well done Tatworth.

Swimming Y5 & some Y6: Y5 will now start swimming on 9th March.

Y5: 9/3/23, 23/3/23, 30/03/23 & 20/04/23.

Sporting Spirits

					
Joel Y3	Lillie H Y6	Ava B Y6	Daniel Y3	Joshua Y4	Hannah Y5

TTRS – Year 3- Well done!



Safeguarding

Please find attached information on: 'What parents and carers need to know about Spotify'.

Reminders:

- **To keep our children all safe, please can parent/carers not park opposite the school office/carpark entrance as there is no path opposite. The PCSO has provided us with no parking cones to mark this area.**
- **Also, if your child is going home with a different family, please notify the school office.**

Attendance: Hawthorn Class are the attendance winners this week!

This week our attendance is 96.16 %. 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	39740	95.38
Authorised Absences	1694	
Unauthorised Absences	233	
Possible attendance	41667	
Lates	196	

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Celebrations

Platinum Bag

All of Reception class for sharing their super contribution to our learning on family memories.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: Rex for his fantastic effort and readiness to learn in maths. **Lenny** for showing pride in his work by showing his best handwriting and presentation.

Oak Class: Zachary for his quiet commitment to work and studies. **Tabitha** for responsible approach and honesty in all matters.

Beech Class: Rowan for always being ready to learn in phonics and in every lesson. **Tate** for thinking carefully about his reading comprehension.

Willow Class: Ezra for using the class writing model to write some excellent sentences in her folk tale story. **Ziggy** for contributing great vocabulary to class discussion with words like 'featherless'.

Hawthorn Class: Alana for always showing respect towards others – listening carefully and helping those children that need extra support 😊 **Alfie** for being a confident communicator and explaining calculation methods clearly and confidently. **Faith** for keeping going, even when she finds a task tough, Faith tries her hardest and is proud of her work (So am I!)

Hazel Class for making us proud on school trips by being polite, engaged and calm. The staff emailed to say: "The children were a credit to you and your staff – they were so responsive and a pleasure to have with us". **Lilly & Finley** for both showing great interest and asking super questions during both school trips this week.

Yew Class: Owen & Bethany for pushing themselves to keep improving their writing.

Kind regards

Tracey Hart, Headteacher

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Attachments:**Rags2Riches****Book Fair****Tuning into kids****What parents and carers need to know about Spotify****Cricket Flyers****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.

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: the next assembly will be Friday, 5th May.

Warm Spaces – Each Friday until Easter: 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.



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.

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Y2 Paignton Zoo: Y2 are visiting the zoo on Tuesday 7th March. A reminder that pupils should wear school uniform and bring with them a snack, packed lunch, drink, in a rucksack along with a raincoat and sun cream.

Parents' Evening: Wednesday 8th 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.

Red Nose Day, Friday 17th March 2023

School Council have organised a number of new and exciting Red Nose Day competitions for us all to take part in. Each competition is £1 to enter.

1. All parents/carers and staff to design their own Mr Man or Little Miss. Please send your artwork in to school, with your child on Friday 17th March and the prize winner will be announced at the end of the day. The cost to enter is £1. There is a super Mr Tickle bag to win for the lucky adult!
2. Reception children will have a colouring competition which they will bring home on Friday 10th March. Any child wishing to enter the competition for a Mr Man water bottle should pay £1 on parentpay and bring their named picture into school.
3. All children across school are also encouraged to make a Red Nose Day inspired hat or crown to be worn to school on Friday 17th March. It will cost £1, to wear your hat to school: please pay on parentpay.

Year 5 History morning on 21st March with a visit from Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the Somerset Museum.

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. Please return slips to Mrs Bayley.

Well-being Workshop - Dr Rob Kirkwood, our Occupational Therapist, will be delivering a session after school on 23rd March at 3.45pm. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

Leavers' Hoodies

Please note orders and payments are needed by Friday 31st March and delivery will be at the start of the summer term. The children can choose any colour, size and different coloured thread which will make the hoodie very much personalised to them. Thank you to PAFOTs who are contributing £7 for each child's hoodie. Please note, hoodies can be worn in school during Wellbeing Week in June and in the last week of term but of course, can be worn out of school at any time.

Music Events

Choir: Abba Concert

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Rehearsal: Monday 13th March: 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Concert: Tuesday 28th March: afternoon rehearsal, followed by concert at 6.15pm. Please see consent letter sent home today.

Y4 Music workshop at Holyrood

On **30th March** during schooltime then children will then be picked up from school as usual and will need to be dropped off at Holyrood Academy at **4pm** on the same day, where they will rehearse, before performing live on stage at a concert at Holyrood from **5-6pm**, to which parents are warmly invited. Please see letter sent home today and return reply slip by Friday 10th March.

Residential Visits

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

Zog Performance at the Octagon Theatre Visit Wednesday 19th April.

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