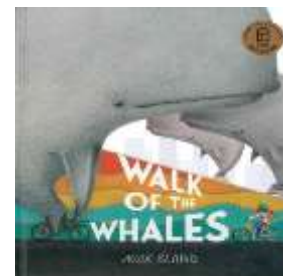


Dear parents/carers and children,

### Newsletter no 24

What a wonderful week full of books and reading! I used the word 'overwhelmed' today in assembly, as I spoke about how we all felt at school with your efforts completing 'Book in a Box'. We heard and saw how proud you were as your shared your boxes coming to school, when you were in your classroom or during the whole school presentation in the hall. See attachment for the amazing entries. Walk of the Whales was today's story in assembly. I hope you enjoy hearing about it.



It was lovely to see so many families join us on Thursday morning too. Thank you to Nicky Male the Community Manager at Chard Tesco for kindly donating food for our reading breakfast.

We received many positives comments following this week's parents' evening appointments – it was lovely to see it so well attended. We will continue to work hard to support you and your children to achieve their potential :)



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**Young Voices:** We have popstars among us! We are excited to inform you that Heather Small's charity single, Proud, featuring the backing voices of our amazing Young Voices choir, is available from today. You can buy it for £1 here: <https://youngvoices.cmail20.com/t/t-l-fdusld-jyuukriytj-y/> and all proceeds will go to children's mental health charity, Place2Be!

### Y2 Paignton Zoo

Beech Class visited Paignton Zoo on Tuesday to discover more about endangered animals and their habitats. The children were fantastic: they were enthusiastic and keen to find out as much information as possible. Please look out in next week's newsletter for some of their reports about the trip.

Did you know that one Ostrich egg is equivalent to 24 hens' eggs? An Ostrich lays an average of 9 eggs each time. How many hens' eggs would that be equivalent to?



### Virtual Book Fair

Don't forget our virtual book fair event from 20th - 26th March.

Our fair will run for one week, a full 7 days so parents also have the weekend to shop.

- During that week parents and staff will be able to order direct from [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk)
- All books are brand new and just £2.99 each.
- To get free delivery parents need to put in their child's name and class, and the schools address in the delivery section.
- At the end of our fair all orders are sent to school for us to hand out. Each order will be individually wrapped in a sealed eco-friendly bag with the child's name and class on.
- There are no minimum or maximum amounts you have to order and no shipping fees.

### Parent/carer questionnaire

Yesterday I sent out our annual parent/carer questionnaire link:

<https://forms.gle/mJ94ACs3vV4sk6T56> 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 until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. All participants will be entered into a draw for a £20 Barleymow'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.

TTRS – Year 3 Well done!



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## Safeguarding

### What is Tuning in to Kids®?

Tuning in to Kids® is a suite of parenting programs that focus on the emotional connection between parents/carers and their children, from pre-schoolers to teens. The evidence-based programs have proven success in improving parenting, parent-child relationships and children's emotional competence and behaviour. Please see flyer attached.

**Attendance: Reception Class are the attendance winners this week!**

**This week our attendance is 96.93%. 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	41601	95.48
Authorised Absences	1745	
Unauthorised Absences	235	
Possible attendance	43581	
Lates	207	



## Celebrations

### Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

**Acorn Class: George** for his love of learning. **Alfie** for being committed to all his learning.

**Oak Class: Reggie** for taking responsibility for his learning in science and phonics. **Issy** for sharing a book from home on plants linked to our science topic.

**Beech Class: Robin** for spotting connections and vocabulary when reading our class book.

**Madison** for excellent tracking and discussion in maths. **Tate** for quiet confidence and scientific thinking in science.

**Willow Class: Lola** for always treating her own and her classmate's belongings with respect.

**Daniel** for working independently but has the confidence to ask for help when he needs it.

**Hawthorn Class: Elijah** for enthusiastic and thoughtful questions in science and when sharing our non-fiction text 'Before I met Dudley'. **William** for listening carefully and applying strategies especially in maths and English. **Kian** for trying out maths problems, sometimes making mistakes but learning from them.

**Hazel Class: Hannah** 1. for treating others with kindness and thoughtfulness, 2. for giving everything her all, even when it is something she finds tricky. **Skye** for greater effort to push herself and do her very best.

**Yew Class: Ava B** for being careful when editing and checking her writing. **Dylan** for his writing which always includes lots of fantastic vocabulary and he doesn't want to stop! **Tyler W** (on behalf of Mr Wood): for helping him prepare the hall for all children and parents to view book in a box.

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## Chard Cricket Club

A representative from Chard Cricket Club visited us in assembly today. With the assistance of Skye Y5, informed us of opportunities available to all children locally.

Please note a further letter will follow today regarding strike action next week.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher



## Attachments:

**Book in a box**

**Tuning into kids**

**Rags2riches**

**Sporting Chance Easter Club**

**Brewhouse Youth Theatre**

**CCC Flyer**

## Reminders:

### **Rags2Riches4Schools**

We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. We get 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items towards PAFOTS funds and would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home. **We have a collection from the school booked on Monday 13th March, 9AM.**

**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.

### **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.



### **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: the next assembly will be Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Warm Spaces – Each Friday until Easter: 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.



**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.

### **Clubs**

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

**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:** 23/3/23, 30/03/23 & 20/04/23.

**Reading Phonics Storybooks: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> March. It will cost £1, to wear your hat to school: please pay on parentpay.

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**Year 5 History** morning on 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 5.45pm – until 7pm, with refreshments available in the green room. Please return slips to Mrs Bayley.

**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 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 if you would like to join us. There will be a club available for children of parents attending. Please let the office know if you would like to book a place for your child.

### **Leavers' Hoodies**

Please note orders and payments are needed by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Rehearsal:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Concert:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March: afternoon rehearsal, followed by concert at 6.15pm.

**Y2 Singing Concert** 9.15am Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**Rocksteady Concert Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March AM:** exact timings to follow.

### **Y4 Music workshop at Holyrood**

On **30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Residential Visits**

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

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

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