

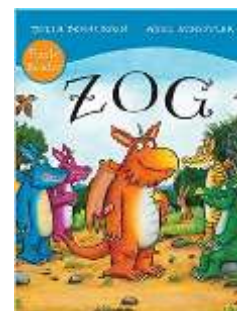
21st April 2023

Dear parents/carers and children,

Newsletter no 28

Welcome back everyone to a busy first week of the Summer Term! It has been lovely to start our breaks and lunch time back on the school field and to see the children interacting and playing with each other.

On Wednesday, Acorn, Oak and Beech classes all went to the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil to see Zog, a Julian Donaldson classic. Well done to all the children for sitting so well and participating with all the singing and actions! I received an email this week to commend our children on their excellent respect and attention. Well done all: I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did 😊. Thank you to our volunteers who came to help.



The weather has been quite varied this week, so it is still useful for children to come to school with a waterproof coat in case of rain and a hat in case it is warm. Thank you.

Please look about for two further letters this evening: our termly class newsletter for your child's class and a letter regarding the upcoming strike days organised by the NEU.

Class letters

Each class teacher has written a letter to let you know about the exciting learning taking place this term. There is also information about educational visits and class specific detail such as pe days.

Strike letter

A separate letter has been sent today with information of classes affected by the strike action.

There was also a paper copy of information regarding this term's maths homework for children in year 1, 3 – 6.

Reception Class Visit to Chard Reservoir date change to 26.4.23

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we need to change the date of the Reception class trip next week from Tuesday 25th to **Wednesday 26th April**.

Please click this [link](#) again to advise or update us of transport arrangements. In the event that lifts cannot be arranged, we will reschedule the trip for later in the term.

Swimming Y5 & some Y6:

Y5: Due to the strike action the final swimming date will now be 4th May

Oak Class

Children in Year 1 have been practising their clay skills this afternoon. We have been rolling, patting, shaping and adding. These are some first attempts, currently drying out, we then started drafting a plan for our final clay tile piece.



Pixies Holt

Y5 are very excited about their residential next week to Pixies Holt on Dartmoor. A final letter from Mrs Whiffin was sent out Wednesday with reminders of particularly important things to bring: sheet, single duvet cover and pillowcase; wellies and/or walking boots; plenty of spare clothes, including socks; a day-bag in which the children will carry their lunch and drinks bottle; lunch for the first day, in a reusable lunchbox; sunhat and suncream; waterproof coat (ideally one that will fit in their day-bag if the weather is warm but changeable). Please bring children to the school hall from 9am.

Choir Cancelled – unfortunately, due to staff at residential with year 5, we need to cancel choir club next week. Thank you.

Curriculum Evening - Please note change of date

We will be holding a Curriculum Evening for children and parents/carers on **Wednesday 3rd May, 5 – 6 pm**. During the evening, children will be able to take their parents and carers around different subject stations located in the school to look at some of our resources and topic information. Following this, families will walk our history timeline of learning and then join us in the hall for a presentation about our foundation subject curriculum. Finally, hopefully with some refreshments, we will all sit down and listen to information about our curriculum offer. Please look out for and complete the online form to let us know if you are able to attend next week.

Y2 Fossil Festival Visit: Friday 28th April

As part of our history work on Mary Anning we have just been invited to attend the Lyme Regis Fossil festival for a free of charge workshop on Friday 28th April. We realise this is short notice but we wanted to take advantage of this exciting opportunity to enhance our learning. A letter was sent home today for more details, (this is also available on parentpay).

Y6 Leavers' Hoodies

The hoodies were sent home this week, they look fabulous! 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.

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Somerset Schools Health and Wellbeing Survey

As a school, we are committed to supporting our children with their mental and physical wellbeing. We have agreed to take part in the biannual county survey again this year, in order to gain further insight into the needs of children at our school. All children in Years 4 and 6 will be able to offer their answers, anonymously, on a range of topics. They will shortly complete the online survey at school. Please see the letter attached with the newsletter for further details.

Safeguarding:

- Please find attached the NOS flyer: What parents and carers need to know about Fortnite chapter 4.
- Cycling to/from school. Please ensure that bikes are wheeled into school and not ridden on the path, and at the end of the day wheeled out of school until meeting with parents.

Playing fields Bottom Entrance

Just to advise that we have been informed that the Playing fields entrance bottom entrance by the tennis courts is closed, alternative access is still open at the playing fields football club and park gates..

Uniform order for non-stock items

We are wanting to make a further order of non-stock items, therefore if you would like to order any cardigans or coats etc, please make an order on parentpay by next Friday 28th April 2023. Delivery is approx..2-3 weeks to arrive.

Attendance: Year 1 are the attendance winners this week! This week our attendance is 96.04%. Thank you to everyone for coming to school unless they have a high temperature or poorly with sickness and diarrhoea.

Late into school: Any pupils arriving late at 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	48574	95.54
Authorised Absences	1988	
Unauthorised Absences	279	
Possible attendance	50841	
Lates	255	



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Celebrations



TTRS – Y4 Well done!

Platinum Bags

Willow Class: Ava, Darcey, Daniel & Amjed for their writing effort and improvement over the year. **Robyn, Leo, Elliott & Florence** for their great examples of linked levers.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: George for being a team player and always trying his best. **Summer** for her fantastic all-round attitude to learning - especially within maths and phonics.

Oak Class: Rupert for always trying really hard with his handwriting and persevering with his work. **Mille** for always considering and planning what she is going to write, to ensure that it is her best.

Beech Class: Clara for always being willing to help! **Jake** for super concentration and being ready to learn in reading comprehension.

Willow Class: Zephyr for taking his time with activities which improves the quality of his work.

Alex for effort and engagement in spellings allowing Alex to apply this skill in his writing.

Hawthorn Class: Joshua for working so hard on his writing. Well done! **Megan** for putting her hand up to explore ideas. Well done!

Hazel Class: Oscar for embracing challenge in maths, spelling and writing. **Sophia** for treating all around her with kindness and respect.

Yew Class: Ava S for being a positive member of the class and a helpful partner. **Josh H** for working hard and staying focused and engaged during all lessons.

Rocksteady - "Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?"

A message from Ryan:

'Dear Parents/Carers

I'm Ryan and I come from Rocksteady Music School. Every Thursday morning, I come into Tatworth to teach some of the children how to play a musical instrument in their own rock bands. Over the next couple of weeks, I'm running a series of trial lessons to see if any more children would like to learn how to do this.

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. If this sounds like something your child would like to do, please feel free to get in contact with the school office who can then pass on your child's name to me, and I will do my best to give them a trial lesson.

If you'd like any further information about Rocksteady, you can visit our website <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com> and to enrol your child too.

*I look forward to seeing your child in Rocksteady!!"
Ryan Cross, Band Leader. '*

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Summer Clubs

Just a reminder that our timetable of summer clubs will start up next week. Please sign up on parentpay.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

Attachments:

Somerset Schools Health and Wellbeing Survey

NOS flyer What parents and carers need to know about Fortnite chapter 4.

Chard Cricket Club

National Badminton

Chard Spring Festival flyers

Somerscience flyers

Chard Girl's brigade flyer: *thank you to Alaska for her presentation in assembly today.*

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 afternoon assembly will be Friday, 5th May.

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.

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Residential Visits

A reminder that Pixies Holt trip should now be fully paid. Reminder texts will be sent on Monday but we would be grateful of all final payments over the weekend, thank you. The payment schedule was: 30th Nov: £13; 16th Dec: £20; 21st Jan: £20; 10 Feb: £20; 28 Feb: £20; 17 March: £20; 31st March £20 & £50 to be paid by 21st April.

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

Curriculum Evening: change of date

Please note a change to our planned Curriculum Evening for children and parents/carers which is now planned for Wednesday 3rd May, 5 – 6 pm.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be on Thursday 22nd June 2023. There will be three separate events and parents/carers and younger pre-school siblings are welcome to join us on the school field during their children's races. All parents and carers are asked to enter the school field through the bottom field gate and sign in. Picnic blankets and chairs should be brought to sit on, as all families will be asked to sit in a designated area to the side of the races.

- 9 am – 10.30 am Reception children and Years 1 and 2
- 11.15 am – 12.30 pm Years 3 and 4
- 2.15 pm – 3.30 pm Years 5 and 6

At the end of each session, we ask that all parents and carers leave the school field via the bottom field gate as the rest of the school will be on the field for play time and lunch time. The gates will be re-opened at the start of each Sports Day session, at designated times. **All parents and carers need to access Sports Day via the bottom field gate and sign in.** Thank you.

The children will run in their houses: Joslin (red), Brewer (blue), Stonham (yellow) and Langdon (green) and we encourage them to wear a t-shirt to school on this day in their house colour, along with their black PE kit shorts.

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