

8th September 2023

Dear parents/carers and children,

Newsletter no 1

Welcome to our 10 new, in-year starters: Max, Scarlett, Harper, Aria, Roxy, Isobel, Oliver, Seth, Wilfred, Will and Reception class. The children have settled so well into school and our youngest children in Acorn Class are now all ready for attending full days from Monday. We also welcome new staff to Tatworth: Mrs Gosden, Year 1 teacher, Miss Turner, Year 5 teacher, Mr Richards (PGCE Student teacher in Reception), Mrs Barnett and Mrs Hutchings midday supervisors.



It has been lovely to hear about so many holiday adventures from the children. It certainly sounds like everyone was able to have a relaxing time, creating memories with those close and dear to them.

The children have all come back enthusiastic to learn and so smart! This week, they have been practising their new routines and getting familiar with their new classrooms. I have been asked to remind families that along with our uniform requirements, we ask that all children bring water to school in a labelled drinks bottle. Juice and squash are restricted to lunch time if a child brings a separate drink with their packed lunch. Snacks should be fruit, or vegetables, a sandwich, cheese and crackers etc. in a reusable pot.

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We have come back to some exciting news, having been awarded the Platinum Award for PE in July, and also being accredited with a silver Arts Mark too. Our arts journey will continue, as we hope to increase this mark to gold in two years' time.



Our whole-school art project has also now been finished and fitted to the front of the school. Thank you for all your comments; it certainly is a wonderful addition and the children have been looking closely this week to find their own contributions. Well done everyone.

Through the summer, the school had a buzz of activity with sports sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays. In addition, the green room has been fitted with a super new kitchen with lower work surfaces, ready for children's DT, cooking lessons. Our wraparound care team are loving the new equipment too!



Meet the teacher meetings

We have three opportunities next Wednesday, 13th September, to meet with your child's new class teacher: 3.40 pm, 4.15 pm and on TEAMS at 5.30 pm. A link will be sent out early next week if you wish to access the latest time. At these meetings, class letters and specific information about year group expectations will be given out, along with information about any planned visits or visitors to support learning. If you are unable to attend, packs will be sent out by Friday, 15th September.

Year 3 and 4 residential

Year 3 and 4 children have the option to attend a one-night residential at Magdalen Farm 5th to 6th October, 2023. There will be a parents' meeting on Monday, 11th September, after school, in the hall to find out about the trip. Children will come out of school and then can come back in through the main gate to sign in.



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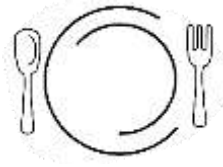
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Free School Meals

Each year, we encourage all families to check their entitlement to free school meals. We have been told by County that any existing PP applications will not be checked until March 2025, so changes in circumstances will not be picked up until then. We also have a PP offer for or all children who are benefit-related FSM. Please click on the link below to access the application.

<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.



Reception Baseline assessment

Children in Reception will take part in the national baseline assessment. A leaflet is attached for parents and carers.

Safeguarding:

- Flu vaccination for children – see attached consent letter. Please complete the decision form (one for each child, please) using the following link <https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu> enter our schools (Tatworth Primary School) unique code SMI37175, this link will close at midday on Friday 13th October so please complete this as soon as possible as the team will be unable to take any consents after this point. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, please contact Somerset SAINT for assistance. Please complete the decision form even if you do not consent to the vaccination.



- Please find attached a flyer from National Online Safety: What parents and carers need to know about live streaming.



Clubs:

There are still a few spaces on some of our after-school clubs. See attached club list. These can be booked via ParentPay. Please note, if your child then needs to access Stay and Play 4.30 - 5.30 pm, families need to book their child into session 1 instead of session 2 on the required day. A snack will be kept back for your child when they join Mrs Anderson at 4.30 pm. Many thanks.

100% attendance monthly award

Each month, children who have attended school 100% will receive a special certificate in assembly. Thank you for your efforts to keep children in school unless they have a temperature above 38 °C or they are too ill to attend.



Year 2 are the attendance winners this week with 98.97%.

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Our whole school percentage is 98.40 which is a great start to be above our expected 96% target.

Sessions	to date	%
Attendances	1783	98.40
Authorised Absences	13	
Unauthorised Absences	16	
Possible attendance	1812	
Lates	11	

Late into school: Any pupils arriving late at school need to be signed in at the office by parent/carers on arrival.



Celebrations!

Platinum Bag

Hawthorn Class: Elliott for taking on a challenge and taking risks – then noticing links in maths.

Behaviour for Learning Certificates

Oak Class: Ronnie G for trying his best to learn and help his friends to learn too. Isla for always being ready to learn.

Beech Class: Maisie for setting a great example for Year 2; taking risks and sharing ideas!

Millie W for setting a great example for Year 2; listening and focused!

Willow Class: Seb for aiming high in literacy and focussing on using impressive adjectives in this writing. Roxy for an impressive first week at school where Roxy has displayed fantastic motivation and engagement across all subjects.

Hawthorn Class: Darcey for taking responsibility of her learning by being focussed and listening. Seth for showing engagement and putting up his hand to join in with class discussions.

Hazel Class: Ben for being motivated and engaged in maths this week, well done! Harley for being a confident communicator and contributing his ideas in all lessons.

Yew Class: Will for making a fantastic start to his time at Tatworth, taking an active part in lessons and discussions. Calum for enthusiastic and consistent contributions to discussions.

In assembly today, our new class representatives for the following areas were given their first jobs with their teams, that they will be working on this term.

	School Council	Eco Warriors	Art Ambassadors	Science Ambassadors
Oak Class	Cali & George	Matilda & Elliott B	Isla & Ralphie	

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Beech Class	James & Tabitha	Rosa & Zachary	Millie W & Jacob	
Willow Class	Tate & Roxy	Dottie & Freddie	Victor & Pearl	Isabella & Fergus
Hawthorn Class	Lanah & Ezra	Orla & Leo	Seth & Olivia	Robyn & Zephyr
Hazel Class	Ben & Megan	Adley & Isabelle	Alaska & Harley	Effie & Leon
Yew Class	Isabella & Oscar	Grace, Skye, & Lily H	Sophia & Ruby B	Abi, Maisy, Billy, Jimmy, Spencer & Hannah

Librarians Y5: Alana, Leila, Elijah, Paige & Ed.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

Attachments:

NHS Flu Vaccination letter

Baseline assessment flyer

Clubs list

NOS: What parents and carers need to know about live streaming

Chard RFU flyer

Axevalley Netball club flyer

Sound of Yeovil flyer

Rocksteady Bands

Rocksteady bands continues this term and over the next couple of weeks, they will run a series of trial lessons to see if any more children would like to sign up to learn how to be a rockstar. If interested in a trial session please email office@tatworthschool.co.uk

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

Phonics Book Amnesty

We are running short of our phonics books, so please do send these if you have any home. Thank you.

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Cycling to/from school. Please ensure that bikes are wheeled into school and not ridden on the path. Also, at the end of the day they should be wheeled out of school until meeting with parents.

Visits:

Y3 Visit to Carymoor: Tuesday 26th September.

Residential Visits

- Y3/4 Magdalen Residential 5th & 6th October 2023
- Y5 residential Wed-Fri 17th -19th April 2024

Dates:

Mon 11th September: Y3/4 Magdalen (5/6 October) parents 5pm meeting
Wed 13th September: Meet the Teacher 3:40pm, 4:15pm & online at 5:30pm –
Class newsletters home
w/c 25th September/2nd Oct: Send meetings
Tuesday 26th September: Y3 Visit to Carymoor
Tues 26th September: Individual/siblings/preschool photos (8am: preschool siblings
(8.40am: Y3 & siblings). Siblings not in Y3 will be photographed during the day.
Mon 2nd October: 5.30pm Holyrood roadshow
Thurs/Friday 5/6th October: Y3/4 Magdalen residential
Mon 16th October: All children flu vaccinations
Tuesday 31st October: Data letters
Parents evenings: 4–6.30pm Y3 and Y4 Wednesday 1st November
all years (except Y4) Monday 6th November
all years (except Y3) Wednesday 8th November
w/c 20th November: Virtual bookfair
Tuesday 21st November: Open morning for new intake Session 1: 9- 10am & 11-12pm.

Monday 4th December: pm Rec Nativity
Tuesday 5th December: pm KSI dress rehearsal
Wednesday 6th December: KSI Nativity 6pm
Thursday 7th December: am Music Assembly
Thursday 7th December: KSI Nativity 5pm
Friday 8th December: Christmas Fayre (after school)
Tuesday 12th December: KS2 Brewhouse Visit
Friday 15th December: am KS2 Christmas Carols at the church
Wed-Fri 17th-19th April: Y5 Residential

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