

16<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear parents/carers and children,

## Newsletter no 2

We are definitely a 'cup half full' this week. After the novelty of coming back to school last week, we have continued this week with calm, keen and committed children, dedicated to making the most of our learning.

After a busy last week, introducing lots of new learners to our school, this week we also welcome new staff to our teaching assistant team: Miss Durrant and Ms Derbyshire.

Thank you also, for your patience regarding emails, especially if you have a gmail account. We have been notified by County that the issue is at gmail and nothing we are able to change ourselves. However, if you accept us as a contact you we hope you will continue to receive information from us. I have noticed that many of you have now done this: thank you. The newsletter will continue to be posted on our website for anyone still having difficulties. All data collection sheets containing children's contact details are coming home next week, so please look out for these, amend if necessary and send them back to school. It is important that we have all the correct information in case we need to contact you during the day. Additionally, we will send home our annual pupil premium collection forms, please return both completed forms by 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## Meet the teacher meetings

Thank you to those who attended our Meet the Teacher meetings in school this week and on TEAMS. We hope you found the information useful. Letters and attachments have been sent out to anyone unable to attend. A reminder that teachers can be contacted by email on [homelearning@tatworthschool.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@tatworthschool.co.uk)

**Oak Class** had a wonderful Monday afternoon learning all about toys from the past. They had the opportunity to dress up and play with a variety of toys including hobby horses, china tea sets and skipping ropes. They also had a go at making their own toy, a thaumatrope.





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## Magdalen Farm

We are still awaiting confirmation on the drop off and collection times for our Year 3 and 4 residential. However, the medical forms, photography consent forms and kit lists have been sent out today with your children. Please look in their book bags for this information and let us know if there is anything additional, we need to know. Please return all forms by 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Uniform

Please make any non-stock uniform orders via parentpay, for items such as polo shirts, cardigans or coats by next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September as we plan to make an order the following week.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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: Setting boundaries around gaming.



## 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 3 are the attendance winners this week with 100%.**

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Our whole school percentage is 98.49 which is a great start to being above our expected 96% target.

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

Sessions	to date	%
Attendances	3325	98.49
Authorised Absences	35	
Unauthorised Absences	16	
Possible attendance	3376	
Lates	25	



### Celebrations!

#### Platinum Bag

**Hawthorn Class:** Alfred, Georgie, Cameron & Lanah for fabulous how to be a great friend art work in PSHE. Noah, James, George, Tabitha & Ella for presentation and tidiness in their topic books.

#### Behaviour for Learning Certificates

**Oak Class:** George for being a great role model to others. Aria for working hard to push her learning forwards.

**Beech Class:** Evie for being motivated and engaged all week, especially in Maths, well done Evie! Rupert for not being afraid to share why he agrees or disagrees with an answer.

Great work!

**Willow Class:** Isobel T for her tenacious attitude towards her learning – always trying her hardest to achieve good results. Jake for working well with an adult to focus and complete his tasks in English and Maths.

**Hawthorn Class:** Florence for showing respect during our pshe lesson – giving thoughtful answers during our discussion.

**Hazel Class:** Wilf for being a confident communicator and actively listening during group work. Alana for aiming high in English and improving her sentence structure.

**Yew Class:** Ruby H for taking responsibility – organising herself quickly and efficiently to start work every morning and every lesson. Finley for being motivated and engaged – thinking carefully about each question asked and responding thoughtfully in discussion.

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## Sporting Spirits

The six values of **passion, belief, respect, honesty, determination and teamwork** were developed by young people to identify what the experience of **school sport** should be built around. Every two weeks the PE department will award children these sporting spirits that have shown these sporting spirits in PE during the week.

					
Verity Y5	Alex Y4	Jimmy Y6	Oscar Y6	Seth Y4	William Y5

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

### Attachments:

NHS Flu Vaccination letter

NOS: Setting boundaries around gaming

U7's Football flyer

Chard hockey club

## 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](mailto: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.

### Free School Meals

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 rechecked 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.

### Visits:

Y3 Visit to Carymoor: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

### Residential Visits

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

### Dates:

w/c 25<sup>th</sup> September/2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Send meetings

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September: Y3 Visit to Carymoor

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> September: Individual/siblings/preschool photos (8am: preschool siblings (8.40am: Y3 & siblings). Siblings not in Y3 will be photographed during the day.

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> October: 5.30pm Holyrood roadshow

Thurs/Friday 5/6<sup>th</sup> October: Y3/4 Magdalen residential

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October: All children flu vaccinations

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Data letters

Parents evenings: 4-6.30pm Y3 and Y4 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

all years (except Y4) Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

all years (except Y3) Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

w/c 20<sup>th</sup> November: Virtual bookfair

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November: Open morning for new intake Session 1: 9- 10am & 11-12pm.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December: pm

Rec Nativity

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December:

pm KSI dress rehearsal

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:

KSI Nativity 6pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December:

am Music Assembly

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December:

KSI Nativity 5pm

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fayre (after school)  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: KS2 Brewhouse Visit  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December am KS2 Christmas Carols at the church  
Wed-Fri 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April: Y5 Residential

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