



17th November 2023

Dear parents/carers and children,

Newsletter no 10

Welcome to Miss Tahir and Mr Hodgson to our support team at school and welcome lyla who has joined Acorn Class this week.



It has been lovely to see all the children coming to school today dressed up and helping us raise money for Children in Need. The t-shirt designing competition has been so successful and very tricky to choose a winner. Congratulations to Isabella in Yew Class who has secured first prize. We have arranged for her design to be made into a real t-shirt! A special mention to Abi Y6 in second place and Y4 Darcey and Y3 Amelia both joint third place, who each received colouring pens. A massive thank you for all your efforts, on initial counting we have raised an amazing £188.50! Well done everyone.



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Talking of designing, we have a request from Miss Turner, to ask if there is **an architect amongst our parents/carers who would be willing to come and talk to year 5** before they start their DT, 'school of the future' design project this term. Please let the office know, we would be very grateful.

Christmas Challenge

Create a Christmas tree decoration that we can add to the tree. **The deadline for this is Wednesday 29th November.** The theme is: Scandinavian red and white. Be as creative as possible. Please use environmentally friendly materials and no plastic! See attached flyer for more details.



Maths Workshops

Thank you to all Year 1 parents/carers who attended the maths workshop on Wednesday. The children showed their adults how they subitise, how they partition numbers, how they can use apparatus to work out part-part-whole models, and how they can use those models to write addition and subtraction facts. We demonstrated how to use a rekenrek and of course, we had a game of bingo! It was fabulous to see so many children and adults working together - there was a real "maths buzz"! We hope you found the session useful. Next week we have the Year 2 workshop so please make sure that we have had your slip returned or an email today so we have time to prepare resources.

Y2: Wednesday 22nd November 2.30 - 3.30pm

Y3: Wednesday 29th November 2.30 - 3.30pm.



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On Wednesday, Year 3 began to taste different foods in preparation for making their own seasonal soup. We also sampled some soups currently available that were smooth or chunky to help us decide what our preference is.



Virtual Book Fair

We are looking forward to our Virtual Book Fair next week from **Monday 20th November until midnight Sunday 26th November**. Gain access to hundreds of discounted books this week with free delivery to school!

How to order-

- Visit www.booksforbugs.co.uk
- Choose your books and add them to the basket- if you are not sure where to start why not checkout our new Quick Shop feature with the top 100 for each key stage.
- At the checkout stage add your billing details as normal and for shipping put

Your Child's Name

Your Child's Class (Or 'School Office' if it's a gift you don't want the child to see)

Name of School: Tatworth Primary School

Address: Chard

And most importantly...

TA20 2RX the school's postcode. It is the postcode that will activate the free shipping option called "Virtual Book Fair only".

- You can then pay by debit/credit card or Paypal

If you are unsure here is a handy video guide <https://booksforbugs.co.uk/virtual-book-fair-info-for-parents/>



PAFOTS Xmas Fair Raffle Donation Request

Are you involved in a local business that would like to promote themselves with a prize donation to the Christmas Fayre raffle? All gifts welcome! Please speak to the school office or email tatworthpafots@gmail.com if you can help.



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Uniform Order

We will shortly make an order for non-stock items such as cardigans, coats and polos. Please make any orders for these items by next Friday 24 November.



Safeguarding:

- Please find attached a flyer from **National Online Safety**: What parents and carers need to know about Smart TV's.



100% attendance monthly award

In October, 136 children attended school with 100% attendance and each received a special certificate in their class. 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 1 class are the attendance winners this week with 100% – Well done!

Our whole school percentage this week is 97.74 % (expected 96% target).

Sessions YTD	to date	%
Attendances	19005	97.06
Authorised Absences	442	
Unauthorised Absences	128	
Possible attendance	19581	
Lates	147	

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

Celebrations!



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Platinum Bag

Reception: Charlotte and Primrose for their Salt dough diva lamps.

Hawthorn Class: Alice, Florence, Ezra, Isla & Clayton for information writing about Diwali.

Behaviour for Learning Certificates

Acorn Class: Everly for aiming high, for taking her time when practising her writing to make sure her letters are neat and correct. Albie for aiming high, for taking his time to think carefully about all of the parts he needed to create a Lego invertebrate.

Oak Class: Summer for aiming high with her phonics. Alfie for always being motivated and engaged with a huge smile!

Beech Class: Noah for checking his answers independently in Maths to ensure he has an accurate and correct answer! William for fantastic engagement this week – especially in Nativity practice!

Willow Class: Olivia for taking risks and having a go at using varied punctuation in her writing. Clara for good adjectives, perfect punctuation and fantastic formation in her handwriting.

Hawthorn Class: Alex for always showing respect. He always listens and cares about others in class especially his best friend, Alice. A superstar! Cameron for keeping going – when he hurt his eye he didn't let us get in the way of his learning – he stayed super positive! Amazing.

Hazel Class: Edward for his inquisitiveness during DT when learning about arches. Megan for her improved confidence to contribute ideas in class, which she now does regularly!

Yew Class: Libby for persevering and working with fractions. Tyler for using metaphors in his writing.

Vacancies:

Lunch time supervisor position

6.25 hrs per week (1.25 hrs per day 12:45-14:00, Monday to Friday). Term time only (38 weeks per year). We are looking for a reliable, conscientious person, able to be flexible and work as part of a team to assist with the supervision of students during the daily lunch break.

TA/Lunch Supervisor 1: 1 Vacancy

At Tatworth, we are also looking to appoint a teaching assistant or lunch supervisor for three lunch breaks a week. These are presently set days on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will be from 12.45pm to 1.45pm. This position is a specific position designed to allow access to lunch times at school. If you are interested, please contact me directly at tracey.hart@tatworthschool.co.uk for further information.

All vacancy details are on our website <https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/>



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Finally, a thank you to Sam Parsons and Maisy St for painting up our board by the office reception – we will be using it to display lost property so please pop in if your child has lost anything.

Kind regards,

Tracey Hart,



Headteacher

Attachments:

Christmas Challenge

NOS: Smart TVs

Christmas present appeal 2023



Reminders:

Parking outside of school

Please can I remind all families that the space on the far side of the road, opposite the office is a 'no parking' zone. There is no path directly outside of school along this section of the road. To keep all vehicles in the correct lane, we need cars to be able to move freely up and down the road.

"PAFOTS need your help!

Do you have experience in local level fundraising? Perhaps you have good contacts with local businesses? We are currently in need of a Secretary for PAFOTS, the role is primarily support on planning and helping with events with very little admin. and commitment actually required! If you think you can help us please speak to the school office or email us at tatworthpa.fots@gmail.com."

Christmas Present Appeal

Please find attached details on a local Christmas Present Appeal. It would be lovely to support Forefront Community charity to support local families in need if we can.

Maths Workshops

Letters have been sent home to the parents/carers of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 to invite you to the maths workshops taking place in November.

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Please let us know if you are able to attend, by returning the slip at the bottom of the letter, by the Friday of the preceding week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Acorn class and Oak/Beech classes Nativities

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be starting to prepare for their nativity performances! In order to try to give parents/carers as much notice as possible regarding costumes, we have allocated parts and each child took home a slip before half term with their role. Thank you for your support with providing costumes – please do come to speak to your child's teacher if you have any issues.

Rocksteady Bands

Would your child like to play in their very own Rock Band?

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 to website <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com> to enrol your child.

Milk in school

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term. Register your child for school milk today. Sign them up in a few clicks... Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com



Stay and Play Clubs:

Please note, if your child is attending a club straight after school and 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.

Phonics Book Amnesty

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

Cycling to/from school. Please ensure that bikes and scooters 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.



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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:

Residential Visits

- Y5 residential Wed-Fri 17th -19th April 2024

Dates:

w/c 20 th November:	Virtual book fair
Tuesday 21 st November:	Open morning for new intake Sessions: 9am-10am & 11am-12pm.
Monday 20 th November	Virtual Book Fair until midnight Sunday 26 th November
Wednesday 22 nd November	2.30-3.30pm. Y2 Parent/Carer Maths Workshop
Saturday 24 th November	Wellington Maths Challenge 4 x Y6 pupils to attend.
Wednesday 29 th November	2.30-3.30pm. Y3 Parent/Carer Maths Workshop
Thursday 30 th November	Y5 Magdalen Day Visit
Monday 4 th December:	2.4-5pm. Rec Nativity
Tuesday 5 th December:	pm KSI dress rehearsal
Wednesday 6 th December:	KSI Nativity 6pm
Thursday 7 th December:	am Music Assembly
Thursday 7 th December:	KSI Nativity 5pm
Friday 8 th December:	Christmas Fayre (after school – cash only)
Tuesday 12 th December:	KS2 Brewhouse Visit
Friday 15 th December :	am KS2 Christmas Carols at the church
Thursday 25 th January:	Young Voices choir concert – <i>questionnaire to be sent early next week.</i>
Wed-Fri 17 th -19 th April:	Y5 Residential
17-19 th June	Wellbeing Week
Thursday 20 th June:	Sports day



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