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## **Newsletter No 10**

### **Dear Parents & Carers**

#### **Non Uniform Day**

Today we held a non-uniform day for Children in Need, thank you to everyone who donated towards this very worthwhile charity. The total raised in school today was £177.10.

#### **School Photographs**

The school photo proofs were sent home on Monday; **please ensure any orders are returned to school by the morning of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** as we have a strict 7day deadline in which to return them to the printers. Any late orders will incur a £4 delivery charge and those late orders must be made direct with Acorns Photography.

#### **Holyrood Cross Country**

Mrs Churchill's report: We took 24 children to the Cross Country Event at Holyrood on Tuesday. The results were: Girls Yrs 3/4/5/6 combined 4th = Tatworth - 138 pts. Boys Yrs 3/4/5/6 combined - 1st = Tatworth (54 pts) All the children did extremely well, well done! Huge congratulations to Findlay Downes who won the Y3/4 race.

#### **Area Football Finals**

Mr Bulbeck's report: We took two teams to the Area Football Finals at Yeovil Recreation Ground on Thursday.

**Boys-** The boys found the standard very high in the 3 games they played and although they tried very hard they ended up losing all 3 games. Joint player of the matches were Flynn Smith and Finlay Downes.

**Girls-** The girls had a fantastic tournament winning 2 games and drawing 1 in the group stages which put them in the semi-finals in which they beat West Chinnock 1-0 with a goal from Captain Emmie Smith. The final against Preston was an equally close game but we scored a goal from Darcie Potter in the last minute to give us a 1-0 victory and make us the south Somerset champions!! We now go through to represent the south of Somerset in the county finals in the New Year on Friday 15th Jan 9.30 - 3.00pm. Every member of the 9 players were fantastic and I could not have been prouder of the way they played throughout the day. Well done girls!

#### **Stockland Cross Country Trials**

A separate letter will be sent home today for those children in the team. The following children have qualified for the Stockland Cross Country which will take place on Wednesday 18th November:

Y3/4 boys: 1st: Finlay Downes, 2nd: Sam Davies, 3rd: Harrison Larcombe, 4th: Riley Hull. Non travelling reserve: Oscar Farthing. Y3/4 Girls: 1st: Willow Herbert.

Y5/6 boys: 1st: Sam Gregory, 2nd: Isaac Henley, 3rd: Hayden Hull, 4th: Monty Willis. Flynn Smith will be the non-travelling reserve. Y5/6 girls: 1st: Lola Podbery, 2nd: Chloe Pring, 3rd: Lola Saxby, 4th Emilia Smith. Molly Bolton will be the non-travelling reserve. The teams will be supervised by Mrs Churchill and Mrs Henley. The school will be providing transport for the team. As usual we will be looking for a parent to volunteer to marshal for the event. Good luck!

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### **Inter House Hockey**

On Wednesday Y 5/6 had the opportunity to play inter- house hockey. The children had the responsibility to organize positions and substitutions, in order to make the games run smoothly. This is the first time hockey has been played by some of the boys, so a steep learning curve was made! Joslin House won with goals being scored by Darcie, Tierney and Leon. Langdon were second, Brewer and Stonham were joint third! In the words of Emma Thatcher :-" We were overwhelmed with our performance and were glad that we impressed our house representative Mrs Joslin".

On Thursday years 3/4 had their chance to play inter-house hockey. As most of these children only picked up a hockey stick in September I was very proud of the way they all worked with good attitude and play. Brewer won with goals being scored by Willow and Calum. Joslin were second, Langdon third and Stonham forth. Louis Rex said:-"I think everyone enjoyed the games especially Brewer because we won!" A big thank you to all the parents for providing gum shields and shin pads.

### **Lunch Time Supervisor**

As a member of the team is leaving at Christmas we would like to recruit a new member of staff to join in Jnauary. If anyone is interested in this position please contact the office to arrange an informal chat.

### **St John's Christmas Bazaar**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, St John's Church have their Christmas Bazaar, at the Memorial Hall, Tatworth, starting at 2pm. Christmas colouring competition sheets have been sent home this week. Please return your entry to the Bazaar from 2pm-4pm.

### **Christmas Nativity**

The dates for the Nativity are: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm as well as a dress rehearsal on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm. Next week we will be sending the ticket letter out to KS1 & Reception parents, tickets are limited to two per family regardless of the number of children you have. You may use the two tickets to come to one performance or one ticket for one performance and one for another. Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis so to avoid disappointment please apply as soon as possible. Spare tickets will be offered on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, please ask at the office. A separate costume letter will be also sent out next week by class teachers; please could costumes be brought into school by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.

### **Traffic Outside of School**

I am concerned about the speed of the traffic and the parking along school lane, particularly by the bridge area. I have received complaints from parents about cars driving too fast and too close to children walking to school. Please could I ask that parents who drive to school are thoughtful and considerate to pedestrians and reduce their speed to ensure that we keep everyone safe.

### **Parent Parking**

As you know I want the space around the school to be as safe for our children as possible, particularly at the start and end of the day. I would like to remind parents of the safe walk to school from the playing fields car park. I would like as many parents as possible to **start parking over in the Village Playing Fields Car Park. I park there and open up the gates each day at 7:30 and close them each afternoon when I go home at roughly 5:30.** If as many parents as possible could park over there and walk over to school, across the field only a two or three minute walk, we could reduce the congestion further. I appreciate that some mornings we may be running late but if generally we allow ourselves enough time to get to school and park-up, we can all help to make the area around the school as safe as possible for our children. I would appreciate parents help with this. Thank you.

## Emergency Closures

Occasionally, it is necessary for the school to remain closed in extremely bad weather conditions. In the event of a closure **before the start of the school day, a headline message will be posted on our website.** Information is also publicised on local radio. **If the school has to close during the school day, again the message will be posted on our website and contact will be made by text/phone to parents** where necessary. It is the policy of the Governors that the school will remain open if at all possible. However, occasionally conditions are too bad for staff to travel safely into school necessitating a closure. These occasions are very rare.

Yours sincerely



Steve Clarke  
Principal

### \*\*\*\*\*Dates for the Diary \*\*\*\*\*

#### November

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 Chard Area Cross Country KS2 PT
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	from 2.00pm:Y5/6 Inter-House Hockey/Forest School
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.45-1.00pm: Y3/4 Inter-house Hockey/Forest School U11 District Football Finals U11 & Girls Team Yeovil Rec. ST
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 Premises and Curriculum Governors Meeting Non Uniform day for Children In Need: £1 donation
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3.45 Start Y3-6 Stockland Cross Country ST Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Practise/Forest School
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2-3.30 Y3/4 Football V Combe St Nicholas (H) 3-4.40 Y5/6 Football V N Curry A&B (A) ST
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00 Finance & Personnel Governors Meeting 4.45-6.30pm: Choir to Chard Museum for Concert PT

#### December

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Practise/Forest School Stage Up & Christmas Tree
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 Chard Area Hockey U11 at Holyrood PT
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Girl's Hockey A Team V St Johns Sidmouth (A) Y5/6 Football A Team Vs St Johns (A) ST
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PAFOTS: KS2 Junior Disco 6.30-8.00pm Sports Practise/Forest School
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 Full Governors Meeting
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.45-4.00: Christmas Bazaar
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Performance
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Performance Last Day of Term

### \*\*\*\*\*PAFOTS Events \*\*\*\*\*

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2.45-4.00pm: Xmas Bazaar
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	6.00-7.00pm: PAFOTS Meeting
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30-8.30: Beetledrive
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	6.00-7.00pm: PAFOTS Meeting

### \*\*\*\*\*Cake Days \*\*\*\*\*

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November & Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December