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Dear Parents & Carers

Inset Day – Wednesday 20th July

There will be an additional inset day on the Wednesday 20th July; this is for all staff for safeguarding training, therefore the last day of term will be Tuesday 19th July.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to those parents who have signed up for a meeting with their child's teachers. All appointments must have taken place by the end of that week.

Behaviour Letters

Behaviour in school this term has improved. I am very pleased to tell you that 160 good behaviour letters have been sent home today. Well done to all those children who have received one for outstanding behaviour all of this term.

Attendance Certificates

I am delighted to hand out 72 certificates for 100% attendance this term! Attendance has continued to improve with a huge jump. This figure has tripled since my start at Tatworth and I would like to thank parents and pupils on this great achievement. Punctuality has also been great this week. Well done!

Uniform

Girls may wear summer dresses during the Summer Term. Everyone must arrive in sweatshirts, but this rule is more relaxed during the day. We do ask that children wear them home again and for school assemblies. Please may I remind parents that trainers are not allowed as school footwear.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not allowed in school. Please ensure that children do not bring them into school.

Break Times

We cannot supervise children who stay inside at break times. After Easter all children will go outside for breaktimes. Children who have a medical reason will be expected to be outside and will be able to stay in our safe area in the shelters.

Y5/6 Hockey V Perrot Hill

Mr Bulbeck's Report: On Wednesday 23rd we took two hockey teams to Perrot Hill School, both teams acquitted themselves very well with definite improvement in individual skills. However Perrot Hills greater experience showed and they ran out winners in both games.

Y5/6 Netball V Stockland

On Wednesday 23rd we hosted a netball tournament with Stockland Primary. Four teams took part with every team playing three games. The tournament was played at a fast pace with control. Fifteen goals were scored in total by Tatworth. A big thank you to: Molly, Tierney, Emi and Darcie. The tournament results were: Stockland: 1st & 4th and Tatworth 2nd & 3rd. All the girls played really well. I am so proud how far we have come in such a short space of time. I hope the Year 6 girls continue with netball next year.

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Stockland Cross Country

A separate letter will be sent home today for those children in the team. The following children have qualified for the Cross Country which will take place on Wednesday 13th April:

Y3/4 boys: 1st: Finlay D, 2nd: Sam D, 3rd: Riley, 4th: Sam G. Non travelling reserve: Sidney.

Y3/4 Girls: 1st: Kendra, 2nd: Holly G, 3rd: Phoebe G.

Y5/6 boys: 1st: Hayden, 2nd: Flynn, 3rd: Monty.

Y5/6 girls: 1st: Chloe P, 2nd: Lola P, 3rd: Emmie, 4th Lola S. Darcie will be the non-travelling reserve. The teams will be supervised by Mrs Churchill. 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!

Recent Media Coverage

I know some of you are aware that there have been stories in the local news about our school. This refers to events that happened two years ago involving my predecessor Mr David Knight. It is very disappointing for the school to be associated with negative publicity like this especially as there have been lots to celebrate in the last two years. Within a very short space of time the school received a 'very good' Ofsted report. Since September 2014 we have all worked very hard to offer an interesting and varied curriculum, create a caring environment where all children are valued while maintaining a clear focus on raising academic standards. Although the current publicity is certainly unhelpful it shouldn't detract from a very bright future for Tatworth Primary.

Sunflower Competition

Sunflower seeds have been sent home today for all children in R-Year 5. These have been donated as usual by Mr Frank Long. Sunflower heads will be judged in the Autumn term and prizes and cups presented by Mr Long for children who take part.

Musical Instrument Afternoon

All children and parents are warmly welcomed to a music afternoon on Tuesday 19th April from 3.30-4.30pm. This is an opportunity to meet the peripatetic staff who teach at Tatworth and to discuss and perhaps try out some instruments that your child may be interested in having lessons in. Some instruments that we currently offer tuition in include drums, flute, piano, trombone, voice, guitar and more!

Easter Activities

Please find attached electronically flyers Easter activities for Trill Farm, Axe Valley Easter Flyer & Flamingo Pool.

Calendar

Please find attached a copy of the Summer Term Calendar, a paper copy has also been sent home today. Term dates are also attached reflecting the additional inset day.

Country Dancing Club

During the Summer Term, Country Dancing Club will run every Tuesday after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm led by Mrs Bolton, Mrs Hewitson and Mr Pavey. The club is open to boys and girls in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This year we have entered the Somerset Schools Folk Dance Festival, which takes place on Saturday 11th June in Wells. Each year around eighty schools take part, dancing on the green next to Wells Cathedral. We would like to take a team of at least twenty-four dancers to parade through Wells and then perform the set dances that we will learn each Tuesday. If your child would like to join country dancing club, please fill in and return the form attached. Further details about the Festival will follow during the Summer Term.

Computer Club

ICT Computer Club we will be producing games and programmes using scratch and Kodu this coming term. Also there will be time to experiment and build and design student games.

Summer Term Clubs

Please find the clubs for the Summer Term on the school calendar attached. Please return the permission slip below with payment in the first week back after Easter. All clubs will start in the second week back.

I hope everyone has a restful Easter break, school starts again on Tuesday 12th April.

Yours sincerely



Steve Clarke, Principal

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After School Club Reply Slip:

Name of child: Class Club

I give permission for my child to attend this club after school.

Signed

I enclose £.....payment towards the cost of after school clubs for this term.

(Please return any money in a named envelope)

*****Dates for the Diary*****

April

Monday 11 th	Inset day for Parent Consultations 9am – 7pm.
Tuesday 12 th	Children back to School
Wednesday 13 th	Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School 2.45:Stockland Y3456 Cross Country (A) ST
Thursday 14 th	Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Tuesday 19 th	3.30: Cross Country V Other Schools (A) PT 3.30-4.30 Musical Instrument Afternoon
Wednesday 20 th	Y5/6 Forest School
Thursday 21 st	Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Wednesday 27 th	1.30pm: Y5/6 V St Johns H/B Cricket & Y5/6 Girls Rounders (A) ST Y5/6 Forest School
Thursday 28 th	2.00pm: Y3/4 V St Johns Cricket & Y3/4 Girls Rounders (A) ST Y3/4 Forest School

*****PAFOTS Events*****

Friday 22nd April 2.30pm: PAFOTS Meeting

*****Cake Days*****

Friday 29th April, Friday 27th May, Friday 24th June, Friday 15th July