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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone had a restful break over the holidays, it is nice to see the children back and I hope that everyone has returned to school looking forward to the very busy Summer Term.

Parent Consultations

On Monday we held Parent Consultations from 9am – 7pm, thank you to parents who attended for appointments, many of whom appreciated that the appointments continued through until the evening. There will not be any further consultations for parents beyond this week.

Stockland Cross Country

On Wednesday 13th April we took 14 runners to Stockland Cross Country, the last one of the season. It was a very warm afternoon which made the course different from our previous visits. Everyone worked very hard, children who came in the top 20 were: Holly, Chloe, Hayden and Finlay. Congratulations to Finlay who won 1st place for the top three in the season for Y3/4 boys. We are all very proud of him and his excellent sporting attitude, also well done to the seasons Y3/4 boys who came 3rd overall. This is the last cross country for many; it has been a joy to take children to these events. Remember over the Summer Term to keep on running!

Cross Country V Other Schools

On Wednesday 20th we will be taking part in a Cross Country fixture V Other Schools from the area. We thank the parents for transporting the children to this event. We wish the children good luck! A permission letter has been sent home today.

Maths Scheme Years 1-3

In September we are introducing a new Maths scheme called 'Maths No Problem' - in preparation for this we are teaching some introductory units to the children. This will mean after half term the children in Years 1, 2 & 3 will start learning units from the scheme.

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!

Choir Performance Operaplus

On Wednesday 20th April: children will be rehearsing at Holyrood, from 1pm to 3pm and so will have an early lunch, and leave school at 12.30, returning at 3.30pm. On Friday 22nd: We will also rehearse from 4-5pm at Holyrood. Please could you ensure a prompt arrival at Holyrood Academy for 3.50pm so we can start at 4pm. Children will need to ensure they bring black trousers for the performance, and a bottle of water and snack. At 5pm there will be a short break for their snack before the audience comes in at 5.30pm. Tickets are purchased on the door and are priced at £3/£2 concessions. The performance starts at 5.30pm and will last no more than an hour and half and so children will be able to leave around 7pm. Permission letters have already been sent home. ***Choir is cancelled on Wednesday 20th as we will have no need for additional rehearsal time and voices will need a rest before Friday!***

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PAFOTS Meeting

On Friday 22nd April at 2.30pm PAFOTS are holding a meeting in the staff room at school, please come along and support them. They will be discussing and organising events for this term, which raises vital funds for the school. Do try to come along and help them. Refreshments will be provided!

End of Year Y6 Performance

Additional Performance Date: We have added an additional date to the calendar for the Y6 Performance. The performances will be: Monday 4th July 2.00pm - Y6 Dress Rehearsal, Wednesday 6th - 6.30pm & Thursday 7th July - 6.30pm (ticket priority to Y6 parents). Year 5 will also be supporting the performances this year by taking part as the choir.

Extended Schools.

From half term we will be trialling extending Stay and Play hours by staying open until 5:30pm. We feel that this will help many working parents who finish at 5pm each day as it will give you ample time to collect your child(ren) for 5:30pm. When booking please let Stay and Play know if you would like a later session; this will enable them to make arrangements. If it proves popular and is viable for the school to run, we hope to permanently extend our opening times until 5.30pm from the Autumn Term.

Unfortunately we will have to increase our charges as the school already pays a substantial subsidy for Extended Schools and it needs to be as self-supporting as possible. We also have the introduction of the National Living Wage which will also increase our staffing costs. This increase will begin after half term from Monday 6th June and we will be charging £3:50 an hour, £1:75 for the half hour or £7 for two hours. These charges will apply to both Breakfast Club and Stay and Play. Stay and Play will give a quarter of an hour's grace for those children who have siblings at a Club; however we would like you to pick up your child from Stay and Play first.

From September we will increase the price by a further 50p to £4:00 per hour. This means Tatworth will be in line with what other primary schools in the area charge while still offering excellent value for money for child care.

After School Clubs

Reminder: that clubs start next week, please return slips and payment asap. The permission slip was on newsletter No 26 or paper copy available from the office.

Uniform Order

If anyone would like to order cardigans or polo shirts please return the order form attached my email by Friday 22nd March. Paper copies available from the office.

Chard Carnival Royalty

CHARD Carnival Committee is starting the search for those young people who would like to be this year's Carnival Royalty. The committee has launched the search and is asking for people to start thinking about those who might like to become Miss or Mr Chard and Carnival Princess or Prince. More details are available from Jason Baker chairman of Chard Carnival committee via email at baker.jason@live.co.uk or by phoning 07736310805. The winning entrants will become the "faces" of Chard Carnival 2016 and will take centre stage at the head of the parade when it weaves its way through the town in October.

Chard Tennis Club Open Day

Chard Tennis Club is holding an Open Day tomorrow, Saturday 16th 11am-2pm at Zembards Lane (next to the Cricket Club). There will be free taster sessions from 11am. Just turn up on the day. For more information www.chardtennis.co.uk or 07740 403674.

Chard ADHD Children's Behaviour Support Group

Please find attached by email a flyer for Chard ADHD Support Group, their first meeting will be on Wednesday 27th April 9.30-11.30 at Kelly Leigh School of Dance. For further information please contact Diane on 07969 826064.

Wambrook Waddle – Children's 2K Fun Run

We have flyers for the children's 2K fun run taking place on May 15th at 10am in Wambrook. Any interested children can collect information from Mrs Churchill.

Kilve Court

We have flyers in the office for Summer Course at Kilve Court. They range from: Build a Musical, Colossal Celts, Adventure Writing, The World of Doctor Who, Writing Summer School, Story Allsorts, Formula One Scientists and Watersports Activity Week.

Yours sincerely



Steve Clarke, Principal

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

April

Tuesday 19th	3.30-4.30 Musical Instrument Afternoon
Wednesday 20th	3.30: Cross Country V Other Schools (A) PT Y5/6 Forest School Choir Rehearsal at Holyrood 12.30-3.30 ST
Thursday 21st	Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Friday 22 nd	Choir Performance at Holyrood 3.50-19.00 PT
Wednesday 27 th	1.30pm: Y5/6 V St Johns H/B Cricket & Y5/6 Girls Rounders (A) ST Y5/6 Forest School
Thursday 28th	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