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Dear Parents & Carers

I wanted to outline the changes in the curriculum that will be implemented next year as well as who will be the class teachers in each class.

Reception and KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) No change

Year 3 Miss Morton

Year 4 Mrs Hewitson

Year 5 Mr Pavey

Year 6 Ms Hart and Mrs Webb

Mrs Hewitson will be teaching Maths in Y3/4 and Ms Hart Maths in Y5/6

The school is determined to provide the children a broad and balanced curriculum that builds on the improving standards in the school. The changes that we will be introducing will include:

Focus Days

Focus Days will be taught in the first two days of each half term. Geography, History and RE will be taught through Focus Days and will be taught separately so the children will have two units of the three subjects through the year.

No other subjects will be taught in these two days as Geography, History and RE will not be taught at any other time. The days will allow the children to really get into the topic and will be an efficient use of time as the work will not need to be packed away and got out again the following week. The work will also lead into literacy work especially writing which will follow on from these.

Maths

A new scheme 'Maths No Problem' is being introduced into Y1-Y5, by next year it will extend into next year. Maths will be the main area of development for the school.

Arts Afternoons

These will be introduced on Tuesday afternoons. In KS1 this will mean Art and CDT will be taught on alternate afternoons. Music will continue to be taught separately at KS1 one lesson a week. At KS2 Art, CDT and Music will be rotated every half term across Y3-5. Year 4 will continue with their brass tuition but we'll be able to offer this for the whole year rather than one term which we were only able to do this year. Year 6 will have an extra lesson to prepare for their Sats work but will use the time post Sats (mid May onwards) to integrate their Arts work into the school performance. They will have separate Music lessons throughout the year.

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Forest School and Activity afternoons.

These will continue the same as this year except that we will be adding more sports fixtures to the calendar as we go through the year.

Forest School will now be offered to KS1 with Mrs Berrisford taking the organisational lead for this. The sessions will take place on a Thursday morning for Classes 1 and 2. Half the class will have a Forest School session while the other half will have a gym session with Mrs Churchill. They will swap the following half term. This means every child in KS1 will have the opportunity of experiencing Forest School so they can make an informed decision when they choose between this and Sport at KS2.

Morning Run.

A 10 minute morning run will take place for all the children at the end of the first lesson running into first break 10:10-10:20. This will be non-competitive and will be an opportunity for the children to enjoy physical activity with their friends each day. The children will not need to change their clothes or footwear, will keep sweatshirts on most days and off on a warm day. They won't need trainers but they will need a robust pair of shoes (which the children should be wearing anyway). They will be running on the tarmac and I have included an information leaflet about all the benefits from doing this for the children.

Building work over the Summer

During the holidays we will be improving the acoustics in three of the classrooms. This means that in Classes 3, 4 and 5 we will be lowering the ceilings, attaching sound insulation panels elevations and improving the lighting. We think this will improve the learning environment for all the children in the classes. The other classrooms will be improved Summer 2017.

In addition we will be painting and decorating the west facing side of the school particularly concentrating on the window frames which are badly weathered. We are also replacing the flooring in both the boys and girls toilet area.

Parent Pay

In an attempt to remove all cash from school we are asking all parents to only use our e-payment method to pay for all payments into from the Autumn Term. This can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay or in cash at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo.

Usernames and passwords have been sent home as a paper copy today to all parents with children in years from Reception to Year 5. Please log in to ParentPay www.parentpay.com and activate your account. Hot school meals for the Autumn Term are now live on ParentPay and September bookings for Extended Services and Clubs will be added before we break for the summer. All payments for trips, uniform and activities will be made via ParentPay from the Autumn Term.

Hot School Meals – Live on ParentPay

UIFSM & FSM

We will be using ParentPay for parents to make their selection of hot school meals. Please could parents of children moving into Year 1 & Year 2 in September and those children currently taking FSM log into ParentPay to make their UIFSM meal selections for the Autumn Term. Parents of children in KS2 who would like to have hot meals also need to make their selections and payment in the same way. **All choices need to be completed by Friday 8th July. If your child is not taking the UIFSM meal please also tell the office.**

Pinkery

Welcome back to Year 5 who have been at Pinkery for their residential. They have had a great week, with good weather and everyone enjoyed their time at Pinkery. A special thank you to the team of helpers assisting Mr Pavey, Miss Woodman, Mr Bolton, Mr Thatcher, Mrs Smith and Mrs Joslin.

Axe Valley Transition

Pupils from Y6 who are transferring to the Axe Valley Community College in September have a transition day on Wednesday 29th June.

Country Dancing Club - Somerset Schools' Folk Dance Festival

Well done to all of the Country Dancing team, who took part in this event on Saturday 11th June, alongside children from fifty-eight other Somerset schools. They looked very smart in their costumes as they took part in the procession through Wells and the dancing on the Cathedral Green. We were well supported by the dancers' parents who cheered us on and enjoyed joining in with the final dance! Thank you to Mrs Harding who put together the new school banner and to Pafots for paying for the costumes and the printing. Our dancers were: Y6: Molly, Emma. Y5: Daisy K, Daisy R, Darcie, Hannah, Lola P, Lola S, Naomi, Sophie. Y4: Evie. Y3: Pyper, Eve, Chloe. Here is a report from Molly and Emma: *On Saturday 11th June, fourteen of us went to Wells to a Country Dancing festival. We had a fantastic time but unfortunately it started to rain. We carried on dancing, but sadly it was then called off with several dances to go. We all had a great day and it was a wonderful experience.*

The Country Dancing Team also performed at our school fete. Thank you to the dancers who took part in the display and the audience members who joined in the final dance.

Our club has finished now for this year, so please could all members remember to clean and return their costumes.

Y6 Swimming Gala

Mrs Churchill's report: On Wednesday 22nd June we took all of Y6 to Chard Pool for a Swimming Gala. They took part in lots of events where all abilities enjoyed competing. Langdon won the event with Joslin coming second. Well done to year 6, we were very proud of their attitude in taking part and including everyone!

Y2 Visit to Magdalen Farm

On Monday 27th June Y2 are visiting Magdalen Farm, as per the permission letter children will need to wear old warm clothes, a waterproof jacket and Wellington boots or old shoes. As we will be wading in the river during the afternoon please provide a change of clothes (including socks and shoes) for the return journey to school. **Please ensure your child has a packed lunch, in a disposable bag, and a plastic bottle for their drink which can be refilled during the day.** If it is a sunny day, please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before coming to school and provide a sun hat in the bag. Should your child need to take any additional medical equipment (inhalers etc.) please ensure they take them in their bags and inform the class teacher.

Quad Kids Athletics

On Wednesday 29th June we take children to Holyrood to take part in Quad Kids. The school will be providing transport and permission letters have already been sent home. The following children have been selected: Findlay D, Jenson, Holly G, Ruby H, Sam G, Flynn, Darcie, Lola P, Oliver B, Aaron, Emmie, & Chloe P.

Girls' Cricket Final

On Thursday 30th the girls will take part in the County Cricket Finals at Street Cricket Club. Parents have been asked to help with transporting the team. They have done really well to get this far. Permission letters have been sent home and the following pupils have been selected: Emmie, Catherine, Tierney, Hannah, Darcie, Lola S, Holly G & Amy D. We wish them Good Luck!

Uniform Order

Please find attached an order form for polo shirts and cardigans. (Sweatshirts are held in stock). If any parents would like to place an order please return the order form with payment to the office by Friday 8th July.

Y6& Y5 Show/Leavers Service

Mrs Harding has very kindly offered to video our end of year show & leavers service. Copies will be available (for private use) from her. If parents would like to order one for small a charge please see the office.

Mr Bulbeck's Summer Club

Please find attached a form for Mr Bulbeck's holiday club which will be running on Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd August between 10am and 3pm each day.

Yours sincerely



Steve Clarke
Principal

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

June

Monday 27 th June	Y2 Visit to Magdalen Farm
Wednesday 29 th	1.15pm: Y456 Quad Kids Athletics at Holyrood (A) ST Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 30 th	Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School 8.30: Girls' Cricket Final Street CC (A) PT
Friday 1 st July	Swimming Y6 & Y3 (1.7.16/8.7.16.15.7.16)

July

Tuesday 5 th	2.00pm: Y3456 Swimming Gala at Cresta PT (A)
Wednesday 6 th	1.00pm: Y5/6 V Stockland Boys Cricket & Girls Rounders ST (A) Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 7 th	Thursday 7 th July Sports Day . KS2:11am-1pm, KS1 (including Reception) 2.10pm-3.20pm
Wednesday 13 th 24	2.00pm:Y5/6 V Stockland Boys Cricket & Y5/6 Girls Rounders (H) Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 14 th	Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School

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

Friday 15th July KS2/Y6 Leavers Disco 6.30 – 8pm (Y6 may arrive at 6pm for BBQ)

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

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