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Dear Parents & Carers

No 11 Newsletter

School Photographs

School photographs have been sent home today, they all look fantastic! We hope that parents will be pleased with their selections.

Pupil Premium

Thank you for your support in returning the Pupil Premium forms. Letters have been sent out to those children receiving already Pupil Premium detailing how they can claim their benefits of a school jumper, Stay & Play sessions, free meals and discount off of trips. We hope to have news soon on the new claims that we have recently submitted. We are able to submit forms at any time during the year so please do let us know if you think you may qualify. Ms Hart.

School Meals

On the last day of term, Thursday 21st December, there will be no hot lunches at school due to our provider kitchen being closed. **Please send in a packed lunch for children who usually have hot meals on the 21st December.**

Spring Term Menu

The Spring Term Menu is now live on parentpay. Parents who would like their children to have hot meals in the Spring Term are asked to make their selections for the whole term until the end of March **by Friday 1st December.** If your child is having a packed lunch please just let the office know.

Christmas Meal

Letters were sent home last week about the Christmas Meal at school taking place on Wednesday 13th December. The meal is for R & KS1 and those children already taking hot meals in KS2. The return date for the slips was today, if anyone would like to still order a meal please contact the office on Monday morning. This meal will replace the usual roast meal that day but a dessert choice is also needed in advance so we can order correctly from the caterers.

Prickly Hay Production

Costume and ticket letters were sent home this week for children in Reception, Y1 & Y2. The production of 'Prickly Hay' will take place on Tuesday 12th December and Wednesday 13th December at 6.00 pm in the school hall as well as a dress rehearsal on Monday 11th December at 2.15 pm. If you would like to apply for tickets please return the slip. **Due to health and safety regulations tickets are limited to 2 per family regardless of the number of children you have.** You may use these to come to one performance

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or one ticket for one performance and one ticket for another. As in previous years, there will be no charge for tickets but there will be a retiring collection for our chosen charity this year, which is 'Star – Somerset Trust for Arts & Recreation' STAR is a charity for Somerset children designated as in need. Their aim is to provide opportunities through music, sport; art and recreation to young people aged 5-25 who are most disadvantaged. ***The children in school will have seen this production so we would be grateful if you do not use your tickets for school age children. Preschool have been invited to the dress rehearsal. 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 Thursday, 30 November, please ask at the office if you require more tickets.

Cake Day

We will hold an additional cake day next Friday 1st December, as this one caught a few parents out - as we didn't have many cakes to sell! Please support our fundraising by sending in cakes for the children to buy as well as 10p to buy a cake!

Year 1 Maths Workshops

On Monday and Tuesday this week, Y1 parents and carers were invited to attend a maths workshop in the hall. During the session, Mrs Hewitson demonstrated some of the maths games and activities in the Y1 maths games packs, which the children will be bringing home.

Playing games at home is a great way to get children talking about maths and is a chance for children to show their parents what they have learnt at school. Whilst children are enjoying playing games, they are also practising their maths skills of recalling facts and working with numbers, in order to try to win the game. The children joined in with the workshop, and enjoyed playing games, talking about numbers and trying to beat their parents! The first Y1 maths games pack was sent home yesterday... have fun! Mrs Hewitson



Wellington School Maths Challenge 2017

Tomorrow morning, four Year 6 children are attending this year's Wellington School Maths Challenge with Mrs Hewitson and their parents. Each year, about fifty local primary schools take part in this team event. This year's team are: Katie, Monty, Riley and William. Good luck! Mrs Hewitson.

Parents only taking own children

Please be reassured that there is a procedure in place for any children not collected at the end of the school day. They will be brought back into school by a member of staff. Could we therefore ask that parents direct children to a teacher. Many thanks. Ms Hart.

Reading Forum

We held our very first reading forum yesterday afternoon, thanks to those that attended. We started to write our flyer on how to encourage reading through lots of different ways. It was decided that half termly meetings would be useful. The next meeting will be Wednesday 24th January where we hope to finish our flyer ready to send out to our school community. Anybody who is a 'whizz' on the computer and/or parents, grandparents or friends of the school would very much be welcomed to come along and join us, as we have many ideas to develop. Ms Hart.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Don't forget to send in tree decorations by Friday 1st December as the tree will go up after school!



Stockland Cross Country

On Wednesday we took 16 children to Stockland races. Each race had over 76 children taking part. We had four newcomers with us and they were amazing. Children who came in the top 20 were Poppy 4th, Amber 9th, Betty 19th, Joseph 17th, Kendra 8th, Monty 13th and Riley 18th. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Miss Kelly for marshalling.

Y5/6 Football V Kings Hall

On Wednesday we took two football teams to Kings Hall School, the 'a' team played in an extremely close game which ebbed and flowed throughout, Kings took an early 2-0 lead which we battled back from to lead 4-2. However the home teams' pressure eventually told despite some exceptional saves from Kieran and the result finished 4-4. The 'b' team produced an excellent all round team performance in windy conditions and finished winning comfortably 6-0. Well played to all. Mr Bulbeck.

Y5/6 Football V Avishayes – cancelled – this will be reorganised in the Spring Term.

Y5/6 Football/Hockey V Chard School

On Wednesday 29th we have a home fixture of football and hockey V Chard School starting at 2.15pm and finishing at 3.30pm. The following children have been selected: Football: Kieran, Sam Gu, Riley H, Holly G, Harrison L, Sam D, Monty D, Oliver D & William. Hockey: Pyper, Kendra, Phoebe G, Ruby, Sophie, Lily, Willow, Ellie, Megan & Summer. Parents are welcome to come along and support.

Y3/4 Girls Hockey V Kings Hall

On Thursday 30th we take 16 girls to Kings Hall for a hockey fixture. We will be leaving at 1.15pm and returning for 4.45pm. The school are providing transport for the team and ask that parents give consent /make a transport contribution via parentpay. The selected children are: Poppy B, Lola D, Betty, Amber, Macy, Marcie, Paige, Rhianna, Laura, Isabelle H, Megan J, Ellie R, Summer S, Rebekah, Nikita & Martha.

Christmas Bazaar

A flyer is attached from PAFOTS for their Christmas Bazaar on Friday 8th December. Lots of Christmas craft stalls with items made by your children! Please come along and support our fundraising from 3.30 – 5pm.

Reminder: NMO Fundraising

Please find attached a flyer for today's event which runs until late - which is supporting and raising awareness of NMO.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Clarke".

Steve Clarke, Principal

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| November | |
| Wednesday 29 th | 2.15pm: Y5/6 Football/Hockey V Chard School (H) PC Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School |
| Thursday 30 th | 1.15pm: Y3/4 Girls Hockey V Kings Hall (A) ST Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School |
| December | |
| Friday 1 st | School Christmas Tree Up & Stage |
| Wednesday 6 th | 2.10pm: Y5/6 Football/Hockey V Stockland (H) PC Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School |
| Thursday 7 th | 3.30:Y5/6 Football V Avishayes (H) Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School |
| Friday 8 th | 3.30 -5.30pm: Christmas Bazaar (no gym club) |
| Monday 11 th | 2.15pm: Rehearsal KS1 Christmas Show |
| Tuesday 12 th | 1.45: Choir to Kents Lane Care Home for Carols. 6pm: Evening performance |
| Wednesday 13 th | Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School 6pm: Evening Performance |
| Thursday 14 th | Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School |
| Friday 15 th | 6.30 – 8pm: KS2 Christmas Disco |
| Thursday 21 st | No hot meals / Parents to provide packed lunches |
| Last day of term | |

PAFOTS EVENTS

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| Friday 8 th | 3.30 -5.30pm: Christmas Bazaar (no gym club) |
| Friday 15 th | 6.30 – 8pm: KS2 Christmas Disco |

Cake Days

Friday 1st December extra day!

Last Friday in each month/term: 10p for a cake, please also make/bring cakes for children to sell!