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Dear Parents & Carers

No 12 Newsletter

Arrival at School

I would like to remind parents that children are only to enter via the front of the school when they are late for school. A member of staff is on duty in the playground from 8.35am. We have had quite a few parents in school early in the mornings looking for uniform or bringing in cakes etc. This delays teachers who are busy preparing for the day and need to be collecting their class promptly from the playground. Teachers are of course happy to speak to parents at the start of the day if the matter is urgent.

Cake Day: Cakes are to be taken directly into their classroom and not via the main entrance & if cake money is forgotten we can pass a message to the class and monies can be paid later.

Slips & Letters: Slips and letters should be sent into class where they are collected and sent up to the office in the class folders. Please remind your child to hand them in!

Lost Property: Please also look for lost property at the office and in the classrooms at the end of the day. This will really help us have a smoother start to the day, when we are at our busiest.

Thank you for your support. Mr Clarke.

Behaviour for Learning Celebration

The following pupils received certificates in assembly to celebrate their excellent behaviour towards learning: Reception: Hannah, Y1: Joshua H & Sophia, Y2: Benjamin & Amelia, Y3: Jasper & Jamie, Y4: Paige & Henry, Y5: Ellie & Eve, Y6: Phoebe & Holly.

Platinum Bag

An excellent piece of work from Oscar F Y1, Joseph Y5 & Joshua Y2 was shown in assembly to celebrate their hard work. Well done!

Class Four visit from Miss Youngs

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Youngs, an Advisory Teacher of the Deaf from the Hearing Support Team, visited Year 4, who have been learning about sound in science this half term, to talk about hearing and hearing loss. Miss Youngs explained the parts of the ear and how it works. She went on to talk about what happens when damage or blockage leads to hearing impairment. Class 4 thought about the problems that could cause and how it would feel to face those challenges. They even tried out a hearing aid and found out what it is like to listen to all of the sounds of the classroom being amplified! They discovered that there are some simple things they can do to help friends and family members who suffer from hearing impairment and thought it would be good to share these with you – please see the attached sheet.

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Year 4 thought the visit was 'really interesting' and enjoyable:



Olivia "We tried hearing aids and when we tried them, they gave a humming, buzzing noise and it's hard to hear things."

Cameron "I learnt about the cochlea; it was cool to learn about the ear!"

Micaela "We watched a video about what it was like for a girl who wears hearing aids. When the boy faced away from the girl, she couldn't hear what he was saying."

Wellington School Maths Challenge

On Saturday 25th November, four children from Year 6 went to Wellington School to compete in this year's Maths Challenge. Alongside teams from over forty Somerset schools, our team had one hour to work together to solve twenty-five questions on a range of maths topics. After all of the answer sheets were marked and the scores were added up...we came third! Huge congratulations to the team: Katie, Monty, Riley and William. They worked well as a team and should be really proud of their achievement.



Report from Katie: When we got there we all felt excited but a little bit nervous. About 10 minutes later, the Headteacher blew his whistle and we went to the maths department which was on the other side of the road. Then he blew the whistle again to start and stop the competition. We answered all 25 questions in 30 minutes. After that we went to the food hall to get a cookie while they marked our work. We came third and got two cube souvenirs.

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Here are some of the questions from the Maths Challenge for children and parents to have a go at! If you can solve them, please write down your answer and hand it to Mrs Hewitson on Monday – you may win a prize!

Q13. The first three terms of a sequence are 2, 5 and 8.
What is the one hundredth term of the sequence?

A.
298

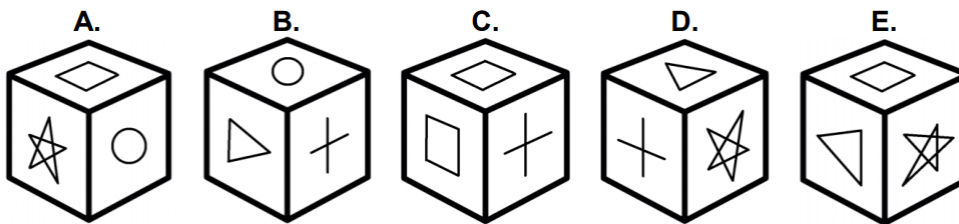
B.
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C.
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D.
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E.
302

Q20. Here are five pictures of cubes. Which one is not a picture of the same cube as the others?



Mr Clarke's Retirement

As you know Mr Clarke is leaving at the end of term and I write to let parents know about what we have planned! **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TOP SECRET AND NOT TO BE SHARED WITH MR CLARKE!**

Steve's Special Day

The school will be saying goodbye to Mr Clarke on Wednesday 20th December. We are holding special day for him as he retires from Tatworth and to celebrate his love of sports, we are holding a sports activity day. PE Kits will be sent home on the Tuesday afternoon and children are asked to come to school dressed in non-uniform but in sports clothing, joggers, leggings etc. They will also need coats, trainers and wellies, as well as an extra drink. We would also like to encourage everyone to travel to school in a sporty way, on a scooter, running, walking, riding a bike etc. The day will be a whole school mix up! (with all classes mixed up together). Sessions will be spilt into half hour slots to introduce the children to a wider range of sporting activities, such as welly walks, orienteering, netball, football, table tennis, parachute games and dancing to name a few.

Leaving Collection for Mr Clarke

We are also collection donations for Mr Clarke's leaving gift, which will also have a sporty theme! Parents who may wish to make a donation can do so via parentpay. Slips will be available from the office for anyone else who is not a parent at school and may like to donate.

School Christmas Tree / Decoration Competition

The tree goes up tonight in the hall, thanks for all the wonderful decorations. Pafots will be announcing winners next week.

Christmas Cards

As usual the Christmas post box will be in the library on Monday for children to post any Christmas cards they would like to post. Christmas stamps may be purchased for 1p per stamp during break times at school. Please send money in to school with your child which goes to our chosen charity 'Star'.

Forthcoming Events:

Choir: The choir will be performing at Kent's Lane Care Home during the day on 12th December, permission slips have already been sent home.

Prickly Hay

On Tuesday 12th December and Wednesday 13th December KS1 & Reception have their performance of Prickly Hay at 6.00 pm in the school hall as well as a dress rehearsal on Monday 11th December at 2.15 pm. All the tickets have gone for Tuesday but we still a few left for the Wednesday performance and the dress rehearsal. Costumes are asked to be in school by next Tuesday.

Class Parties

On Monday 18th December bring in a festive snack & party clothes to change into for the afternoon.

Last day of term

Christmas Jumper Day: On the 21st December we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Children may wear a festive jumper with their school uniform upon payment of £1 for the charity.

Hot Lunches: Reminder that all children will need a packed lunch this day.

Carols Around The Tree: At 2.15pm we will have carols around the tree, parents and friends are welcome to attend and PAFOTS will be providing refreshments! We will also be collecting for our chosen charity STAR, 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 - please give generously.

Reminder: Christmas Bazaar

Next Friday we have the PAFOTS Christmas Bazaar. Lots of Christmas craft stalls with items made by your children! Please come along and support our fundraising from 3.30 – 5pm. (there is no gym club).

Reminder: Hot Lunches

The Spring Term Menu is now live on parentpay. Parents who would like their children to have hot meals in the Spring Term were 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. Please ensure you have made your selections!

Swimming

As part of the national curriculum KS2 will be taking part in swimming sessions in the Spring Term. the timetable below shows the return time to school for children in session 2:

Dates	Session 1	Session 2 (4pm return)
25.1.18	Year 5	Year 6
1.2.18	Year 5	Year 6
8.2.18	Year 6	Year 5
22.2.18	Year 6	Year 5
1.3.18	Year 3	Year 4
8.3.18	Year 3	Year 4
15.3.18	Year 4	Year 3
22.3.18	Year 4	Year 3

Please could children tie back long hair or wear a swimming hat and remember to take a swimsuit, towel and goggles, if children have them. Children may also wear a rash vest if they wish. If your child has an asthma inhaler or any other necessary medications, please can they ensure that they take them with them to the pool.

Letters were sent home this week and parents are asked to give consent and pay £18 for the four swimming sessions in advance via parentpay or by taking the individually barcoded letter and cash to anywhere that displays a paypoint sign. Pupil premium children may have a discount of £10 as their trip allowance, please let the office know and the discount will be applied. Fees may be paid at any time from now but before your child's sessions commence. No cash will be accepted into school. We are unable to allow children to swim without consent and children will sit poolside.

We will be reviewing the swimming provision for 2019 to ensure that our children get enough sessions to improve their swimming skills. This will hopefully mean that we do not come back late in the day and hope to be able to offer more sessions with the amount of time spent in the pool increased.

Y5/6 Football/Hockey V Chard School

Report by Phoebe: On Wednesday we had a home game of hockey V Chard School. We won 4-3 with all goals scored by Sophie but set up by the rest of the team. Everyone played very well & Ruby was players' player. Thank you for all the cakes and biscuits, very tasty!

Mr Bulbeck's Report: On Wednesday we played a home Y5/6 football match against Chard school, we started very strongly and played some excellent flowing attacking football throughout the team and finished winning very comfortably 15-1. Well played to all.

Y3/4 Girls Hockey V Kings Hall

Mrs Churchill's Report: On Thursday we took 13 girls to Kings Hall. This was a very steep learning curve for some but we were all very excited having the opportunity to play on an Astro turf. All the girls worked very hard but unfortunately we didn't win. Great job from Marcie and Rebekah: who were the team captains. Laura sums up the day by saying "We had lots of fun and met lots of nice people". The words spoken by Megan made myself and Mrs Martin very proud "It's not the winning it's the taking part that counts!"

Forthcoming Fixtures

Y5/6 Hockey V Other @ Holyrood

On Tuesday 5th we take a hockey team to Holyrood to take part in the cluster group tournament V other schools from the area. We will be leaving at 1.30pm, parents have been asked to transport the children and we still need drivers, please let us know if you can help. We will return to school for 4.15pm approx. The selected children are: Ruby, Sam D, Kendra, Holly, Phoebe, Harrison, Oliver & Sam G.

Y5/6 Football/Hockey V Stockland

On Wednesday 6th we have home fixture V Stockland starting at 2.10pm. The following children have been selected and permission letters have been sent home: Football: Kieran, Riley, Sam Gu, Holly, Harrison, Sam D, Oliver D, Monty, William, Oscar, George B, Harry D, Toby, Harrison D, Calum & Sidney. Hockey: Sophie, Eve, Pyper, Kendra, Emma F, Ellie F, Matilda, Willow, Emma P, Caitlin, Megan, Lily, Kirra, Phoebe, Ruby, Sammy, Nancy & Summer.

Y5/6 Football V Avishayes

On Thursday 7th we have a home fixture V Avishayes starting at 3.30pm finishing approx. 4.30pm. The following children have been selected: Kieran, Samuel G, Riley, Holly, Sam D, Harrison, Monty, Oliver D & William.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

December

Tuesday 5 th	1.30pm: Y5/6 Hockey V Other @ Holyrood (A) PT
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 Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Wednesday 13 th	6pm: Evening Performance Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 14 th	6.30 – 8pm: KS2 Christmas Disco
Friday 15 th	2pm: Class Parties
Monday 18 th	Last day of term
Thursday 21 st	No hot meals / Parents to provide packed lunches Xmas Jumper Day (Save the Children).

PAFOTS EVENTS

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

Cake Days

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