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## **Newsletter No 18**

Dear Parents & Carers

Goodness what another busy and successful week, we have had Reception Maths Workshops, Forest School making bird feeders, Y6 Environment Meeting, Perrott Hill Sports success for Y3/4, our first swimming sessions started and our children made the papers again!

### **SATS Information Evening**

Thank you to all those that attended the SATS information evening on Monday, it was fantastic to see so many Y5 & Y6 parents. To follow up on some of your questions: I have contacted Holyrood Academy and they have confirmed that they use the SATS information to guide towards groups for Science and Maths in Y7. They also agreed that the individual Sat's analysis is sent to the secondary school and that this information is used to identify teaching areas and to build in missing gaps for the children. Sam Davis, Vice Principal is happy speak to any parents who would like to discuss how SATS are used at Holyrood and preparation for transition. She went on to say that SATS are excellent preparation for testing at KS3 & 4 as GCES do not have any coursework element. Just to confirm that Y6 homework will change this term so children are well prepared for SATS. Please come in and discuss any concerns or questions you may still have.

### **Reception Maths Workshops**



We had a great response to our invitation to Reception parents to come along to school and take part in a Maths Workshop. On Monday and Tuesday this week, our Reception children and parents enjoyed playing maths games and listening to a maths story. Mrs Hewitson showed games from the homework packs that the Reception children have brought home for the first time this week. As this is their first experience of maths homework, we want the children to enjoy doing it – and playing games is a great way for children to practise their maths skills whilst having fun. Some homework packs contain two Maths books for parents and children to read, discuss and enjoy together. Mrs Hewitson read the start of The Enormous Pumpkin to both groups – but the children will need to wait until they have Book Pack 11 to hear how the story ends! Thank you to all of the parents who attended the workshops.

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### Reading Forum Update

After our second meeting this week I am pleased to confirm that the Reading Forum have arranged for a local author to come to school to talk to and work with the children in Y456. Emma Carroll was a teacher for 19 years and is now a successful author and creative writing tutor. Some of her books include Letters from the Lighthouse, In Darkling Wood & Frost Hollow Hall. Her latest release Sky Chasers is set in France in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and is an adventure story about a boy wanting to be the first to fly a hot air balloon. Emma will be in school on the morning of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and after working with the children she is happy to sign copies of her book. If you would like your child to have one of these copies they can be prepaid at Chard Bookshop @ £6.99 or bring **cash into school on the day in a named envelope**. In addition the Reading Forum have been thinking about World Book Day on 1<sup>st</sup> March so please look out for their 'Reading in an Unusual Place' competition, and an explanation of what we are doing this World Book Day!



### Pupil Premium

In October we asked everyone to complete Pupil Premium forms. These forms can be completed at any time of the year, even if you have already completed one. If anyone's circumstances have changed a form can be collected from the office. Qualifying children can receive the following items this year: A school jumper, 10 Stay and Play sessions, one termly club & a discount off education trips.

**Attendance** This week's Class Attendance winners are: **Y4 with 100% – Well done!**

Class	Percentage Attendance %	Number of Lates
Reception	97.6	10
Year 1	96.55	7
Year 2	98.85	5
Year 3	99.06	2
Year 4	100!	1
Year 5	97.19	2
Year 6	97.10	2

### Assemblies

Continuing our 'Courage' theme, the children have been learning about George and the Dragon this week. I have also asked the children **not** to bring in slime or putty into school as we have had a couple of incidents with uniform and hair.

Just a reminder on the 9<sup>th</sup> February we will be having our Sharing Assemblies, KS1 12-1 and KS2 2.15 - 3.30, followed by time to look around the classrooms and the library with your child to see all the wonderful things they have been learning this half term.

### Residential to Pixies Holt

In the summer, Year 5 are heading to Dartmoor for a week of activities and exploration, a letter has been sent home today. In order to keep the price as low as possible for parents we are needing to raise £300 to support this exciting trip. Y5 will be taking part in a 'sponsored knot' where they will learn to tie 11 knots and earn money for each one learned. We do hope parents of Y5 will support their children. They are also holding number quiz open to everyone – simply identify the phrases based on their initials and numbers & win a hamper! Entries cost £1 and sheets can be collected from the office. (Closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> February).

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### **Y6 Environment Meeting**

Y6 met with me today after writing letters to persuade me to improve our understanding and commitment to the environment. Following this meeting they will be talking to each class to ensure everyone is recycling paper and card in their classrooms. They will be contacting the Council to see if we can recycle our plastic bags/packageing after eating our lunch and the school will now for the next year sponsor an endangered animal – more information to follow.

### **Village Safety**

Unfortunately we have been asked to pass on a message from our neighbours. With some of the lanes near school being without pavements it can be more dangerous for pedestrians when cars are speeding past. Please can I give a gentle reminder to drive carefully near our school. Thank you.

### **Sports**

#### **Y3/4 Hockey V Perrott Hill**

Mr Bulbeck's Report: On Wednesday we took two year 3/4 teams to Perrott Hill school for a game of Hockey, for a few children it was their first game of hockey and they all did extremely well. The first game started well for us and we were soon 1-0 up, the opposition equalised briefly but we pulled ahead again to win 3-1. The second game was a much more comfortable game and one we were always in control of, with the final score being 5-0. Really well done to all that played.

#### **Y3/4 Netball V Stockland**

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> we have three fixtures!

Y3/4 have a Netball fixture at Stockland. Permission letters have been sent home, we have asked parents to help us transport the children and still need a driver. We are leaving school at 1.15 and returning for approx. 4.15pm. Please let us know by Monday, 9 am if you can help. The selected children are: Poppy B, Beatriz, Amber, Marcie, Olivia, Laura & Isabelle.

#### **Y4 V Hockey V Stockland**

Y4 have a home Hockey fixture V Stockland starting at 2.15pm and finishing at 3.30pm. The following children have been selected: Reuben, Leon, Oliver, Morgan, Dexter, Joseph G, Riley, Alfie & Harry W.

#### **Y5/6 Football V Avishayes**

Y5/6 have also have an away fixture V Avishayes that day. We have asked parents to help us transport the children and still need a driver. We are leaving school at 3.30pm and returning for 4.30pm approx. The selected children are: Kieran, Riley, Sam Gu, Holly, Sam D, Finlay, Harrison & Oliver.

### **Swimming**

Reminder: Next week Y5 swim first and Y6 2<sup>nd</sup> (back at 4pm).

### **Holyrood Cross Country Press Release**

As we reported last week Holyrood Academy in Chard hosted the local primary school cross country fun run earlier this month for young runners. The event took place on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, and 212 eager athletes from Ashill, Avishayes, Buckland, Chard, Combe, Manor Court, Neroche, Redstart and Tatworth tackled the course in freezing, wet and extremely muddy conditions producing some competitive races and nail-biting finishes!

Pictured in the attached link are the first 15 runners to cross the line from each category. They are now eligible to represent the Chard cluster in the area cross country later this year.

<https://www.holyroodacademy.com/news/2018/01/22/primary-cross-country/359/>

### **PAFOTS Valentines Quiz**

PAFOTS are holding a Valentines Quiz at 6pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at the Memorial Hall, please come along and support them. Teams of 6, bar and sweet shop!

### **Mr Bulbeck's Holiday Club**

Mr Bulbeck is running a half term holiday sports club on **Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February**. Fun activities and sports will take place at Tatworth Primary School between 10.00am and 3.00pm. If your child/children would like to attend any (or both) of the days on offer, please fill in the reply slip below and return to Tatworth School office by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February with payment (cash or cheque payable to M Bulbeck). Please provide a packed lunch and drinks for your child and suitable outdoor clothing.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

### **January**

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 1.15: Y34 Netball V Stockland (A) PT  
2.15: Y4 V Hockey V Stockland (H) MT  
3.30: Y5/6 Football V Avishayes (A) PT  
Y5/6 Forest School/Sports Practise

### **February**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 1.00: Swimming 1st:Y5, 2nd: Y6  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Author Emma Carroll to visit  
During PE: Y34 Inter House Dodgeball (H)  
Y3/4 Forest School/Sports Practise  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Y1 Inter House Multi Skills run by Y5  
1.00: Swimming 1st:Y6, 2nd: Y5  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Sharing Day  
12-1.00pm: KS1. 2.15-3.30pm: KS2  
**Half Term - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 8.45:Y4 Visit to Wells Cathedral  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Y2 Visit to Magdalen Project  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 2.15: Y3/4 Inter House Netball (H)  
Y3/4 Forest School  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1.00: Y5/6 County Hockey (A) PT  
1.00: Swimming 1st:Y6, 2nd: Y5  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 12.30:Y5/6 Hi 5 Netball V Other Holyrood (A) PT  
Y5/6 Forest School/Sports Practise  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 2.15:Y5/6 Inter House Netball (H)  
2.45: Y3456 Stockland X Country (A) ST

### **PAFOTS Events**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm: Valentine Quiz Memorial Hall  
Cake Days: Last Friday in each month or term: 10p for a cake, please also make/bring cakes for children to sell!