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Dear Parents & Carers

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I will start by thanking all those parents and carers that took the time to send in words and phrases while we look at rewriting our vision and learning motto. I feel it is very important that everyone's voices are heard and the children have also been asked to contribute, as have governors and staff. Early next week we will finalising these and shortlisting, ready for everyone to have a final vote. It is important that we reflect our community, childrens' learning and aspirations in our motto and look forward to receiving your vote.

First Pop-In Session ☺

I am looking forward to our first pop-in session on Tuesday 6th at 2.15pm – 3.15pm, where I hope to be able to answer any questions, queries or hear your suggestions. I haven't yet bought the biscuits but there will be a healthy snack available!

Y1 Writing



This week Y1 have had 'the nature around us' as their stimulus for writing, this has proved really successful and I just wanted to share this with you. Mrs Berrisford brought in beech leaves that they explored with our senses and the class went on a snowdrop hunt with Mrs Reid; where they spotted lots of snowdrops in Mrs Anderson's wonderful garden.



Y5 Competition

The staff are very competitive trying to solve Y5 and Mr Pavey's quiz – so please remember to take part; enter with your pound as the hamper should not really be won by a member of staff!

Behaviour for Learning Celebration

The following pupils received certificates in assembly to celebrate their excellent behaviour towards learning: Y1: Tyler W & Tyler H, Y2: Demisha & Lewis, Y3: Isabelle & Jack, Y4: Abigail & Harry W, Y5: Liam T & Joshua.

Platinum Bag

Excellent pieces of work from children in Reception: Dylan, Y1: Joshua H, Y2: Julia, Y3: Nikita, Y5: Riley B were shown in assembly to celebrate their hard work. Well done!

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Attendance This week's Class Attendance winners are Y6 with 99.35% – **Well done!**

Class	Percentage Attendance %	Number of Lates
Reception	99	7
Year 1	95.52	4
Year 2	98.08	1
Year 3	95.63	2
Year 4	97	0
Year 5	98.13	2
Year 6	99.35	1

Photo of Y4 winners last week who had 100% Attendance!



Punctuality

Children line up in the main bottom playground at 8.45 am and the Reception Class door closes at 8.50am. I have monitored this in the last two weeks and am pleased to report that families are able to move between the bottom playground and the Reception playground before the Reception door is closed. Mrs Bolton starts her morning activities at 8.50 am so it is fantastic that all the children are making it in on time. A member of staff will be in the playground from 8.40am and we are happy for parents to leave when the children start to line up.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped this week with sporting fixtures it really helps to keep down costs when you help us transport the children. Sometime the sports events are later back than we plan, be rest assured we very much try to calculate our return time to alleviate any waiting around, which I know sometimes happens. If there is going to be a long delay or change we always try to let parents know either by text or by putting up a notice if it is after the end of the school day.

If anyone is concerned about timings please contact myself, as the PE staff's priority is making sure that everyone goes home safely.

Swimming

The swimming groups change next week so at 1.00pm Y6 will leave and 2nd: Y5. **Y6 children will need lunchboxes on Thursday for the next two weeks. Year 5 will now return later at 4pm approx.**

Sharing Day

Reminder: Next Friday 9th we have our Sharing Day; parents are invited to come into school for the Sharing Assemblies where the children will proudly show you what they have been learning about this term followed by time to look around the classrooms and the library with your child.

KS1: 12-1.00pm & KS2: 2.15-3.30pm.

Positive Action Club

The Government have highlighted the importance of physical activity and wellbeing and have supported schools to get all children active through a Sport's Grant. At Tatworth we are spending this grant in many different ways, and have decided to run a Positive Action Club. The aim of this club is to help children enjoy sport and see the positive impact it can have in a small group of similar children. The club has been running this half term and invitation letters were sent home this week for next half term. As there is no charge please could parents return the reply slips to confirm that their child will attend the club.

Author Visit

Don't forget: Next week Emma Carroll will be in school on the morning of Wednesday 7th 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 1st 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!



Cake Day 50p

We all enjoy our cake day once a month on a Friday and all money raised helps support those extra activities in school; to make it easier we are asking parents to pay 50p cash which will cover all the cake days left this year and in September £1 for the whole year. Teachers will hold class tick lists which will also help us know if you wish your child to have a cake. This will smooth the process for collecting the 10p's and also help parents not have to find change each month.

Uniform Order

If you would like to order a cardigan or polo shirt for your child please order on parentpay by Thursday 8th February. We do not keep these items in stock and the next order will be in the Summer Term. The order will arrive early March.

Y34 Netball V Stockland

Mrs Churchill's Report: A big thank you to the seven Y3/4 girls who played Stockland on Wednesday. You were all fab and I was very proud of you all. We won 2-1, players' player went to Poppy, great team work. Thank you to parents who helped drive we really appreciate you giving up your time.

Y4 V Hockey V Stockland

Mr Bulbeck's Report: On Wednesday we played a Y4 game of hockey at home against Stockland. In very cold conditions we passed and dribbled the ball with superb control, player of the match Oliver showed excellent game awareness and technique in leading Tatworth to a 5-1 victory.

Y6 Football V Avishayes

Mr Bulbeck's Report: On Wednesday we played a Y6 football match away to Avishayes, in cold and muddy conditions we produced some outstanding football to recover from an early set back to lead at half time 5-1. In the second half we controlled the tempo of the game and were always in control, Riley being particularly impressive in his reading of the play and excellent distribution, the final score being 8-3 to Tatworth. Well done to all.

Mr Bulbeck's Holiday Club

Reminder: 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 8th 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

February

Tuesday 6 th	2.15– 3.15: Pop In Session
Wednesday 7 th	Author Emma Carroll to visit During PE: Y3/4 Inter House Dodgeball (H) Y3/4 Forest School/Sports Practise
Thursday 8 th	Y1 Inter House Multi Skills run by Y5 1.00: Swimming 1st:Y6, 2nd: Y5
Friday 9 th	Sharing Day 12-1.00pm: KS1. 2.15-3.30pm: KS2

Half Term - Monday 12th – Friday 16th

Monday 19 th	8.45:Y4 Visit to Wells Cathedral
Tuesday 20 th	Y2 Visit to Magdalen Project
Wednesday 21 st	2.15: Y3/4 Inter House Netball (H) Y3/4 Forest School
Thursday 22 nd	1.00: Y5/6 County Hockey (A) PT 1.00: Swimming 1st:Y6, 2nd: Y5
Tuesday 27 th	12.30:Y5/6 Hi 5 Netball V Other Holyrood (A) PT Y5/6 Forest School/Sports Practise
Wednesday 28 th	2.15:Y5/6 Inter House Netball (H) 2.45: Y3/4/5/6 Stockland X Country (A) ST

PAFOTS Events

Friday 9th 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!