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Dear Parents & Carers

No 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to the Autumn Term and to our new pupils joining this term. All the children have settled in really well and it has been a great start to term. I am also pleased that punctuality has been very good this week and I would like this to continue.

Headship

A reminder that I will not be in school on Monday and Tuesdays; Ms Hart will be the Headteacher on those days, please contact her if there are any concerns.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

On Monday we are giving parents the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher. This will be an informal meeting to find out the class routines, expectations and information relevant to each class. Parents are asked to sign up for meetings (in the foyer). Timings are: 3.35pm, 4.10pm & 4.50pm.

Universal Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Grant

Please find attached an important letter about UFSM and PP, please read the letter carefully as we may be able to claim up to £1900 extra school funding if children match certain criteria.

Morning Run

This will start again on Monday – children are expected to wear sturdy shoes to school suitable for the run.

Pupil Timetable

The full timetable will start next week; there are no sports fixtures, just Forest School and Sports Practise. On Wednesdays this term Y5/6 children will be having a hockey and a football session. This means that the children will require the correct equipment. In hockey they will need shin pads and a gum shield and in football they will need shin pads and if possible football boots. They will need long socks to help keep their shin pads in place. Children who have opted to do Forest School will still need this equipment. The above applies to Y3/4 but for a Thursday.

Clubs

All clubs start next week, if you would like your child to take part please sign up and make payment on www.parentpay.com with the exception of the free clubs: running club and choir which need a paper permission slip returned to school. Please find a further copy of the clubs and permission slip attached

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to this newsletter. Go Active Hockey and Archery still has places free, please sign up by Monday or we may need to cancel them.

Medical Evidence for Appointments

We would prefer for all medical appointments to not occur during school time, but understand that sometimes this is outside of parents' control. Therefore in order to mark children with the correct attendance codes we require evidence of all appointments. Any absences without evidence will be marked as unauthorised.

Holidays in Term Time/Fines

We are unable to authorise pupil holidays during term time unless there are special circumstances. As mentioned last term, we will be putting holiday requests forward for fines this year.

Holyrood Academy Roadshow

Parents and children of pupils in Y6 have been invited by Holyrood to the Roadshow which will be held here at Tatworth on Thursday 14th September at 6.45pm. There is also an Y6 Open Evening at Holyrood on Thursday 12 October.

School Fete

Don't forget it is our fete next Friday from 3.30pm. Please come along and support PAFOTS. They have worked very hard to organise: BBQ, Bar, Cake/Sweet Stall, Kelly Leigh Dancers, School Choir and many more fun activities and stalls! They would also welcome cake donations into school in the morning.

Instrumental Lessons

Miss Morton is holding an instrumental try out session on Tuesday after school at 3.40pm in Y3. Instrumental lessons are available for children in years 3-6, and occasionally for year 2. There has been much research to show the benefits of learning a musical instrument on the human brain, in addition to self-discipline, self-expression and listening and concentration skills. At Tatworth we offer tuition in the following instruments: piano, violin, brass instruments, saxophone, flute, clarinet, drums and guitar. Depending on uptake, additional instruments may be possible. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please see Miss Morton.

Open Morning for New Reception 2018

We will be holding an Open Morning from 10.30-12.30 on Thursday 16th November from for prospective parents and children of the new reception 2018 intake. Please pass this date onto anyone who may be interested in a school place.

Read Write Inc - R Y1 & Y2

On the 3rd October at 6.30pm we are holding a very important meeting for parents of children in Reception, Y1 & Y2 as well as pre-school parents (Rec 2018). Read Write Inc is a phonics programme that teaches reading, writing and spelling which we have implemented from this September. We would like to share information on how the programme helps to teach children to read, write and spell and the implication on your help when supporting your children at home. A further letter with a reply slip will be sent out nearer to the meeting. We hope that all parents will attend this meeting. This meeting replaces the planned Curriculum Evening on Wednesday 8th November.

Date Changes/Forward Notice

The Sharing Day date has been changed to Tuesday 17th October due to a fixture clash.

Parents Evenings: These will be held on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th November from 3.40pm until 6.50pm. Teachers will have 10 minute time slots to see parents and the appointment sheets will go up after half term.

Future Newsletters

Due to the increasing amount of paper copies of the newsletter being sent home each week – from next week we will only issue a paper copy of the newsletter to those parents whom we do not hold an email for. Please therefore ensure that we hold a current email address for you.

Yours sincerely



Steve Clarke
Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS

September

Wednesday 13th	Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 14th	6.45pm: Holyrood Roadshow at Tatworth Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Friday 15th Sept	3.30-5.30pm: Fete (no gym club)
Tuesday 19 th	1.00pm: Y5/6 Football V Other Holyrood (A) PT
Wednesday 20 th	1.00pm: Y5/6 Girls Hockey/Boys Football V Taunton Prep (A) ST Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School
Thursday 21st	2.00pm: Y3/4 Inter House Football
Friday 22 nd	2.30pm: PAFOTS AGM
Tuesday 26 th	1.00pm: Y5/6 Girls Football V Other Holyrood (A) PT
Wednesday 27 th	1.00pm: Y5/6 V Girls Hockey/Boys Football V Stockand (A) ST Y5/6 Forest School/Sports Practise
Thursday 28 th	3.30pm: Y3/4 Football V Chard School (A) PT Y3/4 Forest School/Sports Practise
Friday 29 th	10.30am: Macmillan Coffee Morning

PAFOTS EVENTS

Friday 15 th Sept	3.30-5.30pm: Fete (no gym club)
Thursday 5 th Oct	3.30pm: Film Night KS1 & R
Friday 13 th Oct	Halloween Disco 5.30pm: KS1 & R with parents. 6.30pm: KS2

Running / Choir Club Reply Slip

Name of child Class Club

I give permission for my child to attend this club.

Signed