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Dear Parents & Carers

I cannot believe that I am at the end of my first half term as Head, it has been a fantastic half term where I have felt everybody supporting me and rooting for the school to flourish and succeed; thank you all for this. My first pop in this week was a little quieter than I thought it would be, but thank you to those parents who visited me and for attending today's Celebration Assemblies too. A welcome to Charlie in Y2 who has joined us this week.

The School Aims and Motto

Again I want to thank you for the great response to vote for our new school learning motto. It's really important that we get this right, as it will help to inform how we grow and develop as a school going forward. Because of this, we are actually going to have a second vote as the totals were very close between two options with only a handful of votes separating them. The two leading mottos were: **Aspire, achieve and shine** and **Love learning, work together, achieve your potential**. These two will be on the new voting slip along with a new option which is a combination of these two: **Love learning, work together, achieve and shine**. The new slips will come out on the Monday after half term and again will need to be returned to school by the Thursday lunchtime. I am really sorry to ask you to vote again, but hope you understand that I couldn't ignore the high number of votes for the second place option. I promise this will be the last vote! ☺

The aims of the school have also been rewritten: **To encourage perseverance, resilience and cooperation. To have high expectations by encouraging enquiring minds. For every child to feel safe, confident and valued. For every child to enjoy their learning through a broad, creative curriculum which allows all children the opportunity to shine. To build links with the local community. To support the children to become respectful and responsible members of society.** These will be listed on the website soon.

Governor Vacancies

There are a number of governor vacancies and if anyone involved with the school or community would like an informal chat Heather or Peter our co-chairs, would be happy to hear from them. Their emails are: hbyron@educ.somerset.gov.uk & pdenning1@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Behaviour for Learning Celebration

The following pupils received certificates in Monday's assembly to celebrate their excellent behaviour towards learning: Reception: Hannah & Dylan, Y1: Edward & Lily E, Y2: David & Harry S, Y3: Blake, Y5: Lily & Harrison & Y6: Oscar & Kieran. Well done everyone!

Attendance This week's Class Attendance winners are Y3 with 98.13% – Well done!

Class	Percentage Attendance %	Number of Lates
Reception	95.33	3
Year 1	88.28	0
Year 2	96.62	5
Year 3	98.13	3
Year 4	95.33	0
Year 5	95.00	1
Year 6	95.81	2

Photo of Y6 winners last week who had 99.35% Attendance!



Visit by Author: Emma Carroll

On Wednesday 7th February, we were delighted to welcome into school the local author, Emma Carroll. Emma spent part of the morning talking to Years 4/5/6 about her life as an author and the process of writing a book. Her latest book, *Sky Chasers*, is set in France in the late 1700s, and follows the adventures of the first hot-air balloon flight. Emma explained that she researched the people who were involved at the time, but then used her imagination to invent the other characters that could also have been there. Emma told the children that the process of editing and improving your first draft is vitally important, and explained that having an editor check her writing is like having an English teacher mark her work! After listening to Emma, the children had the opportunity to purchase *Sky Chasers*, meet Emma and have their book signed.

Children's reports:

Emma Carroll is an author. She has written Frost Hollow Hall, the Girl who walked on Air, In Darkling Wood, Strange Star, The Snow Sister and Letters from the Lighthouse.

She gets ideas from her dogs and from other books. She uses a notebook for ideas. She always wanted to be an author. She told us we should read lots of books to help us with ideas. I was pleased to get one of her books. By Macy L

Emma Carroll came into our school. She has written seven different books and she is in the middle of another book. Her latest book is about the first hot-air balloon setting off from France. She showed us how a balloon does not float in the air when we have blown into it. Emma writes her books in a small bedroom at the back of her house. She has a disgusting snack when she writes her books – it is toast with marmite and peanut butter on the top. Emma told us one of her favourite authors is Jacqueline Wilson because her mum looks like her and she is a great author. I liked it when she got people up to the front to ask her questions, like a chat show. Lots of us bought her book and got it signed at the end. By George G



Reading Forum Update

The reading forum flyer has now been put together, thank you to the forum ladies for creating this. Hopefully you will see that there are lots of ways that we can encourage our children to read and write. The poster of ideas is attached.

World Book Day

World book day this year is on the 1st March 2018, we would very much like all children to come to school in their pyjamas and bring in their favourite book to share. We will be having story time sessions throughout the day and if anybody would like to come in to read with the children please let us know. Secondly we are running a 'Reading in an unusual place competition'. We are telling you this far in advance in case you would like to work on this during half term. Please take a photo of your child reading their favourite book in a different kind of place. E.g. in a tree house, sat on a swing etc. I hope to have all of these photos on show at parents evening on the 1st March. This competition is also open to staff and governors. Please bring in your photos by 1st March I am sorry we won't be able to print off the photos in school. Please see flyer attached.

Reading Prizes

Reading prizes were awarded today to: Reception: Dylan Y1: Archie, Y2:Demisha, Y3: Summer, Y4:Rose, Y5:Louis & Y6: Oliver D. Congratulations everyone!

Term Dates 2018/2019

Please find attached term dates for 2018/2019. These will also show on the website shortly.

PAFOTS Valentines Quiz

Don't forget tonight's Valentines Quiz at the Memorial Hall at 6pm. Please come along and have fun raising money for the school. Questions suitable for adults and children bring a team or make one up when you arrive. PAFOTS have organised a bar, tea & coffee, snacks, sweet bar and raffle!

Lego Donations

We will be running an invitation only Lego Lunch Club after half term and would love to boost our supplies of lego. If anybody has any spare lego or sets that they no longer use, please could they donate them to the school office. Thanks.

Reminders:

Shoes – once again might I just remind you that children are asked to wear black sturdy school shoes and hopefully after half term all children will be wearing them.

Jewellery/Hair - It is school policy that jewellery including friendship bands etc. should not be worn. (Medical alert chains are permitted.) Necklaces and earrings are particularly dangerous in games and playground activities. Children with pierced ears may wear studs, but not hooped earrings. Watches are permitted, at the owners risk, but chimes and alarms should be turned off! Hair should be natural colours during term time.

Snacks – again we seem to have quite a few packets floating around the playground in the wind. This has alerted me to the fact that some of us are moving away from the healthy fruit and veg requested as a school snack. Please can I remind you that if your child does get particularly hungry a small sandwich is fine. We need to move away from children bringing in wrapped snacks and after half term, if necessary I will be speaking to families.

Scarlet Fever

We have today been informed that a child who attends Tatworth Primary School has been diagnosed with confirmed scarlet fever. I attach a letter with further information.

Headlice

In an attempt to stop head lice circulating in school please could I ask all parents to check their children's hair over half term and to check again for lice on days 5, 9 and 12/13 and remove them to avoid the three risks of continuing infestation. Bug busting resources without chemicals maybe available on prescription from your GP. **You will need to quote PIP code: 233/1783 and under medical devices/drug tariff: CA006936 to help your GP locate it.** Further help and information is also available from www.chc.org or on their confidential help line: 01908 561928. We have a kit in school if anyone would like to see it.

Trip Reminders

Y4 have a planned trip to **Wells Cathedral** on Monday 19th February (the first day back).

We are planning to leave school on the coach at 8:45am, so the children should arrive in school at 8:30am please. Children will need a packed lunch and a drink. We should be returning to school before the end of the day, so the children should be collected at 3:30pm as normal. The children should wear school uniform, including a school jumper/cardigan, and a coat. They will need to bring their lunch and drink in a small bag. No money or electronic devices should be brought on the trip. A few children have still not got permission to attend, please make payment and give consent over the half term break.

Y2 have a visit to **Magdalen Project** on Tuesday 20th February. Children will need to be wearing old warm, waterproof clothes, with a waterproof jacket and wellington boots or old shoes, with a change of clothes (including socks and shoes) for the return journey to school. Please also ensure that children have a packed lunch in a disposable bag and a plastic bottle for their drink which can be refilled during the day. Should your child need to take any additional medical equipment (inhalers etc.), please ensure they take them in their bags. Children will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning to school for 3.15 pm.

Pixies Holt Residential

On 2nd July Y5 will have their residential week at Pixies Holt. Place offer letters were sent out on 26th January and parents were asked to indicate their decision to either accept the place by making payment of a non-returnable deposit of £10 via parentpay by 9th February. **We still need a few more parents to confirm so that we can continue to plan our visit.**

Hot School Meals

There has been an amendment to the menu:

Tuesday 20th February and Tuesday 12th March - will now be: chicken goujons served with bbq beans and rice. (The change being from 1/2 a jacket potato to RICE). The veggie option will stay the same. (Jacket potato with cheese and beans)

Chard Area Concert - save the date!

Miss Morton requests that Choir and Ukulele Club save the date of the evening of 7th March. Holyrood Academy is hosting its annual Chard Area Concert commencing at 6.30pm, and it would be lovely to have Tatworth Choir and Ukulele Club perform at this event again this year. Parents are invited to watch and will also need to arrange lifts to and from the venue. Further details have been sent home this week, with permission slips to be returned to school as soon as possible.

Sports Reports

Inter House Rugby

Mrs Churchill's report: On Wednesday afternoon Y3 & 4 took part in the first inter house rugby tournament. The children found it very hard to throw the ball backwards but as this is a new sport to Tatworth they worked very hard. Results: Langdon 4th, Stonham 3rd, Brewer 2nd and in first place Joslin. Well done!



Inter House Dodgeball

On Wednesday we had our first inter house dodgeball tournament with Y2 & 3. We want KS1 experience the enjoyment of inter house so we are introducing more events. Each team played for 5 minutes and rotated to each play 3 games. The positions were as follows: 4th Joslin, 3rd Brewer, 2nd Stonham and 1st Langdon. 'It was fun, I only got hit by the ball once, but we worked as a team' said Imogen Y2.

Y1 Inter House Multi Skills run by Y5

Matilda's Report: On Thursday 8th February Y1 had the first ever inter house multi skills. They took part in five games which were: three bean bags, as many times in a hoop/long



jump/ladders/getting a football in a goal/tossing a bean bag into one of the four hoops. Congratulations to Stonham who came first, Langdon second, Joslin third and Brewer fourth. Congratulations to each team for taking part.

Y5/6 Football V Manor Court

On Wednesday 21st February we take the football team to Manor Court. We have asked parents to help us transport the children and still need a few permission slips back. We will be leaving school at 3.30pm, returning for 5pm. The following pupils have been selected: Kieran, Riley, Sam Gu, Holly, Finlay, Sam D, Harrison & Oliver.

Hockey V Other Schools

The hockey team have go through to the second stage of the County hockey. This will take place on Thursday 22nd February. We will be leaving school at 12.30pm and returning for approx. 5.15pm. Permission letters have already been sent home & we still need a few slips back! We have asked parents to help transport the children. The selected children are: Sam D, Oliver W, Harrison L, Sam Gu, Finlay, Holly, Kendra, Ruby and Phoebe.

I hope everyone has a restful half term break, school returns on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Hart, Headteacher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Hart'.

Half Term - Monday 12th – Friday 16th

February

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: Y3456 Stockland X Country (A) ST

March

Thursday 1 st	1.00: Y3/4 Swimming 1st: Y3, 2nd: Y4
Monday 5 th	3.40 – 6.50: Parents Evenings
Tuesday 6 th	10.30: Y56 Tag Rugby V Others Holyrood (A) PT
Wednesday 7 th	2.00: Y5/6 Netball V Kings Hall (H) MT Forest School 6.30: Chard Area Concert @ Holyrood
Thursday 8 th	1.00: Y3/4 Swimming 1st: Y3, 2nd: Y4
Wednesday 14 th	1.30: Y5/5 Netball V St John's (A) ST 2.30: Y5/6 Football V St John's (H) MT Forest School
Thursday 15 th	1.00: Y3/4 Swimming 1st: Y4, 2nd: Y3
Friday 16 th	6.30pm: Easter Bingo Memorial Hall
Wednesday 21 st	2.15: Y5/6 Inter House Tag Rugby (H) 2.45: Y3456 Stockland X Country (A) ST Forest School
Thursday 22 nd	1.00: Y3/4 Swimming 1st: Y4, 2nd: Y3

PAFOTS Events

Friday 9 th February	6.30pm: Valentine Quiz Memorial Hall
Friday 16 th March	6.30pm: Easter Bingo Memorial Hall

Cake Days

March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th, June 29th & July 20th.

Please send in 50p for cakes until the end of this school year.

Please also make/bring cakes for children to sell. Thank you.