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Dear Parents & Carers

## **Newsletter No 20**

### **Sharing Assembly**

Today we held our half termly Sharing Assemblies. Thank you to those parents that attended. We have received many positive comments and feedback about the displays, which is lovely, as the children have worked very hard in CDT and on their art work!

### **PAFOTS Quiz Night & Cheese/Biscuit Supper**

This evening PAFOTS are holding a Quiz Night at school from 6.30-8.30pm. Please do try to come along and support them. There will be a light cheese & biscuit supper, bar and raffle. Money raised by PAFOTS helps provide the school with vital equipment that our school budget cannot afford. Money raised benefits all children across the school. The evening should be a fun event with not *too* difficult general knowledge questions. Individuals or teams welcome. There are many prizes to be won!

### **Y2 Visit to Magdalen Project**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Class 2 went on a trip to the Magdalen Project for a fun-filled day of adventure and learning. The children came prepared for the chilly day in their wet weather gear and we began the day with a walk in the woods, where we were set the task of making clay creatures. The children worked in teams to create a special habitat out of natural materials for their creature. After all the explorations in the woods, the children enjoyed a warming hot-chocolate on the camp fire. In the afternoon, we learnt about how Magdalen Farm grows their own fruit and vegetables, some in poly tunnels. The children had the opportunity to sample some vegetables such as chard which Ned described as "yummy and juicy". This was followed by some exciting bug hunting and a final visit to see Dotty the pig. Fun was had by all and the children contentedly returned to school!

### **Y6 Snow Cone Fundraising**

Well done to Y6 who sold snow cones after school on Tuesday and managed to raise £46. These funds will go towards supporting their summer trips. Thanks to the parents who supported them by buying ice creams.

### **Chess Club**

We trialled Chess club and Computer Club this half term and I am pleased to say the numbers have grown and we will continue with them after half term. The Chess Club will now run on Thursdays after school for half an hour, parents will need to log into parentpay to book spaces for next half term. The charge is still £1 per week. So charges are £6 for the 6 weeks. We hope that those children who have

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taken part this half term will continue after half term and these clubs will also continue to grow in numbers. We are always looking for additional chess players!

### **Computer Club**

This club will also continue after half term on the same day, Monday lunchtimes. Parents will need to log into parentpay to make the £6 payment for this half term. New members are also very welcome to join. The children are really enjoying learning how to code and create games. Come along and join in the fun!

### **Clubs**

All other clubs will continue as they were set for the term and will continue on the same days. **Outside clubs will now finish at 4.45pm**, (as the nights will be lighter after half term). If any pupils would like to join a club with fees set termly, please contact the office as fees can be adjusted on parentpay to reflect just this half terms fee.

### **Y3/4 Hockey**

Reminder: Y3/4 will be playing hockey next half term in session 3. All children will need gum shields and shin pads.

### **Swimming Lessons**

On Thursday during the summer term we have arranged swimming lessons for children in KS2. Each class will have four sessions and these will take part in a block of consecutive weeks. For two of the weeks children will return to school at 4pm. A separate information letter has been sent home today. Please could all parents return the reply slip by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Street Surfing**

Go Active are delighted to be offering another **Street Surfing After School Club on Wednesday evenings**, starting from **Wednesday 22nd February for six weeks** and they would love to see your children there! An application form was attached to last week's newsletter. Payments are made direct to Go Active and **not via parentpay** and places will be given on a first come basis. Please send money in a named envelope along with the application form. Please note: Street Surfing may clash with a sports fixture; the provider will make up that session during a lunch time if necessary.

### **Sports Results**

#### **Y5/6 Boys Hockey V Stockland**

On Wednesday 8th we had two hockey fixtures at home against Stockland. The first game saw our 'a' team play theirs and after a slow start, conceding very early, we built ourselves a comfortable lead to be ahead 3-1 just before half time, they scored right on half time to pull a goal back and after an even second half finished goalless we ran out winners 3-2. In the second game our 'b' team played really well despite conceding an early goal and at half time it remained 0-1, Stockland started very well in the second half and extended their lead despite fantastic defensive work from Phoebe P, although we created chances to score we only managed 1 good goal through Leon and the final score was 1-4. Well played to all involved.

#### **Y3/4 Girls Netball V King's Hall**

On Thursday we took 19 Year 3/4 girls to Kings Hall to play netball. Unfortunately we didn't win either game. For some of the girls this was their first time at going to a tournament and experiencing match teas! A little overwhelmed at first the girls took the first quarter to adjust! They had the chance to play lots of different position to get a good feel of the game. We need to space out when we have the ball so

that it can travel down the court and mark the other players. A steep but good learning curve! A positive attitude was held by all. I was very proud of the girls and their excellent manners.

### **Sports Fixtures**

#### **Y3/4 Stockland Cross Country**

On Wednesday 1st we will take 16 children to Stockland for cross country. The trials for this event will be after half term during the first week back in school time.

#### **Y3/4 Girls Netball V St John's**

On Thursday 2nd March we have a home netball fixture against St John's starting at 2.10pm finishing for 3.30pm followed by a match tea. The selected pupils are: Matilda H, Pyper, Megan, Eve, Sophie, Poppy, Lily, Caitlin, Isabella & Willow K. Permission letters have already been sent home. We would welcome volunteers to serve drinks to the team and supporters.

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

#### **Reminder:**

Mr Bulbeck will be running a half term holiday sports club on **Wednesday 15th February and Thursday, 16th February** for primary school aged children. Year 7 & 8 ex Tatworth pupils are also welcome. Fun activities and sports will take place at school between 10.00am and 3.00pm. Please provide a packed lunch and drinks for your child and suitable outdoor clothing.

### **Parent Fundraising for MIND**

Mr Priddle, a parent at school, is fundraising for the mental health charity MIND by completing a skydive on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. If you would like to support him and donate towards this cause, please follow this link to his virgin money giving page. [www.virginmoneygiving.com/trevorpriddle](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/trevorpriddle)

We break for half term today and return on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. I do hope everyone has a restful break.

Yours sincerely



Steve Clarke  
Principal

\*\*\*\*\*Dates for the Diary\*\*\*\*\*

**February** *Half Term - Monday 13th – Friday 17th*  
Wednesday 22nd Y5/6 Forest School/Sports Practise  
Thursday 23rd Y3/4 Forest School/Sports Practise  
Tuesday 28th 12.30pm: Y5/6 Boys/Girls High Five Cluster at Holyrood (A) **(note change of date)**  
Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School

**March**  
Wednesday 1st 2.45pm: Y3456 Stockland Cross Country (A) ST  
Y5/6 Forest School/Sports Practise  
Thursday 2nd 2.00pm: Y3/4 Girls Netball V St Johns (H) MT  
Y3/4 Forest School/Sports Practise  
Wednesday 8th 12.45pm: Y5/6 Girls Netball V Kings Hall (A) ST  
3.45pm: Y5/6 Boys Hockey V Chard Sch. (H) PC  
Y5/6 Forest School  
Thursday 9th 11.50am: Area Hockey Finals (A) PT  
2.15pm: Y3/4 Boys Hockey V Mrs Ethelstons (H) PC  
Y3/4 Forest School/Sports Practise  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March Non Uniform Day PAFOTS upon £1 payment  
Wednesday 15th 1.30pm: Y5/6 Boys Hockey/Girls Netball V St Johns (A) ST  
Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School  
Thursday 16th 3.15pm: Y3/4 Boys Hockey V Chard Sch. (A) PT  
Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School  
Wednesday 22nd 2.45pm: Y3456 Stockland Cross Country (A) ST  
Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School  
Thursday 23rd Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School  
Wednesday 29th 2.10pm: Y5/6 Inter House Netball  
Y5/6 Forest School  
Thursday 30th 2.10pm: Y3/4 Inter House Netball  
Y3/4 Forest School

\*\*\*\*\*PAFOTS Events\*\*\*\*\*

Friday 10th February 6.30-8.30: PAFOTS Quiz Night & Cheese/Biscuit Supper  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2.30-3.30pm: PAFOTS Meeting  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March Non Uniform Day  
6.30 – 7.30pm: KS2 Disco  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March Comic Relief – Theme: ‘Wear Something Silly’  
Saturday 22nd April 9-3.30: Community Day – Volunteers needed!  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June Summer Fete (after school)

\*\*\*\*\*Forward Dates\*\*\*\*\*

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May Sports Day: AM: KS2 & PM: KS1 & Reception  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May Reserve Sports Day

\*\*\*\*\*Cake Days\*\*\*\*\*

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 31<sup>st</sup> March