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## No 16 Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to all of our existing families and to two new families joining the school, George in Y6 & Benjamin in Reception Class. We have had an enjoyable start to the term with the children focusing on History, Geography or RE topics. May I also take this opportunity to thank you for all the gifts and kind wishes that you gave the staff at the end of the Autumn term. These are very much appreciated, thank you.

### Class Letters

Please find class letter attached from teachers to inform you of any changes to routine and information about things coming up this term. As I am sure the teachers have said, please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

### Attendance

Well done to all the children that received their 100% attendance certificate at the end of last term. As I'm sure you are aware we value attendance and recognise that there is a link to progress and attainment. With other cluster schools Holyrood led on an initiative this academic year to investigate the impact of absence. I attach the findings for you. In light of this, and listening to concerns from parents, we are going to start to celebrate not only the 100% attendance each term, but also those that attain 98% with no lates. Thank you to everybody for trying to book medical/dentist appointments outside of the school day, it is very much appreciated.

Each week we are going to have whole school competition, class against class, to see who can achieve the highest percentage attendance. Each week the winning class will be awarded the Attendance Trophy, and at the end of the year, the class with the highest attendance will be rewarded with a treat of their choice! (within reason 😊) Obviously we do not want children to feel they have to come to school when they are poorly, but hope this challenge helps them to understand the importance of good attendance.

This week's Class Attendance winners are: **Reception Class – Well done!**

Class	Percentage Attendance	Number of Lates
Reception	100	3
Year 1	94.83	2
Year 2	98.72	0
Year 3	96.35	2
Year 4	98.89	2
Year 5	95.45	0
Year 6	97.85	0

### **RWI Update**

The staff completed their Read Write Inc training earlier this week and it was a very enthusiastic couple of days. Those children accessing phonics will now be starting in stage appropriate new groups from Monday, this may mean that your child has moved to a different coloured group or has stayed in the same coloured group. It may also mean that they start to bring home ditty books or reading books for the first time, or it may mean that they bring home books that they have already looked at for consolidation. Some Reception children will also receive books with words in for the first time; Mrs Bolton has explained how to support your child with these in her class letter. Obviously the children will still receive their picture book for you to share with them. Once again thank you for your continued support with this.

### **Healthy Snack**

Unfortunately during the holiday one of our bins blew over and the rubbish blew all across the playground. The evidence in packets has highlighted the fact that maybe we are moving away from fruit and vegetable snacks at break times. Please could I remind you all that our school policy is for just fruit and vegetables or if your child is particularly hungry, a small sandwich is quite acceptable.

### **Maths Workshop**

Letters were sent home on Wednesday about the Maths workshops for Reception parents, these are taking place on Monday 22nd Jan and Tuesday 23rd Jan. Please return the reply slips by next Friday (19th).

### **Reading Forum**

Just a reminder that the next reading forum at 24<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45pm. All new members are welcome, we have some exciting plans and ideas for this coming year to support reading in school.

### **Swimming**

Reminder that swimming starts for Y5 & 6 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, please give permission and make payments via parentpay before the first session.

### **Joining Reception in 2018**

Children starting school for the first time, are normally expected to join in the September following their fourth birthday, therefore children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 are entitled to a full-time school place from September 2018. If your child is on the County system you should already have received this. However, if you do not have a UID please choose the No UID option on the on-line form. Complete the on-line application form at [www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/apply-to-start-school/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/apply-to-start-school/) stating your preferred schools in ranked order. This will remain active until 23:59 on the published closing date, 15th January 2018. If you do not have access to the internet, then you may apply using the application form which can be obtained by calling Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224. This will need to be received by the published closing date, 15th January 2018. If you chose to make a paper application, you will not receive e-mail notification of your school place application on National Offer Day. Instead, a letter will be posted 2nd class to your home address on this date. Outcomes will NOT be given out over the phone. **The date for completed admissions is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

### **PAFOTS**

Pafots: (Parents and Friends of Tatworth School) are meeting on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm at school. Please do come along and help them plan their fundraising events this year, they are always grateful of new members.

## Y2 Village Walk

On Wednesday, Year 2 went for a walk around Tatworth to investigate the uses of land and buildings in the local area. It was a beautiful, sunny morning and we all learnt lots about the village!



## Cake Sale Y2

Year 2 are holding a cake sale to raise some money for two trips that they are planning this year. We would be very grateful if you would support us by baking/ buying/ sending in lots of delicious cakes on the morning of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January in preparation for a sale after school that day. Please also come along and buy cakes from Y2 at the end of the day! Thank you. Mrs Retter & Mrs Reid.

## Girls Football Finals

Today the girls' football team have travelled to Strode College for the County Finals. They should be congratulated to have got through to this stage - a great achievement. They won 1, drew 1 and lost 3. This meant they came 5<sup>th</sup> in their pool. Great goals scored by Kendra & Sammy! Here they are waiting to play.



## Clubs

All clubs start next week, please sign up via parentpay if you wish your child to attend a club. **Pupil Premium children** are entitled to a free club, please let the office know if you would like your child to take part in a club this term and they will make the adjustment on parentpay so you can book your child a place. (A payment of £2.00 per club is needed which we will refund back to your parentpay account - this is the parentpay minimum payment amount).

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### **Y3456 X Country V Other Holyrood**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> we take 16 children to Holyrood for Cross Country. The following children were selected after the trials: Finlay D, Sam D, Monty D, Riley H, Reuben, Joseph G, Harry W, Oliver, Kendra, Holly G, Summer, Ruby, Poppy B, Amber, Betty & Olivia. The NTR are: Sam G, Kyron, Kirra & Megan J. Thank you to the parents who have said they will transport the children, there are a few permission slips outstanding.

### **Y5/6 Football/Netball V North Curry**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> we take two teams to North Curry for Football and Netball fixture. The following children have been selected: Kieran W, William, Riley H, Sam Gu, Sam D, Harrison L, Oliver, Holly G, Sammy, Nancy, Phoebe, Kendra, Ruby, Kirra, Ellie, Lilly W & Matilda. Permission letters have already been sent home and parents are asked to give permission and make transport payment via parentpay.

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

On Wednesday we have a home football fixture V Avishayes afterschool. The following children have been selected: Kieran, Sam Gu, Riley H, Sam D, Harrison L, Finlay D, Holly G, Oliver and Monty D.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart  
Headteacher

### **January**

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00:Y3456 X Country V Other Holyrood (A) PT
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00:Y5/6 Football/Netball V North Curry (A) ST Forest School 3.30pm: Y2 Cake Sale – please bake cakes for Y2 to sell!
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3.45: Y5/6 Football V Avishayes (H) Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm: PAFOTS Meeting
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2:15 - 3:15pm: Rec. Maths Meeting 5.45: KS2 Sats Evening Y5 & 6
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.05 – 10.05: Rec. Maths Meeting
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm: Reading Forum – all welcome! 1.30: Y3/4 Hockey V Perrott Hill (A) ST Forest School
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1.00: Swimming 1 <sup>st</sup> :Y5, 2nd: Y6
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30:Y3/4 Tag Rugby V Other Holyrood (A) PT
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	1.15: Y56 Netball V Stockland (A) PT 2.15: Y56 V Hockey V Stockland (H) MT Y5/6 Forest School/Sports Practise
Cake Days:	Last Friday in each month or term: 10p for a cake, please also make/bring cakes for children to sell!