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NEWSLETTER 8 - AUTUMN TERM – FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Dates for diaries

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| October 27 th – 31 st | Half term |
| Week beginning 10 th November | Parents' evenings |
| Friday 14 th November | KS2 Sharing assembly at 2:30pm |
| Friday 21 st November | KS1 Sharing assembly at 2:30pm |
| Monday 24 th November | e-safety information evening for parents 7:00pm |

We have had a really busy and exciting last week of this first half term....

Class 5 trip to Bristol Zoo

Class 5 had a fabulous trip to Bristol zoo this week. The focus of the visit was to provide the children with a first-hand experience of studying the adaptations of different animals as part of their science learning. The day included a workshop led by the zoo staff, with the opportunity to hold different animals and look at a variety of artefacts. On their return to school, the children were able to share a wealth of knowledge.



PE Sharing assembly

Mrs Eaton led our PE sharing assembly yesterday which gave us a chance to celebrate all our sporting successes. The assembly included an impressive gymnastics routine; updates on PE lessons, Multi-skills Sports Festivals, morning Wake and Shake and sporting fixtures this term; presentations of certificates for effort in PE lessons; pupils showing golfing trophies from competitions outside of school and an opportunity to see some of our new sports equipment. Our school netball teams played in their first tournament this term and both teams won most of their games. The children who represented the school at cross-country managed to complete the challenging course at Millfield and one of our Year 6 pupils will be representing Mendip at the Inter Area Cross Country event this weekend. In addition, some of

the older pupils shared information about two new after school clubs (Boccia and Change 4 Life). We will send out an updated Extra Curricular timetable with the first newsletter of the half term.



Visit from the vicar

Rev Tobie Osmond from St Thomas Church led an assembly for the children thinking about thanksgiving at Harvest time. The children enjoyed the story he shared and we ended with a harvest song which the children had been practising with Mrs Willoughby, our music teacher.

Superhero afternoon

There was a buzz of activity on Thursday when the KS1 children invited their parents to share the learning of this term's enquiry topic: How can we be Superheroes? The children sang beautifully to their parents as 'Super Entertainers', shared examples of their learning in the classrooms and completed their mission by selling their 'Super Fruit Kebabs and Smoothies' to raise money for Children in Need. They have all worked so hard this term and with such enthusiasm; we are all very proud of how well they demonstrated their skills as caring community members. The children wish to thank everyone for their support; they raised a super £43 for their charity!



Parents Evenings - week beginning 10th November

Information for Parents Evenings has been sent out via email and book bags. Please send back your completed form by **Tuesday 4th November**. Please note that the Clubs run by school staff **will not** go ahead during this week. Thank you.

Staff news

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Newman to our Midday staff team, starting after half term.

New Parent Governor Election

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body at our school and we would like to invite any eligible parents to put their names forward. If you are interested, please refer to the attached letter.

Ukulele Club

Ukulele Club will be continuing as private group lessons with Wendy McKinley from the beginning of next term. Lessons will commence on Monday 3rd November from 12:45pm – 1:15pm and will cost £3.50 per child for a half hour lesson. If you wish your child to attend, please contact Wendy directly on: 07783 769293 to book your place no later than 31st October.

Community news

Wells in Bloom

The school achieved Silver Gilt for our school gardens this summer and we received our certificate this week from the Presentation Evening at Wells Town Hall. Well done to everyone!

Message from the Chair of Better Play Areas in Wells regarding a consultation

‘Better Play Areas for Wells’ is a community group which has been active since January 2013. In that time, we have campaigned for the improvement of our play areas, working with Mendip District Council, The Bishops Barn and Recreation Ground Trust (as part of the working party), Wells City Council, Wells Civic Society and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

We have been successful in securing the improvement of the Bignal Rand play area in the Keward area of Wells and we have put forward recommendations for the improvement of the play area next to the Bishop’s Barn, as part of the working party. This is a long slow process and we are looking forward to seeing improvements in this area around this time next year, if all goes to plan. We are also being consulted about improvements to smaller play areas in Wells.

As part of the public consultation for the adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan, we would like you, as members of the Wells community, to have a say in the future of play facilities in Wells. We are sending this questionnaire to nurseries, pre-schools, primary and secondary schools in Wells and are asking all parents and secondary aged children to complete the survey by Saturday 8 November. You can complete the survey using the following link or by visiting the Facebook page: Better Play Areas for Wells.

<http://goo.gl/forms/5ma7pPakzs>

Administration Course

Do you need some skills and qualifications to help you get back into work or change career? If so, Somerset Skills and Learning are offering a Level 2 and Level 3 Administration course starting in November. The Level 2 Certificate in Administration course will give you all the skills you need to work in an office and this course starts on Thursday 20 Nov - 9.30-2.30pm. The Level 3 Certificate in Administration course will give you skills to work at a supervisory level in an office and the new course starts on Thursday 20 Nov – 9.30-2.30pm. For further information please contact Kay Morgan on 01749 677786. Leaflet is attached.

Parking

As a school we have received some complaints from delivery drivers about cars parked in Veal Lane at the end of the day blocking access. Please could we remind parents to park considerately. Thank you.

Bonfire Night

The children have been designing posters to warn of the dangers of bonfire night for the poor old hedgehog! Please see a poster attached.

Christmas Scholastic Book Club magazine

Mrs Western will be distributing the Christmas edition of the Scholastic book club magazine today and these should be in your child's book bag. *Please could we have orders back by Friday, 7th November* so that any orders placed will be here for Christmas.

The Royal British Legion Poppies

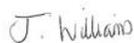
Poppies will be on sale at break time, lunchtime and after school from Monday 3rd November – please bring in some money to buy your poppies here.

And finally...

Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers and members of the HSA who come into school to listen to children read, help out at school events, accompany groups of children on trips, raise funds and much more! Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful half term!

Yours sincerely,



Julie Williams
Head teacher