



NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2018

Dear Parents,

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all those children celebrating birthdays this month:

Jasmine Anderson
 Cole Perry
 Holly Jones
 Ellis Cox
 Connor Simmonds
 Evellyn Farnham
 Mollie Pole
 Katie Hunter



STAFFING

Interviews will be taking place on Thursday, 1st February for the position of Business Manager and Monday, 5th February for Mrs. Elkington's maternity cover.

EARLY BIRDS BREAKFAST CLUB

I am delighted to advise that Mrs. Donna Prickett will be joining Gillian Duddridge as Breakfast Club Supervisor after half-term.

We have been monitoring the arrival times of children who enjoy breakfast club and are aware the majority of children arrive between 7.45 and 8.00 am. Therefore, after February half-term we will be changing the start time to 7.45am.

SICKNESS

We are currently experiencing a number of staff and children struggling with flu-like symptoms. If your child is too unwell for school, please take the appropriate action. Attendance is vital for all, but we are also trying to prevent the nasty virus from spreading. If needed, please provide your child with tissues - we do have boxes of them, but they are running out quickly!

WINTRY WEATHER

We try to get the children outside at play times and for PE as often as possible; it helps positivity. Please ensure coats (and hats and gloves when cold) are to hand. Should the unthinkable happen and the weather causes the school to close, we will action the Emergency Closure procedure - but only as a last resort.



Yesterday the children enjoyed a FizzPop Science assembly. FizzPop will be offering an after school club after half term for children in **Years 1, 2, 3 and 4** on Wednesdays for 5 weeks (21st February – 21st March) when children will be introduced to the marvels of science in a fun and highly imaginative, inspiring environment. Further details are being distributed today.

LIVING IN THE 'TIMES'

With new technology evolving, some devices are no longer just 'timepieces'. In order to safeguard all members of our school, children must avoid wearing gadgets which are set up to take photos or record. Appreciating SIM cards are usually required, as long as these are not within the device, these watches may be worn. Many thanks for your co-operation on this matter.

As for *Fit-Bit watches*..we are considering what to do – we fully appreciate it encourages exercise but you will understand we wish to safeguard against the devices causing injury during PE. There is not a simple solution to this as both sides have good arguments....a Badgers' Class debate will help make the decision!

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

Kilve: Final payments are now due for children visiting Kilve in March – a letter has been sent advising on the balance due and details of the Parents' Information' Evening to be held on **Thursday, 8th February, 2018 at 5.30 p.m.**

Rock and Rapid: Parents wishing to pay in instalments for their child's trip to Rock and Rapid should forward this month's payment.

CROSS COUNTRY

The next two events are on Wednesday, 7th February at Brymore, then on Wednesday, 21st March at King Alfred School, Highbridge. Further details have been distributed.

PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENINGS

Our Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place as follows:

Tuesday, 27th February for **all 4 classes** 3.30 - 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 28th February for **Squirrels and Badgers only:** 3.30 - 6.30 p.m.

Thursday, 1st March for **Foxes and Badgers** Classes only: 3.30 - 6.30 p.m.

Hedgehogs, Foxes and Squirrels classes will have 10 minute time slots; Badgers will have 20 minute time slots.

Appointment sheets are on display in the Dining Room.

MUSIC EVENING - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Wednesday, 21st March our annual Music Evening will take place at Robert Blake Science College. The children will be performing with their instruments as well as singing – it is hoped to be a great evening of entertainment so please do try to attend. All children are expected to attend this event. It starts at 6.30 p.m. and will end by 8.00 p.m. (Tickets will be available after half-term.)



PLEASE HELP

Please would all parents ensure when returning forms/payments that **full names** are written on all forms. This is particularly important for our new Business Manager who will not know individual children or which class they belong to.

TAYLOR SHAW

Monies: It is important that payments for Taylor Shaw are fully named and are **totally separate from school monies** (do not put in the same envelope as any school money).

Packed Lunches: Please also remember to indicate what filling your child would like in their packed lunches as sandwiches are made off-site and brought to the school.

THANK YOU

The Taunton Association for the Homeless are very grateful for the donations given at Christmas – thank you.

SEND SUPPORTING PARENTS AT NORTH NEWTON

Wednesday 21st February

Bridgwater Parent Support Group at Penrose, 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

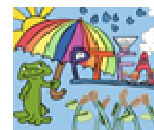
Friday 16th March

SENdsational Coffee Morning at Williton CC 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

For further information please contact Mrs. Elkington.



PTFA NEWS



MINIBUSES

Following the PTFA Competition to name the minibuses, we can announce that the winning names are:

“Tom” – HG62 UWS...the taller one
“Jerry” – GV59 ONM...the smaller one

The winners are Lily Grindrod and Rosanna Grant

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

On **Thursday, 8th February** it will be a non-school uniform “Mis-Match Day” to receive chocolate for the May Fayre on Saturday, 12th May. Children (and staff) are encouraged to wear something which doesn't really go together (odd socks/stripes and hoops/clash of colours). Be as elaborate as you like...it will be funny for all.

EASTER BINGO

Friday, 16th March is Easter Bingo – 6.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please bring family if you wish – it will hopefully be a fun evening.

SPORTS RELIEF DAY

Friday, 23rd March. Children may come to school in sports kit. I wonder how many different sports each class could cover with their kits.

MAY FAYRE

The date set is **Saturday, 12th May**...the Saturday before SATS.

It couldn't be the Saturday after due to a couple of famous people getting married!

The following one would be the start of half-term and the 5th May is Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Arnold
Headteacher

SPRING / SUMMER TERMS 2018	
Thursday, 1 st February	Business Manager Interviews
Monday, 5 th February	Squirrels Class Maternity Cover Interviews
Wednesday, 7 th February	Cross Country at Brymore
Thursday, 8 th February	PTFA Non-School Uniform Mis-Match Day 5.30 p.m. Squirrels Kilve Parents' Information Evening
Friday, 9 th February	9.30 a.m. Years 3/ 4 Fundamental Skills Festival (PE), North Petherton
Monday, 12th – Friday, 16th Feb	
Half -Term	
Monday, 19 th February	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Monday, 26 th February	7.30 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting
Tuesday, 27 th February	3.30-7.00 p.m. Parents' Consultation Meetings – all classes
Wednesday, 28 th February	3.30-6.30 p.m. Parents' Consultation Meetings – Squirrels/Badgers
Thursday, 1 st March	World Book Day 3.30-6.30 p.m. Parents' Consultation Meetings – Foxes/Badgers
Friday, 2 nd March	9.30 a.m. Blackbrook PE Festival – KS1
Mon, 5 th – Wed, 7 th March	Years 3 & 4 Residential – Kilve Court Outdoor Centre
Friday, 9 th March	9.30 a.m. Blackbrook PE Festival – KS2 (No Badgers swimming)
Wednesday, 14 th March	7.00 p.m. PTFA Meeting – all welcome
Friday, 16 th March	6.00 p.m. PTFA Easter Bingo
Tuesday, 20 th March	6.30 p.m. Finance and Business Committee
Wednesday, 21 st March	Cross Country at King Alfred, Burnham-on-Sea 6.30 p.m. Music Evening at RBSC
Friday, 23 rd March	Sports Relief Day – non-school uniform (sports clothes) 9.30 a.m. Years 3 /4 Sports Festival – Teamwork (PE), North Petherton
Monday, 26th March – Friday, 6th April	
Easter Holiday	
Monday, 9 th April	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Wednesday, 11 th April	7.30 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting
Wednesday, 18 th April	Field to Food – (Squirrels/Badgers classes)
Friday, 20 th April	2.30 p.m. Sponsored Run (School field)
Monday, 7 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Saturday, 12 th May	2.00 p.m. May Fayre
Mon, 14 th - Thurs 17 th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday, 14 th May	6.00 p.m. Finance and Business Committee
Friday, 18 th May	Years 5/6 Sports Festival – Leadership, North Petherton
Monday, 28th May – Friday, 1st June	
Half-Term	
Monday, 4 th June	INSET DAY – School Closed to Children
Thursday, 7 th June	4.00 p.m. Stoke St. Gregory Netball/Football Tournament
Mon, 11 th – Fri, 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Monday, 11 th June	7.30 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting
Thursday, 14 th June	9.15 a.m. Class/Team Photographs Reserve Stoke St. Gregory Netball/Football Tournament
Friday, 15 th June	2.00 p.m. School Sports
Friday, 22 nd June	2.00 p.m. Reserve School Sports
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th June	Years 5 & 6 Residential Trip. Rock & Rapid, North Devon
Tuesday, 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day: RBSC/Chilton
Wednesday, 4 th July	Year 6 Transition: RBSC
Friday, 6 th July	Years 1/2 PE Sports Festival – Multi Skills, North Petherton
Fri, 6 th - Sat, 7 th July	NEWT FESTIVAL
Tuesday, 10 th July	Poetry Slam
Friday, 13 th July	Badgers PE Sports Festival – Alternative Games, North Petherton
Tuesday, 17 th July	Year 6 Transition Day: Chilton Trinity
Tuesday, 24 th July	2.15 p.m. Leavers' Assembly/End of Year – 3.15 p.m.