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'Celebrating life and learning together'



Newsletter 9 – April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Farewell to Mrs Davies

Yesterday, we got together to say goodbye to Mrs Davies. We were joined by Lynne Moore, our Governor, Jan Brodie, who was the school SENCO for many years. The children wore masks of Mrs Davies' face. Class 1 had created a song about her based on the song La Cucaracha. Class 2 adapted the Leavers' song for her. She was given a rose bush in a planter by the staff and a beautiful silver salt bowl in the shape of an ammonite fossil by the Governors. The children had created artwork, letters and poems for her to remember her time with us. Afterwards we all had chocolate cake and squash!

Class 2 Swimming sessions

Due to COVID restrictions, Class 2 missed out on most of their swimming sessions in the Autumn term, so as we promised at the time, they will have some swimming sessions in the Summer. They will be going swimming next term on the following Mondays: May 16th, May 23rd, June 6th and finally 20th June.

PE next term

Next term, children will be changing the day that they do PE. Your child could be having their session on Tuesday or Thursday. Could they please keep their PE kits in school all week to ensure they have the correct clothes available?

New Governor

We are really pleased to welcome a new Governor, Alison Appleyard. Alison is a retired Head Teacher and is a SIAMS Inspector, which will support us in enhancing our Christian school distinctiveness.

Temporary new teacher in Class 2

We are pleased to welcome Mr Badham-Doyle to the school. He will be sharing class 2 with Mrs Wood in the mornings. This will allow the class to study English and Maths in separate Year 3 /4 and Year 5 /6 groups.

SATs, Year 1 Phonics screening and Year 4 Times Tables checks

For the first time since the first Lockdown, Year 2 and 6 SATs tests are back. The Year 1 screening has been a little disrupted but are back at the expected time this year. We have been expecting Year 4 Times Tables tests for several years, and the Government have decided that they should take place this year.

The Year 1 phonics screening and Year 2 tests will be held throughout May and June so that they can be timed to coincide with the children being ready and able to do their best.

Year 6 SATs will take place during the week of May 9th. All of our year 6s have practice books which they can carry on using to prepare for the tests.

The Year 4 test is online, and very similar to the TT Rockstars activities. The tests will be administered in the first half of June. The children can prepare by spending time on TT Rockstars. They should aim to know all the tables up to x12. We can tell you more about the tests after Easter.



If your child will be doing one of these tests this year, please reassure them that, as long as they do their best, we will all feel very proud of them.

Future of School

We have become more settled into our managed partnership with the Richard Huish Trust. Cameron Mann, our new Executive Head, has made regular visits to the school as well as lots of virtual meetings. It has been great to have his support and expertise available whenever it is needed. We have now begun the very first steps towards joining the academy. Letters asking for your views will be sent out soon after the Easter break.

As a staff group, we have been working very hard to improve our school. We feel enormous commitment to the school, are very proud to work here, and want to make it the best it can be. To that end, we have been focusing on two main areas:

- Our Curriculum – we have been updating and refining our rolling programme, and the results will be posted on the website soon. In addition, in line with Government policy, we have been looking again at the way our youngest children are taught phonics. We will be investing in new books and resources, as well as lots of training, in preparation for the start of a new programme for our new arrivals in September.
- Behaviour management – we have looked carefully at the way in which we encourage the behaviour we want to see, while supporting children in changing the behaviour we don't want to see. As a result, we have updated our Behaviour policy and written a new Exclusion policy. You will find a copy of these attached to this newsletter.

We have again been really busy!!

Cross Country

We regularly send children to the Cross Country events held at King's Hall school in Taunton. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 attend from all the schools in the Taunton Deane area. Last month we sent Elliott Bown and Thomas Branfield. We are incredibly proud of the amazing resilience – achieving 44th and 57th place against much older children. Well done Elliott and and Thomas.

Open the Book, assembly

We were so pleased to welcome Open the Book back into school. They performed the beginning of the Easter Story for us. It was great to have visitors back in the school.

Class 1 baking with Sarah Houlding- Trenoweth

Aubrey and Frances' mum has been coming into class 1 to help with cooking projects – some of you may have been lucky enough to sample the scrumptious Rocky Road they produced last week.

Easter Egg Hunt

Josh Wedderkopp kindly organised a very successful Easter Egg hunt. The whole school were sent out in groups to find clues. David, Payton's Dad very generously donated an Easter Egg for each child. FLBSA raised £228.20 in sponsorship!

Class 1 fruit tasting

This week Class 1 made edible art with fruit. Mr Chidgey was sent out shopping to find all the most colourful and exotic fruit. The children enjoyed eating their art works for their morning snack.

Updated COVID-19 restrictions

As of April 1st there have been new guidelines from the Government regarding COVID. For most children, it's a mild illness and most get better in a few days.

The updated list of possible symptoms include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

Our child should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they

- have symptoms of COVID-19
- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school.

They can come back to school when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

Please encourage your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze, and to wash their hands after using or throwing away tissues.

Most children who are unwell will recover in a few days with rest and plenty of fluids.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms in children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Kind Regards

Moira Brown, Head of School

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April – Easter Holidays

Monday 25th April – Summer Term commences

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Monday 9th May – SATs Week

Thursday 12th May – Year 3 Multi-Skills at Court Fields School

Monday 16th & 23rd May – Class 2 swimming

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Summer Half term week

Monday 6th June – Class 2 swimming

Friday 10th June – Tempest Photography – Year 6 and Class photos

Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th June – Class 2 Residential to Kilve

Monday 20th June – Class 2 swimming

Thursday 23rd June – Year 6 Strike/Field at Court Fields School

Friday 1st July – INSET Day – school closed to children

Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th July – Court Fields & Castle School, Year 6 Induction days

Friday 22nd July – Last day of term