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**Opening Hours**  
 School - 8.45am - 3.15pm  
 Office - 8.30am - 4pm  
 Morning club - 8am  
 Clubs 3.15pm - 4.30pm  
 Toasties 3.15pm - 4.30/5.45pm  
 Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm

## FRIDAY FLYER

Newsletter No 16  
 25 January 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer,

The school funding crisis has frequently been in the news in the past few years, but the situation has worsened. Our school is not in danger for the foreseeable future, but many in Somerset, and across England, are. Furthermore, there is a postcode lottery: schools in Somerset are in the 40 worst funded authorities in England due to historical inequalities, and these persist. While the Government makes grand claims about there being more money in schools than ever before, these claims have been shown to be false, and a misuse of statistics. You can read more here: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/oct/08/uk-statistics-body-has-serious-concerns-over-dfe-funding-claims>

I am bringing this to your attention because there is something simple and democratic we can do to try to make a difference. The campaign group, 'Worth Less?' have brought forward a petition to have this matter debated in Parliament. To do so, they need 100,000 signatures by May 2019; the current total stands at around half of that. By following the link below and registering to sign the online petition, you can have your say in tackling this inequality and helping to get a better education for your child, and many others in poorly funded authorities like ours. Follow this link to sign: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

**Mr R Stead**

On Wednesday, Class 4 had Forest School. We did lots of different things. Ashton's favourite thing was the treasure hunt. We had to find the animals hanging in the trees and name the tree. Charlie's favourite part was playing '123 where are you?' and making damper bread. It tasted really good and was the best thing we have tasted in Forest School yet!

*by Ashton and Charlie*



We made damper bread out of 3 handfuls of self-raising flour and some water and baked it over the fire. We had a variety of jams like apricot, raspberry and strawberry jam. We all enjoyed eating the damper bread. Yum! We did a bug hunt and searched for them in different trees like Elder, Alder and the other trees we have on the school grounds. We played on the rope swing, made a conker run and some of us made dens. The class all had a hot chocolate. It was really nice!

*by Izzy and Jess*

To keep all those little hands and feet warm through the winter months of Forest School we really need donations of FIREWOOD, please!



### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 30th January**

Year 1 Sports festival at Kingsmead

**Friday 1st February**  
 Science Day

**Monday 4th February**  
 Somerset Heritage WW2 workshops with Year 5 & 6

**Tuesday 5th February**  
 Class 5 & 6 Trip to The Big Pit.

**Friday 8th February**  
 MSA Movie Night  
 See p2 for details

**Half Term Break**  
 Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

**Monday 4th March**  
 Reception Class Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 5th March**  
 Class 2 to 6 Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm

**Thursday 7th March**  
 Class 1 to 6 Parents' Evening. 5-7.30pm.

**Friday 15th March to Monday 18th March**  
 Year 6 Residential Trip to Isle of Wight

**FOREST SCHOOL  
 WEDS 30 JAN  
 CLASS 3**

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	441	911
Cork Oak	270	771
Blue Cedar	314	892
Horse Chestnut	280	702

# OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Pre-school	<i>Freddie</i> for being so kind and caring this week. <i>Orla</i> for showing great enthusiasm for writing and learning.
Class R	<i>Matilda</i> for brilliant writing about her pony. <i>Dougie</i> for making his own information book about diggers.
Class 1	<i>Finn</i> for great listening and behaviour this week.
Class 2	<i>Finley</i> for a great 'Show and Tell' which the whole class really enjoyed listening to. <i>Susannah</i> for consistently doing her best and producing great work.
Class 3	<i>Finley J</i> for super independent working with division in our Maths lessons. <i>Brooke</i> for her consistent hard work and effort in both Maths and English.
Class 4	<i>Luca</i> and <i>Woody</i> for demonstrating fantastic teamwork and kindness during our Forest School session.
Class 5	<i>Daisy</i> for the huge improvements she has made to her mental Maths .
Class 6	<i>Sid</i> for his creative setting description of the Blitz.

Milverton Parish Council is conducting a series of mini surveys. The first is about the future of the disused surgery building. If your family lives in the parish and you're happy to complete this online, please follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3BCTF8B>. You may occasionally see one or two councillors near the entrance to the school - they can explain the survey background and collect your responses in person if you wish. Thanks in anticipation.

James Wade, Parish Councillor

## CLUBS REMINDERS

Please can we remind you that Morning Club opens from **8am** and **no child should be on the school site before then**. We have noticed that children are being dropped off before this time and sometimes waiting in the ICT suite until staff arrive. If you arrive before 8am, **please wait outside until the Morning Club staff are available to let you in at 8am**.

Sports/Art/Chess clubs finish at **4:30pm** and Toasties finishes at **5:45pm**. **Children must be collected promptly, please**. Latecomers will be charged for additional sessions. Those parents who persistently ignore these timings may be barred from using these services. Thank you for your co-operation.

# MOVIE NIGHT

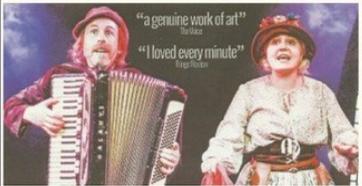
Friday 8th Feb 3.30pm  
 £1.50 ENTRANCE  
 TEA & COFFEE

All years welcome  
 POPCORN/CAKES/  
 HOT DOGS



## HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3

BIG THANK YOU TO YEAR 5 & RECEPTION FOR SUPPLYING ALL THE LOVELY CAKES



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**Langford Budville Jubilee Hall**  
**Saturday 23 February 2019: 3:00pm**  
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 Call 07511 527377 or [www.takeart.org](http://www.takeart.org)