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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. 20  
 6th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Coronavirus situation is changing daily; I thought it timely to update you. We are following the advice from government. We are increasing hand-washing amongst children and have installed two hand sanitizers on site: one at the main school gate and one outside the school entrance. I encourage adults to use them on entering and leaving the premises. I have delivered an assembly about correct handwashing with the children to encourage them to do so. If your child shows cold-like symptoms, **please send them to school with pocket-sized tissues** so that they can prevent the spread of *whatever* they are suffering with. Face masks for the general public, pupils, or staff are not recommended to protect from infection, as there is no evidence of benefit from their use outside healthcare environments.

On Monday the Department for Education launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687; Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk) Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday). Lastly, I reiterate government advice: if your child becomes unwell and you have good reason to believe that they have been exposed to COVID-19, please call NHS111 for help, and also please inform us at school. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr R Stead



On World Book Day the school was full of characters created by Roald Dahl, David Walliams, JK Rowling, Michael Morpugo and many more authors. All the children (and staff too!) made a spectacular effort in their brilliantly conceived and produced costumes. We recognise that organising costumes can be stressful for parents, but the point of dressing-up is to make book characters come alive, and to help foster a love of reading in our children. Reading is not only an essential life skill, but opens up opportunities to enter different worlds, cultures, thoughts and feelings. To explore our children's knowledge of their termly author, we held a house book quiz. This was adjudicated by Mrs Trunchbull and Percy the Park Keeper (his animals were no help, they were all asleep!) and the winning house was Blue Cedar. Well done! We had various Willy Wonkas in school and some Oompa Loompas, but alas, no chocolate, due to our healthy eating policy...



### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 10th March**  
 Class 3 & 4 walk to Milverton

**Tuesday 10th March at 2pm**  
 Reception Class Grandparents' Afternoon. Invites to follow.

**Friday 13th March**  
 Sports Relief Day. Children are invited to come to school in sports kit (any!) for £1.

**Friday 13th to Monday 16th March**  
 Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential

**Tuesday 17th March**  
 Class 3 & 4 Somerset Heritage Workshop

**Friday 20th March**  
 MSA Easter Bingo Night

**Monday 23rd March**  
 Eco Day

**Friday 27th March**  
 Music Society Workshop at school  
 Class 3 to 'Come and Sing' at Wellington School

**Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March**  
 Cycling Proficiency

**Easter Holidays Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April.** Back to school Monday 20th April.

**Wednesday 22nd April to Friday 24th April**  
 Year 5 Kilve Residential Trip

**Week Commencing 11th May**  
 Year 6 SATS week

For 2020-21 Term Dates please visit our website [here](#).

**FOREST SCHOOL  
 WEDS 11TH MARCH  
 CLASS 5**

# OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

- Pre-school *Emelia* for doing great mark making and being really kind this week.
- Class R *Eva* for an excellent recount of our school trip and working really hard on her phonics and writing. Well done!
- Class 1 *Amelie* for her out of this world progress in writing!
- Class 2 *Jacob* for his amazing sketching skills.
- Class 3 *Lettie* for her excellent work with statistics in Maths.  
*Brodie* for his wonderful singing.
- Class 4 *Archie* and *Mia P* for their positive words, caring nature and enthusiasm during our shared reading with Class 1.
- Class 5 *Lucas* for the excellent language used in his character autobiography.
- Class 6 *Freya B* For being a friendly and supportive member of Class 6.

On Thursday Classes 1 and 2 had a visit from Helen who works at The West Somerset Railway Museum. She spoke to the children about forms of transport in 'Times Gone By' and the children learnt about The Railway Children and how they lived in Edwardian times. The children had great fun dressing up and learnt a lot about life in an Edwardian home. Most children decided that they wouldn't want to go back to Edwardian times as they would miss a lot of modern day conveniences including television, a washing machine and a flushable toilet in their house!!

*Mrs Nicholls*



On Tuesday morning, Class R visited Pizza Express to learn how to be pizza chefs! We made sure that we washed our hands and wore aprons and hats before we started. We found out that pizza originally comes from Egypt! We then all had a chance to make our own Margarita Pizza, the favourite of an ancient Italian Queen. We added tomato sauce, mozzarella and a sprinkle of oregano to finish. Once our pizzas had been cooked in the enormous ovens, Mrs Smith and Mrs Eger-ton had a competition to make the best doughballs! We're not sure that either of them would make very good pizza chefs, but the doughballs still tasted delicious! Thank you to our parent helpers and to Pizza Express for our fun morning.

*Mrs Smith*

On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, Class 6 had a great time at forest school. Even with the cold weather and rain, we still carried on and survived. We did some code breaking we had to decode some ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. We discovered some animal names and some gods too. Next, we had some free time to choose from these activities: willow weaving, creating a mud face, building a base or any of the basic forest school activities. We had lots of fun and can't wait for our next session.

*by Daisy and Gwyneth*



On Thursday a squad of 7 netballers went to Castle School to take part in a central venue league competitive High 5 Netball Tournament. The team played three other schools and were faced with some very tough competition. Unfortunately, despite trying and playing their hardest the team weren't successful enough to make it through to the next round of the tournament. Well done to Albert, Tilly, Evie, Tabitha, Kitty, Sophie and Verity for great teamwork and thank you to the parents who stood in the cold and supported.

*Mrs Nicholls*

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	234	574
Cork Oak	249	580
Blue Cedar	263	631
Horse Chestnut	297	696

On Wednesday, Class 3 went to Kingsmead School and took part in a sports festival. Luckily we were inside and away from the shivering cold weather. We did some tiring running, jumping and throwing. It was still fun though! We started by running, then jogging and then sprinting. After that we did jumping and we had to reach the Kingsmead Sports Leaders' hands, so we we had to jump really high! We then did throwing and threw shuttlecocks and then javelins! The we went back to school for lunch. It was great fun.

*by Missy and Seren.*

Somerset local area is being inspected next week for their effectiveness of their SEND provision. To have your say please follow: <https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/how-can-you-get-involved-and-have-your-say/>



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TUES 7TH & TUES 14TH APRIL 2020  
GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY CLUB  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
£20.00

THURS 9TH & THURS 16TH APRIL 2020  
MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUB

#### PARKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parkfield Road, Taunton TA1 4RT

THURS 9TH & FRI 17TH APRIL 2020  
MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUB



#### NORTH TOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Staplegrove Road Taunton  
TA1 1DF

WED 8TH & WED 15TH APRIL 2020  
MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUB

(Assemble in the school hall, the only entry will be via the Staplegrove Road entrance).

#### MULTI- ACTIVITY CLUBS

Are as follows:-

9.00 am - 3.30 pm £16.50  
8.30 am - 5.00 pm £25.00

#### MULTI- ACTIVITY CLUBS

Include:-

Nerf, Dodgeball, Fencing, Handball, Football, Taekwondo Hockey & much more!

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\*4 year olds can only attend for up to 4 hours per day as per Ofsted guidelines.



# SUMMER SWIM SCHOOL

## Wiveliscombe Community Pool

**High quality swim lessons with class sizes of no more than six.**

At 4T we deliver intimate, personalised and focused swim lessons that give children the skills necessary to be safe in and around the water.

In addition to this, children enhance a life skill, improve their swimming technique and gain confidence in the water, all whilst having fun!

Our fully qualified friendly swimming teachers will design all of the lesson plans in accordance with the STA International Learn to Swim Programme.

- Lessons are available for children aged 5 years and above as at 31st December 2020.
- Parents are able to watch on poolside.
- Parents of children under 8 years of age must remain at the venue.

**COURSE COST £35** (For 1 daily session over a 5 day week). We provide all the equipment including a swim cap. Children need a costume, goggles (if worn) warm clothes for afterwards. Book online now

[www.thetriathlontrainingteam.co.uk/summerswimschool](http://www.thetriathlontrainingteam.co.uk/summerswimschool)



### SUMMER SWIM SCHOOL DATES AND TIMES

Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July (Week 1)

Developers Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Improvers Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Beginners Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Monday 3rd August - Friday 7th August August (Week 2)

Developers Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Improvers Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Beginners Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Monday 10th August - Friday 14th August (Week 3)

Developers Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Improvers Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Beginners Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Monday 17th August - Friday 21st August (Week 4)

Developers Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Improvers Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30

Beginners Group 09:30-10:00 10:00-10:30