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## HEAD TEACHER NEWS

Dear Parent and Carers

With the Autumn term now well underway I am writing to update you with the details of our school development plan for 2019-2020 ('SDP'). This sets out priorities we want to achieve over the coming academic year.

1. To cultivate independent learners who are curious, resilient, can problem solve, think creatively, collaborate, communicate effectively and develop a desire to learn through a creative curriculum.
2. To develop subject leaders so that they are skilled and enabled to drive improvement forward.
3. To further develop provision for Reading across the school. To have a consistent approach to the teaching of Reading across the school and a systematic approach to recording progress.

We are looking forward to working together over the coming year with all stakeholders in order to enhance our curriculum further.

### Exciting Science

An exciting new science opportunity is coming to All Saints. Fizz Pop science will be visiting school to take an introductory assembly on Tuesday 22nd October. Following the assembly, All Saints children will be able to take home information about an after-school club that Fizz Pop would like to hold at All Saints Church School. The club will run after school on Tuesdays from November 5th to December 3rd. Further details to follow.

### Meet the teacher

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our 'Meet the teacher' evenings this week. Powerpoint presentations can be found on individual class blogs via our website.

### School photos

On Wednesday 2nd October Tempest photographers will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs during the morning. If you have any pre-school children you would like to have a photograph taken with your school child/children please bring them to the school hall at 8:30am and we will arrange this.

### Harvest Festival

The Lords Larder will be leading our assembly on Tuesday 1st October. Please can donations of non-perishable goods be brought into class from Monday 31st September.

The Lord's Larder Food Bank is a local 'bank' of non-perishable food operated by volunteers from churches in and around Yeovil.

### How the Larder Works

- Food and money are donated throughout the year by local churches, businesses, schools and other charities.
- Volunteers sort, & store all donations of food in a purpose built larder.
- Requests for food are made by phone through recognized agencies, who then collect parcels to hand on to their clients.
- Emergency food parcels are made up by the volunteers, according to need.

Our Harvest Festival will take place at 1.30pm on Thursday 3rd October at St Catherine's Church, Montacute. Parents are invited to join us.

## Dandelion Club Red, White and Blue Day

Dandelions, our club for Service children, have really enjoyed being back together this term and have welcomed new members to the club. In the words of Ewan, Year 6, we are called dandelions because "service children move around a lot, just like dandelions that blow around in the wind, but wherever they settle, they thrive". Dandelions were particularly excited to receive some new resources; the uniformed teddies are enjoying their new home in the library!



We have been busy planning for 'Red, White and Blue day'. On Friday 4th October, pupils and staff are invited to wear non-uniform, in the colours red, white and blue, for a £1 donation. The money raised will go to three military charities, supporting serving members, their families and veterans. The charities can also accept foreign coins/notes so please send in any that you may no longer need! Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://redwhiteblueday.co.uk/>

**Miss Cameron**

## School Council

Class 1: Max and Kitty

Class 2: Jago and Ellie

Class 3: Logan and Darcey

Class 4: Jamie and Rhia

Class 5: Rohan and Matilda

Class 6: Charlie Di and Eloise

Theo (Chair) and Brooke (Secretary)

The School Councillors have been elected and are already busy in their new roles. Their new role includes being the voice for all the children in our school and as part of this role they will listen to the views of their class and represent these ideas and views during School Council meetings.

This year we will be supporting the charity 'School in a Bag'. The charity raises money to help poor, orphan, vulnerable and disaster affected children to have an education. 'School in a Bag' send each child a school bag with stationery, learning resources and eating utensils that will enable them to write, draw, colour, calculate, and above all learn. Therefore throughout this year we will be working towards raising money to buy schoolbags for children around the world and the School Council will be talking to their classes to gather their fund-raising ideas.

During the first few weeks of school, School Council members worked with Lis Foy from 'School in a Bag' to deliver an Assembly dedicated to our charity. They talked about the items in a bag and how they hope to raise money to help others less fortunate. Here is a link to their website for more information and a video clip explaining the work that they do.

<http://www.schoolinabag.org/>



## House Captains

We are incredibly proud of all the class 6 children who spoke clearly and confidently in front of their respective houses in our recent voting.

Our House Captains this year will be:

<b>Sea King :</b>	Megan and Harry
<b>Merlin:</b>	Owain W and Ezmai
<b>Lynx:</b>	Charlie M and Erin
<b>Apache :</b>	Fintan and Rebecca

We are looking forward to working with the house captains this year in a variety of ways: leading inter-house competitions, leading sports day and leading assemblies.

## FOAS

The Friends of All Saints are holding another 'working party' weekend on October 5th and 6th.

Many of the jobs that need doing are in and around the Forest of Friends. Support is required between the hours of 10am and 3pm on Saturday the 5th or 10am and 2pm on Sunday 6th. Any support is very much appreciated. Thank you.

## Lost property

The lost property basket has been sorted through and will be available to look through on Friday 4th October next to the FOAS doughnut selling station. Any items unnamed or left will be donated to charity or re-sold by the FOAS.

## Dates for your diaries

- **Monday 30th September** – Class 2 trip to Magdalen Farm
- **Tuesday 1st October** – Acorn Class Phonics evening 5:00pm
- **Thursday 3rd October** – Harvest Festival 1:30pm at St Catherine's church

- **Friday 4th October** - Acorn Class coffee morning 9:15am in the school hall
- **Friday 4th October** – Class 2 Praise and Share 2:40pm start
- **Friday 4th October** - Red, White and Blue day - children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue clothing and make a small donation towards the work of the three national charities of our Armed Forces.
- **Thursday 10th October** - Open Day for EYFS intake September 2020 9:30am – 11:00am
- **Friday 11th October** – Class 3 & 4 STEAM Praise and Share 2:40pm (Parents from Class 3 & 4 are invited)
- **Friday 11th October** – FOAS Quiz night/ AGM
- **Monday 14th October** - - Parents Consultation Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- **Wednesday 16th October** - Class 6 and Acorn welly walk
- **Thursday 17th October** - Parents Consultation Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- **Tuesday 22nd October** - Fizz Pop Science assembly
- **Friday 8st November** - Class 1 Praise and Share 2:40pm start
- **Friday 15th November** – Children In Need
- **Friday 15th November** - KS1 Showcase
- **Friday 22nd November** - KS2 Showcase
- **Friday 29th November** – Class 5 & 6 STEAM Praise and Share 2:40pm (Parents from Class 5 & 6 are invited)
- **Friday 29th November** - FOAS Christmas Fayre
- **Tuesday 10th December** 6:00pm KS2 Christmas performance
- **Wednesday 11th December** and 6:00pm KS2 Christmas performance
- **Thursday 12th December** 2:00pm and 6:00pm KS1 (Classes 1 & 2) Christmas performance
- **Friday 13th December** – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

## ACORN

What a brilliant start to school the Acorn children have made. The children have learnt the routines very quickly. They are particularly enjoying getting to know each other and spending lunchtimes with their buddies. We have been learning all about ourselves, comparing our similarities and celebrating our differences. We looked carefully at our own facial features to create self-portraits. We made the most of the sunshine last week, spending a lot of time outside. Look at the fun we have had in the mud kitchen! We have been playing a lot of games to hear the different sounds in words, including identifying rhyming words and initial sounds. Don't forget to come along to the

Acorn phonics information evening on Tuesday 1st October at 5.00pm.



## CLASS 1

Class 1 have been busy learning to classify everyday materials, such as metal, rock, wood, fabric and glass. The children identified objects made of different materials and began to discuss the properties of the materials



During phonics, Class 1 have enjoyed meeting the Reading Beanies! They have learnt to be independent readers when they are not in their group session. Well done Class 1!



## CLASS 2

Class 2 have had a busy start to the year. Our topic is called "All about Me" which includes considering life cycles of both us as humans and other animals. The most exciting part of our classroom at the moment is our caterpillars! We have 5 caterpillars which will hopefully turn into Painted Lady butterflies. We are watching them every day as they continue to eat and grow. As it is warm at the moment, we don't think it will be too long before they build themselves a cocoon and start the process of metamorphosis. Our STEAM activities have been linked to caterpillars and butterflies. We have designed and made moving butterflies and through learning about different ways to join materials we are creating caterpillars which move in at least 5 ways. We particularly enjoyed the challenge of creating fruit for the Very Hungry Caterpillar story.



We have also been thinking about fruit and things which are healthy. As part of a detailed design process we tasted 8 different fruit juices and are going to design and make our own fruit cocktail, complete with umbrella and straw! We have also made fruit salads and fruit smoothies and have learnt about 'bossy' verbs when writing instructions and recipes. What a busy 3 weeks!

## CLASS 3

We are now in our 4th week of the new school year, and the summer holidays seem far behind us! We are really impressed with the way that the children in Class 3 have settled into their new class – and in fact their new key stage. While we work hard to make the transition smooth and to keep many routines the same in Class 3 as Class 2, there are always new things to get used to! The children have done very well and we are really pleased with all of the effort they are putting into their work.

Throughout the school, children are enjoying more time outside this year – and Class 3 are no exception! They are lucky enough to have 2 sessions each week with Miss Daniel and have had some fantastic learning experiences making the most of our amazing new facilities in the forest area. We would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all of Class 3 children and staff to the Friends for their hard work in providing such a wonderful environment for the children to learn in.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Secret World Wildlife Rescue Centre in Highbridge on Wednesday. The trip was planned to enrich the children's experience of their current topic through which they are learning how we look after animals and ourselves.

During the visit, the children learnt lots about how the centre works - their key words being 'Rescue, Rehabilitate, Release'. They enjoyed seeing some of the rescued animals which included birds of prey, badgers, a red deer and his best friend emu! All of the children had the opportunity to try out some of the rescue equipment that the centre uses for various animals, and to make 'enrichment' food for the resident foxes. We were lucky to see the foxes come out to find the food just before we got on the bus to come home.

We all came away with a lot of new knowledge about how to look after animals and we feel sure that the children will be inspired to produce some fantastic work based on their experience back in class.

## CLASS 4

In Year 4, we have been having a thoroughly revolting time! Our topic for the last few weeks has been 'Where does our food go?' We've travelled down the digestive system as a miniature person in our diary writing, have danced our way from the mouth to the rectum in PE and drawn our journey to make an animation in PowerPoint.



During our STEAM lessons, we have learnt about teeth, creating our own set using paper or plasticine and have looked at designing our own healthy sandwich ensuring we have all the important food groups.

We investigated the effect different liquids would have on egg shell to help understand how what we drink can have an effect on our teeth. We've looked at animal skulls and tried to work out what they eat from looking at their teeth. We then used our learning to write an explanation text about how animals eat.

## CLASS 6

What a wonderful start to term we've had. We are already four weeks into our first topic 'Who's Taking Control' which has seen us: compare old and new machines, rewire a plug, draw old household items and learn how to build a circuit.



Within Art we have looked at the sculptor Idan Zareski to inspire our own clay sculptures – which represent our responsibility to our world



As part of Maths learning we have been working in groups to find missing angles of triangles and quadrilaterals and used protractors to measure the angles



We look forward to seeing you at our assembly.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Year 6 team**

## SPORT

I am very much looking forward to another exciting year of sports. We have the following Fixture to look forward to.

**Tuesday 1st October**- KS1 Multi-Skills at Westfield

**Wednesday 2nd October** – Cross Country at Aldon Hill

**Monday 7th October**- ESFA 5 & 6 Football at Bucklers

**Wednesday 16th October** – Cross Country at Ninesprings

**Wednesday 6th November** - Cross Country at YTFC

### Outdoor Learning September 2019.

We have been so lucky to start this year with such lovely weather which has enabled us to do lots of outdoor learning in our Forest of Friends. The children have enjoyed carrying out different activities outside linked to their topic unit. As part of their STEAM learning children have had the opportunity to use natural materials to represent their ideas when creating designs from their plans. Class 5 have been finding out about van Gogh and his famous works of Art by visiting a 'gallery' set up in the forest area. Class 3 have imagined the forest area as an Animal Rescue Centre to help enhance their learning about humans and animals while Class 2 have used the area to create ideas for keeping fit and healthy using natural materials.

To help ensure all children have access to the Forest of Friends all year round, we are looking for donations of resources. Ideally we would like spare wellies to be available; therefore if you have any out-grown wellies you can donate we would be very grateful. We are also looking for tree trunk stumps to put around the fire pit. Do you have or know anyone who could donate or sell us some for a small price? The tree stumps need to be at least 35 in diameter and be about 30-40cm high. We would also like to create different activity stations around the area so we are looking for electrical cable drums of any size. Also we are looking for pallets for shelving and planters as well as planks of wood for make-shift benches and tyres of different sizes. Please let us know if you can help us with any of these requests. Thank you.

**Miss Daniel**

