



NEWSLETTER



What have we been up to?

In the **Foundation Stage** this term we have been focussing on our topic theme 'All About Me'. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about ourselves and our peers, discussing what makes us unique. In RE we were introduced to things that are special to us like family, favourite toy and special places. In Maths we have been sorting & matching patterns and have been practising recognising numbers to 10. In phonics we have learnt most of phase 2 sounds and tricky words. We have been practising recognising the initial sound of objects and trying to segment a word and blend it to read. Well done Pipits and Wagtails for a great start to your school journey!

Year 1 and 2 classes have enjoyed learning all about toys as their first history project. They have been comparing their modern toys to toys from the Victorian times. At the beginning of the half-term, children took part in a toy workshop delivered by Taunton Museum. This enabled the children to get hands on with old toys. They enjoyed playing with them and making their own zoetropes. The children are now looking forward to diving into Geography and studying our wonderful world! In Science, both Year 1 and 2 children have been studying everyday materials. The children have had chance to compare different materials, label their properties and discover which materials are suitable for different jobs. Drawing has been the focus in art this half-term. Year 1 have focused on mark making and observational drawings. Year 2 have developed drawing further and illustrated their own story books!

Year 3 and 4 children have been busy this term learning all about Ancient Egypt. This has included finding out about the importance of the River Nile, Ancient Egyptian pyramids and The Sphinx, maps of Egypt and where it sits on a globe or a map, hieroglyphics, gods and goddesses, mummification and Tutankhamun. We have also linked our fairy tale unit in English with our history work by studying an Egyptian version of our traditional Cinderella story, called The Egyptian Cinderella.

Year 5 and 6 classes have been learning how to use grammar features in our writing as well as getting to grips with place value and calculations in maths. There has been much deep thinking about God and Jesus in RE, superb art techniques using different media and poetry to create self-portraits and lots of interesting things to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. The children are retaining many facts about the Egyptian Empire.

Harvest Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food items for our Harvest celebration. The Lord's Larder were extremely grateful for all of your generous contributions.



Cross Country

We had a fantastic afternoon earlier this month at our annual House Cross Country event. All children ran in year groups and represented their House teams. Congratulations to Romans, who were this year's winners.

A special well done goes to the Year 6 Sport Captains, who did an amazing job helping Mr Smith and supporting all the younger children.

Safety at the start and end of the school day

There are a number of issues that we would like to draw to your attention:

- Whilst using the Kiss and Drop, parents **MUST** wait in their cars with their children —they may **not** wait on the pavement area. Too many safety issues have been reported involving children running around the pavement and on to the road whilst being supervised by parents.
- ALL walking parents **must** wait until a staff member opens the school gate at 8.35am, they may **not** come on to site before this time.
- Parents collecting children by car should **not** use their mobile phones while queueing to get on to site. Again, this is not safe and could potentially cause an accident.

We thank you for your co-operation with these matters

Safeguarding

The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Svenson.

The school's Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

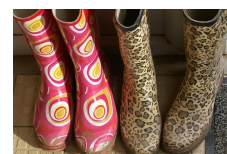
Mrs Salt, Mrs Ruddle, Mrs Stock, Mrs Watts and Mr Tune.

Should you have a concern about a child, contact one of the above staff members on 01458 272587.

Re-scheduled Welly Walk

The whole school welly walk will now take place on Thursday 2nd November.

Children should wear tracksuit/leggings or similar, wellies and a rain coat to school and bring their school uniform bottom half and school shoes and socks in a plastic bag for changing into afterwards.



Children in Need

On 17th November, we will be marking Children in Need 2023 by asking the children to come to school wearing spotty outfits.

During the school day, the children will take part in the Joe Wicks 'Bearpees' challenge!



Attendance

We wish to remind parents that holidays should be taken during the school holidays and not during term time. Please note that holidays taken during term time could result in a Penalty Notice which equates to £60 per parent, per child.