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Newsletter – October 5th 2018

View from the Head's Study

It is great to hear from parents and visitors how much tidier the school is looking this term – thanks for noticing. Staff and children have made a big effort over the summer and the beginning of this term. Last week Hazel Class, Year 6, earned the Tidiness Trophy for tidiest class of the week. What we are trying to purvey is the idea that the mess or litter on the floor may not be yours, but we all have a responsibility to pick it up. I realised how much the children have responded to this when I deliberately dropped two items of litter in the corridor to see how many children would walk past them on their way back to classes from lunch, and then relate that to the story of the Good Samaritan in the afternoon assembly. I then went for a very quick chat with Miss Goodman at the end of the corridor and when I turned round the litter had gone. I discretely dropped a piece of card in place of them – but this was immediately picked up by Mrs Barnett. Quickly I fished a label out of my pocket and dropped it on the floor, seconds before the first class came in, but again this was spotted by the first child in the line and picked up! I was very pleasantly surprised and had to change the whole tangent of the assembly as a result.

Children across the school are working hard to stay green all week using our new Good to be Green behaviour charts. A real challenge for classes is for every child in a class to stay green all week, for which a special golden certificate is awarded in the Friday Achievements Assembly. This is something that some classes will need to aspire to, so we do also make sure that we recognise individuals who have been green all week by stamping their Good to be Green page in their home-school book. In assembly last week virtually every child was able to put up their hand when I asked who had been green all week, so please have a look in your child's home-school book and praise them if they have a Good to be Green stamp for the week. Our new behaviour system recognises and acknowledges children's good behaviour, rather than dwell on and feed negative behaviour. So it was lovely to walk into a Key Stage 2 class last week and be told by a child that last year he was "naughty", but this year he was really working hard to stay green. Long may that continue!

Art Competition

This is just a quick reminder that this term's art competition deadline is looming! For those of you who may have missed this, you were asked to create pictures related to the theme of **Harvest**.

Thank you to the children who have already sent in amazing entries. If you would like to take part, please ensure that your picture reaches my pigeonhole by Wednesday 10th October.

Many thanks, Mrs Stead.

Mr Perry running to raise funds for Wiveliscombe Town Hall.

As you may be aware, the Wiveliscombe Town Hall Trust has been set up to get the deserted, yet lovely building, back up and running. I have recently got involved with the charity as I feel this is a really important venue for the future of our town. I am particularly excited for my children and all the children from the Wiveliscombe area, who will benefit from an amazing place for music, theatre, film, dance and all the arts. Not only will it provide a great space to watch events, it will also encourage our home-grown talents.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Trust and what is needed go to:
www.wiveliscombetownhall.org.uk

Also, on Saturday 13th October I am doing a 40 mile cross country sponsored run, finishing at the Town Hall to raise money and awareness. To find out more or donate, go to:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/chrisanddavegorunning>

Mr. Perry.

Encouraging Independence

When children enter KS2 we encourage and expect them to become more independent. Coming back from half-term we therefore want children in Year 3 and above to come into the school building without being accompanied by their parents. With this in mind we are introducing the below arrangements:
Y3 to enter the building by the little door they leave by at the end of the day;
Y4 to enter by the main door, as they do now;
Y5 to use the door they currently use at the end of that day;
And Y6 to use the door into their classroom off the main entrance (opposite the Office hatch).

Teachers are almost always available at the end of the day for a quick chat, and are still happy to see you first thing if more urgent messages need to be delivered. Remember that if a longer discussion is required you are still very welcome to make an appointment to see a teacher.

We would also ask parents of EYFS and KS1 children to use either of the two side gates into the playground to reach Oak, Elm, Larch and Maple classes. This will make the main entrance and corridor a much calmer place at the start of the day, allowing children and classes in the main building to settle more quickly to their learning.



Christmas Carol Service

Can you please note that the KS2 Christmas Carol Service will now be on Monday 17th Dec at 1:30pm at the church

School Photographer - Wednesday 10th October.

The photographer will be taking individual and family portraits.

Those wishing to have family portraits taken with Kingsmead siblings can do so between 8.00am and 8.20am. Those wishing to have photographs taken with pre-school siblings can do so from 8.20am. Please take your children to the School Hall. Children with brothers and sisters in school will have their photos taken together in school time, as well as an individual photo.

Harvest Service - Monday 15th October

As stated in the original letter dated 27th September, "Open the Book" are coming in to school and will be leading our Harvest Service. All donations are going to Taunton Association for the Homeless.

In view of this, we would appreciate it if things you send are either tins or packets and not perishable items.

Please leave any donations in the School Hall on the morning of Monday 15th.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Hayes for giving up some of his time in the holidays and creating a role play area in our Early Years outdoor area.

Canvas

We are appealing for any large pieces of canvas from either tents or marquees, the larger the better, please bring them in they will be gratefully received.



Children starting and transferring school September 2019

If you have a child who is due to start school / transfer to secondary and upper schools next September 2019, the application portal is now available on the Somerset County Council website. Parents can apply on line <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/> or you can phone Somerset Direct for a paper copy of the application 0300 123 2224.

Parent information is now available on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/>

The closing date for Transfers to secondary and Upper schools or Technology Colleges is 31/10/2018 and First Admissions (includes infant to junior and first to middle) is 15/01/2019.

Dates for Your Diary

- **10 October**- Parents meetings
- **10 October** – School Photos (individual & siblings) – more details to follow
- **15 October** – Harvest Festival – more information to follow
- **26 October** – Last day of Term 1
- **5th November** - return to school
- **28th November** – Flu Vaccination Reception/Year 1
- **5th December** – Year 2 Festival (multi skills)Kingsmead
- **7th December** – PTFA Christmas Fair 3:30pm
- **14th December** – Ks2 Carol service rehearsal
- **17th December** – Carol Service
- **21st December** – Break up.

Raise funds for Wivey Primary PTFA every time you shop online

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wiveliscombecpsptfa/>

Shop with over £3,300 online stores and earn funds for the PTFA.

Just follow the link above and register then download a little extension file that will remind you to shop through the fundraising website. No cost to you but valuable to the school.

Some of the stores are as follows:

Amazon	John Lewis	Debenhams
Argos	Viking	Gap
Booking.com	Sainsburys	Screwfix
Boden	Next	
Ebay	asos	
M&S	moonpig	

So far only 33 people have registered let's see if we can make that 100.