

SOMERSET EDUCATION SERVICES

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Key Dates

February

Monday 3 rd	3.45pm B team football at Bucklers Mead CANCELLED
Tuesday 4 th	6pm PTA Stargazing event
Wednesday 5 th	4pm Cross Country event at Yeovil Showground
Thursday 6 th	9.15am – 10.15am Come to a Literacy Lesson Year 4 Zing (Healthy eating) visit 3.45pm Girls Futsal at Westfield
Friday 7 th	Year 2 Bikes and Scooters day – Road Safety
Monday 10 th	3.45pm Y5/6 Football at Bucklers Mead
Tuesday 11 th	3.15pm – 5.30pm Netball KO Cup at Westfield
Friday 14 th	Break up for half term
Monday 24 th	Return to school

PTA Events

Many thanks go to the PTA for their continued hard work to raise money to support the school. The school council were supported by parents when they held their cake sale on Friday. The money raised from the event will be going towards the purchase of new gym mats. The PTA will be donating money towards this purchase too. The Stargazing event takes place on Tuesday 4th February so we are hoping for clear skies so the children will be able to see the constellations. This event is free but please do bring money for refreshments which will be on sale. The latest PTA donation has been made to support the purchase of more reading books for our younger children. They are now in the boxes, which have also been revamped and with new covers, ready for use by the children.

Visit to Taunton Museum

The Year 4 children had a very interesting visit to the museum in Taunton. They had the opportunity to secure and extend the learning which has taken place in school. They had fun dressing up and were very knowledgeable and curious when handling the Roman artefacts.



Come to a lesson

We are delighted to invite parents to join their children for a Literacy lesson on Thursday 6th February. The lesson will give you the opportunity to experience what a lesson is like for your child in their class. It will also help you understand the expectations and possible ways in which you can best support them. Unfortunately you will only be able to attend one lesson as it is important that you attend for the whole lesson. Please do not bring pre-school children as this may be disruptive to the lesson. If you wish to attend a lesson then please come to the hall to be registered (fire regulations and safeguarding) from 9.00am. The lesson will run from 9.10 – 10.10am.

Sporting events

Well done to the cyclo-cross teams who participated in the local competition. They did very well and have qualified for the area finals which will take place in the spring. We are also pleased that our Boccia team have qualified for the area finals too. We wish both teams well. The sports leaders had a very enjoyable afternoon at Flip Out.



We are fortunate to have an outside coach who is working with the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on cricket skills. The Year 4 children have the company Zing, supported by the NHS, working with them on Healthy Eating. They will be having six sessions where they will have the opportunity to prepare and cook food. They will also be running a cooking competition which will involve them preparing and cooking food at home.

Erasmus + Project

The twelve year 6 children, who have opted to go on the visit to Spain, are practising their Spanish in preparation. They have also prepared a presentation on the e-twinning website so that they can start to get to know the children from the other European schools. The flights and accommodation are now all booked and I am sure it will be an experience they will remember for a long time.

Church Services

We are looking forward to our Mothers' Day service which will take place on Friday 20th March at 2.15pm in the Church. The PTA will be organising an afternoon tea to follow. More details will follow closer to the date.

Charity donations

Many thanks go to Martock Charity shop for a generous donation of £500. This money will be spent on topic boxes to support the work being done in History and Geography especially. The PTA has also offered to donate some money to support the development of these resources.

The Village Hall

Following our very successful Christmas meal with people from the village, we are planning our next event. This will take place on Tuesday 11th February and will consist of a roast beef meal followed by fruit crumble. This will be served by the Year 6 children. All orders need to be placed by the end of Monday 3rd February.

DBS

Anyone wishing to volunteer in school needs to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) form. Please see Mrs Ellis for further details. The process is much quicker now as it is possible to do much of the process online.