

## SOMERSET EDUCATION SERVICES

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### NEWSLETTER 6 - February 2020

#### Key Dates

##### March

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Girls football at Bucklers Mead 3.45pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Boccia at Westfield 3.45pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day Events 6pm – 9pm PTA Swap Shop Supper Club event at The Bridge Canteen, Langport
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm Meeting for Parents and Children going on the Spanish trip
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evenings week
Monday – Tuesday	Bikeability
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	M&M Production of The Secret Garden pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Wow Day at Stanchester
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief and Cake Sale
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 trip to Paignton Zoo
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kilve Court Residential for Year 3
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> –	Mothers' Day Service in the Church 2.15pm Mothers' Day Tea organised by PTA from 3.10pm

#### PTA Events

Many thanks go to the PTA for their continued hard work to raise money to support the school. We have now purchased new gym mats which were paid for by money from the PTA, funds raised by the School Council and money from the school. The children are enjoying using them and we hope to purchase more in the future to ensure all are of this quality.

We are looking forward to the visit of M&M theatre company on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. This is being paid for by donations from parents and some money from the PTA. It is always special to give the children the opportunity to see live theatre so we are excited about this performance. We hope the Swap Shop Supper Club event being held at The Bridge Canteen at Langport on the evening of March 4<sup>th</sup> will be a great success. We encourage you to purchase tickets - all details are on the weekly sheet. Information will also be released soon about the Mothers' Day PTA Tea Party. This will be held after the Church service on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. It was organised for the first time last year and we were lucky with the weather and it was a lovely event. I hope you will be able to stay at the end of school for this activity and enjoy the children serving you tea.

#### Village Lunch

We held our second lunch event for people from the local village. It was just before half term and consisted of roast beef and all the trimmings followed by fruit crumble and custard. It was very successful and was attended by 40 people. The comments have been very positive and we intend to organise an event each half term. I have also invited people from the village to the Mothers' Day tea so hope some will be able to join us. The next Community Lunch will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April in the Village Hall at 1.15pm.



## Sporting events

Congratulations to our Boccia team who took part in the area finals at Bridgwater this week. They did very well and came third. This means they are the third best team in the county at Boccia. Unfortunately the cyclo-cross team, who have qualified for the area finals, were unable to compete as the event was cancelled due to the bad weather. Hopefully the new date will be in the spring and the weather will be better. Congratulations go to our cross country runners. They are doing very well and performing highly. Our girls have been particularly successful in all of their age groups.



## Healthy Cooking Challenge

Thank you to those children who have entered the cooking competition and to their parents for supporting them in this challenge. We have extended the closing date to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March so that others who may not yet have had the chance to complete their entry will be able to do so. The entries received so far are on the website and they are fantastic. Mr Ives will be putting them together in a book for you to purchase if you wish. The company Zing have arranged prizes for the competition. They have been working with the Year 4 class and have had lots of fun trying out different recipes and learning about the health benefits of the different foods.

## Erasmus + Project

The trip to Spain for the twelve year 6 children is getting closer. We fly out for a week leaving on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. There will be a meeting for parents and children on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm to discuss details and kit lists. If you are unable to attend then the lists will be sent home with your child. Please contact me if you have any queries concerning the visit.

## School Uniform

I wish to remind you that the children need to attend school in their school uniform. It is important that the hooded sweatshirt is used for sport and PE not as their everyday sweatshirt. Several children are wearing trainers rather than proper school shoes. We wish them to change into trainers for Wake and Shake and PE but they do need school shoes to wear during the day. Shoes which are fitted to your children's feet offer better support while their feet are growing.

We encourage your children in KS2 to have a play clothes which they can put on for breaks and lunchtimes to avoid their school uniform and shoes getting muddy and ruined on the field.



PE kit is needed so that your child can participate fully in the curriculum. It is very basic kit of black shorts and a red or white t-shirt. Please do not purchase kit for lessons which have brand logos on as these are not part of the uniform. They do need daps or trainers for lessons too. Unfortunately there are a small group of children who regularly do not have kit and this does waste time from the lesson when the teacher has to try to find spare kit.

### **Church Services**

The Mothers' Day service will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The children will spend time in the morning working with Dr Philippa Bellows preparing for the service. The Easter Service will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9.15am. We hope you can join us for both services.

### **Interviews**

The interviews for the new Headteacher, who will start in September, were held just before half-term. They were attended by four candidates who had to face many challenges posed by the governors and Primary Lead advisor from County along with a representative from the Diocese. The person selected after the two day process was Mrs Rebecca Bennett. She is excited about her new role and we all wish her well and believe she will be very fortunate to lead such a wonderful school.

### **DBS (the old CRB)**

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.

