
Newsletter 1

Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 1...and what a week of gorgeous weather we have come back to! I really hope that you have all had a restful but fun break, and are ready for a new year of learning.

We start the year by welcoming some new members of staff. Welcome to Mrs Fry who will be running breakfast club, Mrs Johnson who will be joining the lunchtime team and Mrs Masters who will be assisting at after school club on some evenings. We also say a welcome to Mrs Tiernan, our new deputy head and Year 5 teacher, along with Miss Lizzie Edwards and Miss Auton who will be assisting learning in classrooms. Below are a few start of term reminders along with a list of dates that we hope will be useful in helping you plan the year.

Our governors have oversight of many of our school policies. One new policy that has been developed is a **communications policy**. This outlines guidelines around communications between parents and staff but also between staff and parents. Please have a read by following this link [HERE](#) and we would be grateful if everyone would adhere to the guidelines. One of the areas we have changed in order to improve communications is to use Class Dojo messaging for parents again. Although we prefer face to face contact for sharing of information, please feel free to use the messaging facility on Class Dojo again.

Attendance

Please remember that we do not authorise any holidays unless the circumstances are extenuating and exceptional. In many cases a term time holiday will trigger the local authority to issue a penalty fine.



The trust attendance policy aims for all pupils to be at 95% or above attendance across the year. Attendance data is monitored closely by the school and its educational welfare partner regularly.

Lunchboxes and morning snacks

As we start a new school year, please consider carefully what food go into children's lunchboxes. We ask for no peanut products, and no packets of sweets or 'proper' chocolate bars (Penguin / caramel wafer type bars are fine).



For Year 3-6 children that bring in a playtime snack, please ensure that it is something healthy like a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Please see the graphic below with advice around what constitutes a healthy lunchbox

Parking

I'm aware that parking at drop off and pick up time is an ongoing issue in the village! Please remember that the Prince of Waterloo pub have said that parents are welcome to use the car park at the rear of the pub to help everyone get to and from school safely.



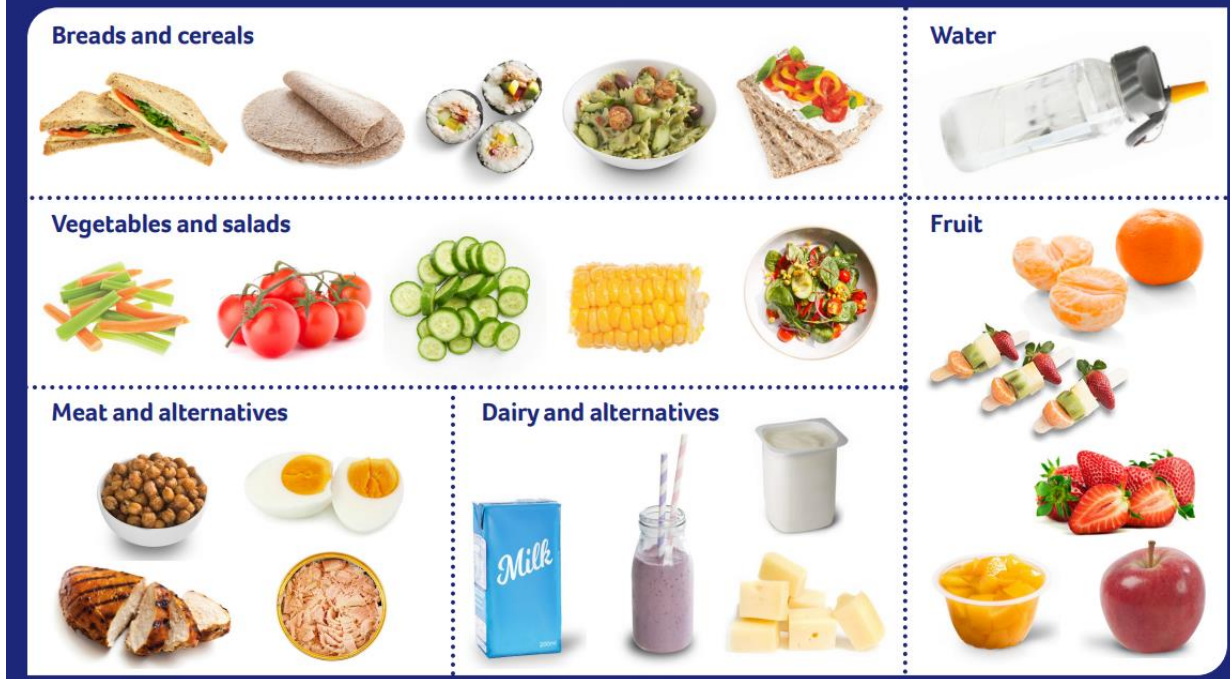
School Crossing Patrol

As Shirley has retired, you may know that there is currently no appointed lollipop person. This role is managed by North Somerset Council and is sponsored by local businesses. We have met with the council's transport team who along with us are keen to find a solution for the crossing outside the school. How the solution will look has not been fully agreed yet.



We have been asked to canvas the school community to find out whether anyone would be prepared to take on such a role both before and after school. If you, or someone you know could be interested, please do let us know on the main school email address.

Pack your lunch box from these food groups



Dates for the year

EVENT	DATE	TIME(S)
TERM 1		
Reception New Parents Coffee Morning	Friday 15 th September	8.40 am school hall
Individual Pupil Photos	Monday 25 th September	
Harvest services. Parents welcome to attend	Weds 27 th September	9:00 Years 3,4,5,6 and 9:45 Years R,1,2
Last day Term 1 (Non-school uniform)	Thurs 19 th October	
INSET day	Fri 20 th October	
TERM 2		
1 st day term 2	Mon 30 th October	
Flu immunisations	Tues 31 st October	
Parents eves 1	Tues / Thurs 14 th & 16 th November	15:30-18:20
INSET day	Friday 17 th November	All day
Year ¾ Christmas performance	Fri 8 th December	9:00
Year ½ Nativity	Tues 12 th December	9:00
Year R Nativity	Thurs 14 th December	9:00
Year 5/6 Church service	Weds 13 th December	9:00 and 18:30
Whole school Pantomime trip (Weston-super-Mare)	Fri 15 th December	
Last day Term2 (Non-school uniform)	Weds 20 th December	
TERM 3		
1 st day term 3	Weds 4 th January	
Y1 Class assembly for parents	Tues 23 rd Jan	8:55
Y5 Class assembly for parents	Weds 24 th Jan	8:55
YR Class assembly for parents	Thurs 25 th Jan	8:55
Y4 Class assembly for parents	Tues 30 th Jan	8:55
Y3 Class assembly for parents	Weds 31 st Jan	8:55
Y2 Class assembly for parents	Thurs 1 st Feb	8:55
Y6 Class assembly for parents	Tues 6 th Feb	8:55
Open classrooms 1 for parents	Weds 7 th February	8:50-9:20
Last day term 3 (Non-school uniform)	Fri 9 th February	
TERM 4		
INSET day	Monday 19 th February	

First day term 4	Tues 20 th February	
Parents eve 2	Tues / Thurs 12 th & 14 th March	15:30-18:20
Easter service. Parents welcome to attend	Weds 27 th March	9:00 Years 3,4,5,6 and 9:45 Years R,1,2
Last day term 4 (Non-school uniform)	Thurs 28 th March	
TERM 5		
1 ST day term 5	Mon 15 th April	
May Day Bank Holiday	Mon 6 th May	
Open classrooms 2 for parents	Weds 8 th May	8:50-9:20
SATs week Yr6 School camp Yr5 (Mon-Wed)	W/b Mon 13 th May	
Sports day	Thurs 23 rd May	Afternoon
Last day term 5 (Non-school uniform)	Fri 24 th May	
TERM 6		
INSET day	Mon 3 rd June	
First day Term 6	Tues 4 th June	
Year 6 Residential camp week	10-14 th June	
Year 5/6 summer production	Weds 10 th July	6:30pm
Year 6 Leavers service at CHURCH (parents welcome)	Thursday 18 th July	9:00am
Year 6 Leavers assembly in School (parents welcome)	Friday 19 th July	2:00pm
Final day of the school year (Non-school uniform)	Tues 23 rd July	

Celebration Assembly Certificates

<u>Leopard</u> <u>Year 1</u>	To the whole of Leopards for a FANTASTIC first few days! You have all be amazing and you are all settling in well to year 1. I am really looking forward to teaching you all - I know it will be a fab year 😊
<u>Panther</u> <u>Year 2</u>	To all of the Panthers for an amazing start to being in year 2! You have been learning all of our class routines so well and have already started to do some amazing work! Special mention to Jax and Lily -What an excellent start to Year 2! You are both superb role models to your classmates, always being ready to learn, always listening carefully to instructions and trying your very best in all of the activities we have done this week. You are both kind and helpful, and I am sure this is just the beginning of a brilliant school year for you. Well done and keep it up!
<u>Tiger</u> <u>Year 3</u>	To the whole of tiger class for a fabulous start to, not only Year 3, but to becoming Key Stage 2 children. I have been so impressed with how grown up you are and how well you've taken to coming back into school, being upstairs and completing lots of new work already. You have all had a great attitude and have made these few days an absolute pleasure - even in this very hot weather. I am super proud of you all and thank you for making <i>my</i> first week in Year 3 wonderful too! Keep this up, tigers!
<u>Jaguar</u> <u>Year 4</u>	To all of Jaguar class: Well done for an amazing first few days! You've come in with smiles, had a go at everything we've done together and really impressed with your attitude and efforts. Let's keep this up all year!
<u>Lynx</u> <u>Year 5</u>	Lynx Class- A huge well done to all of Lynx Class for such a brilliant start to Year 5. They have all show amazing motivation as they have started on their Year 5 journey. They have shown me that they are always ready to learn and try their best. They have also made me feel very welcome- thank you! I am very much looking forward to spending the rest of Year 5 with you all!
<u>Puma</u> <u>Year 6</u>	Puma class has taken on their new role as Year sixes wonderfully over the past couple of days. I have been so impressed with how they have already begun to set an example for the rest of the school. In class, we have already started tackling the Year 6

	curriculum and they have absolutely smashed every objective so far. I'm so proud to have them back and look forward to an outstanding year!
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