

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



...the roots to grow and the wings to fly."

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Friday 25th September 2020

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Miller (Hawthorn) Kallie (Poplar)

Evelyn (Beech) Willow (Fir)

Betty (Rowan) Alicia (Willow)

Thomas (Sycamore) Sophia (Maple)



Special awards were given to:

Rowan Class for four Collective Worships on Wednesday

Willow Class for four English lessons on Wednesday

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Following interviews this week, we are very pleased to let you know that we have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher, who will start in school after the Christmas holiday. We will introduce the newest member of the team more fully once the usual pre-employment checks have taken place.

Thank you in particular to the children in Willow class, who participated in the teaching part of the interviews, which included four English lessons, and to all of the other children who participated in the candidates' remote Collective Worship task.

David Daniels and Fiona Puleston.
Co-Chairs of the Governing Body

MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We need to make our Year 4 families aware that Oakfield and Selwood Academies will not be offering site tours this year. Schools this week have been advised to stop all non-essential visitors and prospective parents has been deemed non-essential by the Local Authority. Both schools are in the process of creating virtual tours, which will be posted on their websites.

The closing date for middle school applications is January 15th 2021. Parents can apply online at:

somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/starting-at-a-junior-or-middle-school/

AUTUMN WEATHER

As the weather grows noticeably cooler, please could you ensure children wear warm clothes to school? We have to maintain ventilation in all rooms and it's getting chilly in classrooms!

Please remember to send them in with a coat too. Even if it's raining we are trying to get them outside, as they need to have opportunity to move about and get some fresh air.

Lastly, we ask that children wear shoes or trainers appropriate for PE. If they would prefer not to wear trainers every day, they may keep them in a **small** bag on their peg.

MORNING DROP-OFF

We appreciate that the morning drop-off is more difficult for some children than others, but a quick goodbye is actually more helpful, and less distressing, to children and adults, so we do ask that everyone says a quick goodbye and keeps moving!

DATA COLLECTION

All children have brought home their data collection sheets now.

Thank you for returning so many forms already. If you haven't done so yet, please return all completed forms to your class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

HARVEST 2020

Thank you for all the food gifts brought to school today.

Our slightly different Harvest celebration has, so far, resulted in four boxes like this one, piled high with tins, packets and jars for the Fair Frome Food Bank.

We know some Reception children weren't in school today, but we won't be delivering these items yet, so there is still time to drop in any non-perishable food items next week. There will be a collection box by the front gate, where both classes exit. Or, of course, for anyone who would like to add to our wonderful collection!



KS2 SPORTS FESTIVALS

Children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in Sports Festivals in school, within their class bubbles, next week and the week after. Please could they wear PE or sports kit, and suitable shoes or trainers, on the following days:

Year 3 - Tuesday 29th September
Year 4 - Tuesday 6th October

LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Reception

Maths - The number 1.

Phonics - i, n, m, d

Year 1

Maths - Place value within 10.

English - Describing butterflies.

Year 2

Maths - Tens and units. 2-digit numbers.

English - Using adjectives and nouns to describe aliens.

Year 3

Maths - Place value and ordering numbers.

English - Starting our new history topic

Year 4

Maths - Place value.

English - Note taking and biographies.

DIARY DATES

Tues 29 Sept	Sports Festivals - Year 3
Tues 6 Oct	Sports Festivals - Year 4
Fri 23 Oct	Inset Day - School closed
Oct 26 - 30	Half Term
Weds 4 Nov	Flu Immunisation
Weds 11 Nov	Bag 2 School Collection
Fri 18 Dec	Last day of term

BAG 2 SCHOOL

Recycling Collection Wednesday 11th November

We have managed to book another Bag 2 School recycling collection, as the company we use is operating again. If you have any clean, unwanted clothes, paired shoes and boots, soft toys, bedlinen, towels, bags or belts you would be willing to donate, please bag them up.

Please don't include school uniform with our lamb logo on.

You may use any carrier bags or bin liners you like; we have not requested any collection bags this time.

You are welcome to leave filled bags against the wall behind the left hand gate of the staff car park - **before 9.30am on the morning of Wednesday 11th only please!**

All donated items will be weighed and taken away to be sold or reused to raise money for worthy causes, whilst raising a little for school too.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Somerset School Admissions' online portal for applications for children to start school in September 2021, or to transfer to a junior or middle school, is now open.

The closing date for Primary Phase Admissions, including first to middle, is 15/01/2021.

Parents can apply online at:

[somerset.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions)

Information for parents is also available on:

[facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/](https://www.facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/)

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