



WELCOME BACK

It is great to be back at school after a weeks break. I hope you found time to relax and recuperate with your families; the children certainly seem to have come back reinvigorated and ready to learn! I am looking forward to joining the Year 6 children on their residential visit to Avon Tyrrell next week and will include a report from the children in the first available newsletter.

SAFEGUARDING

As a direct response to several comments in the parent questionnaire I would like to draw your attention to our site security procedures.

The school office is open between 8:30 and 4.00pm. **All visitors** must report to the school office during these hours . If you have items for your child please drop these into the office and we will deliver them.

Please do not enter the school at the start of the day with your child; we work hard to promote independence and expect all of our children to organise their belongings at the start of the day.

Additionally, as part of our ongoing review of site security we are mindful that our site, including the children's playground, could be more secure. One solution we are considering to address this concern is the installation of a gate between the garden and the school building. We will keep you informed. Thank you for your ongoing support.

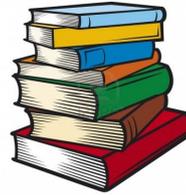
PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you very much for your responses to the parent questionnaire which is now closed. This was the first time we have sent a questionnaire electronically and, as a result we had a total of 53 responses which represents approximately a third of the pupils and nearly half of the families at our school. I will look carefully at the responses with the Governors and report back to you shortly.



Miss Vittle

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are looking for some parent (or grandparent, aunty, uncle...) volunteers to come and help maintain the smooth running of our fabulous library.

There are a number of essential jobs that need doing on a regular basis.

These include sorting and cataloguing books, tidying up and covering new books. Full training will be given and a DBS check will be required. If you could spare an hour or two a week and this sounds like something you would be like to help us with please let Miss Vittle or Mrs Burr know in the school office. We can't offer a salary but we can offer tea and biscuits, and sometimes there is also cake!

INTERNET SAFETY - A PARENT GUIDE

In this age of social media and the internet it is sometimes hard to know what your child is accessing and who they are talking to. *Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Oovoo, Club Penguin and Sarahah* are just a few of the social media sites that many children today have accounts for.



Our IT provider has given us a link to a parent facing website, in collaboration with NCA-CEOP, which provides content on all of the issues amplified by the internet and includes articles on Health and Well Being, Parenting, Internet Safety, Games, Apps and Tech and lots more. Please find time to have a look at the website, the link can be found here:



<https://parentinfo.org/articles/all>

We will shortly be adding a new page to our 'Parents' section of our website with more information on keeping your child safe on the internet and will keep you updated with any articles that we think will be of interest to you.





DANCE WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday of this week every class took part in a fast paced, fun workshop with Keely and Stacey of Fusion Dance Academies.

This was the first of three termly workshops funded by FROGS as part of our **Year of the Arts** project. During their session, the children in each class learned a Rock and Roll inspired dance routine and in subsequent terms they will learn about two more styles of dance. The children responded brilliantly to the workshop and all classes picked up the routine really quickly. From the huge smiles and laughter, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience too! Watch out for photos of the dance workshop on the school website and our photo screen in the entrance hall. In the coming weeks, all classes will be starting work on this term's art project and our aim is for their master pieces to be on display before the end of term.



If you or your child would like more information about Fusion Dance Academies dance classes, please visit their website:

<https://fusiondanceacademies.com/>

NEW PARENTS - CLASSLIST

The school PTA - "FROGS" - uses Classlist to communicate to the whole school, individual classes, special groups etc. It is GDPR compliant and you are in charge of the information you choose to share. Since we launched in June 2018 we have approximately 95% of parents signed up. If you haven't already, we'd encourage you to sign up to get information from FROGS, your class reps etc.

Download the Classlist app on your mobile (recommended) or visit www.classlist.com - and then search for our school name. Register each of your children in their relevant year and teacher. Please contact Georgie Nicoll or your class rep if you have any questions.

TRUFFULA ROOM

I'm sure many of you have noticed our newly transformed 'glass box' into the 'Truffula Room'. Thanks to a donation from Frogs we have been able to buy colourful 'Truffula Tree' stickers, wall quotes from Dr Seuss, a sofa, cushions, bunting and truffula inspired lights. For those of you who don't know, Truffula Trees



are from the book 'The Lorax' by Dr Seuss. This room will be used primarily by children who need a quiet and welcoming space to reflect or just take time out. It will also be used for

one to one learning, parent meetings with teachers and many other things through the school day. We are all delighted with the transformation, as are the children, and we would like to say a very big thank you to Frogs for supporting us with this project.



ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD ORDER

Thank you to everyone that ordered christmas cards and other items, you should've all received your cards and other items this week. If you ordered a mug they will need to be collected from the school office ASAP. We are placing another order, so if you missed the deadline or would like more items with your child's Christmas design on, then please place an order by 3pm on Monday 12th November. We need full payment either by cash or cheque (cheques payable to FROGS) when orders are placed.

CHRISTMAS GROTTO TICKETS ON SALE!

Ho Ho Ho! The Christmas Fayre is nearly here. Tickets for the Christmas Grotto, which will be held at the Fayre on **Saturday 24th November from 12pm to 2pm**, will be on sale from Monday 5th November to Friday 9th November. Tickets are only £3 per child and will be sold in the playground at drop off and pick up. As the fayre is shorter this year we will only be offering group visits to the grotto so buy your tickets quickly before they all sell out!



BAG2SCHOOL



We will be holding another Bag2school collection on Tuesday 27th November. This is the ideal opportunity to have a sort out of wardrobes and cupboards and bag up anything that you would send to the charity shop. We earn 40p per kilo which is valuable income for our school. Bags will be sent home after half term but good quality black bags can also be used if you want to start collecting over the holidays. Please don't bring in any bags before 27th November as we have no where to store them. Bags can be dropped off at normal drop off time, on the day, by the grit bin at the bottom of the drive.

Please DO NOT include:

Logo'd items, Torn or dirty items or pieces of fabric
Pillows, Duvets or quilts
Carpets, rugs or mats

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box has now moved into the school entrance foyer and can be located under the table in a small plastic box.

This week we have cleared the wooden box which used to house the lost property. There were over 30 items of clothing, of which only one had the name of a child who is currently at our school! There were several items of clothing with the name of children who had left our school - some several years ago!

Please ensure your child's items are all named.

From now on, the lost property box will be cleared regularly. Those items which have a readable name on them will be returned to the child, those items of school uniform which are unnamed will be handed to the second hand uniform team and those items of clothing which are not named and are not school uniform will go to the charity shop or bag2school. Please help us by naming your child's clothing!

DIARY DATES

New events or date changes in bold

Mon 6th Nov	Avon Tyrrell—Year 6
Tues 20th Nov	Cl 3/4 to Chambers Recycling Centre
Wed 21st Nov	Cl 4/5 to Chambers Recycling Centre
Fri 16th Nov	MUFTI day for Tombola prizes for FROGS Xmas Fayre
Mon 19th Nov	Year R Parents Evening, 3.20pm-6.50pm
Sat 24th Nov	FROGS Xmas Fayre, 12noon—2pm
Tues 27th Nov	Dance Festival, Yr 1, Perins Bag2School Collection 9am
Thurs 8th Dec	Listen2Me Perf to parents, 11am
Tues 11th Dec	Whole School Nativity Performance Village Hall, 2pm & 5pm
Thurs 13th Dec	School Xmas lunch day
Wed 19th Dec	KS1 Xmas Party, 1.30pm
Thurs 20th Dec	Year 5 to Perins Xmas Concert 11am KS2 Xmas Party, 1.30pm
Fri 21st Dec	Carols Around the Tree, 10.30am End of Autumn Term
Mon 7th Jan	Start of Spring Term
Tues 5th Feb	KS1 Giant Sing, Year 1, Basingstoke Anvil 12.15pm-3.45pm
Tues 12th Feb	Giant Sing, Cl 3/4 & 4/5 Basi Anvil, 12.15pm—15.45pm
Fri 15th Feb	Snow White Panto at Village Hall, 2pm Break for Half Term
Mon 25th Feb	Inset Day
Fri 22nd March	Year 1 Fundraiser—Race Night
Fri 5th April	End of Spring Term
Tues 23rd April	Start of Summer Term
Fri 24th May	Break for Half Term
Mon 3rd June	Inset Day
Tues 23rd July	End of Summer Term

POPPY DAY

We have a selection of child friendly poppy items on sale in the school entrance foyer, along with the more traditional paper poppies and also a donation tin. There are no set prices, any donation is acceptable. Please bring a safety pin if you want your child to wear a poppy as we will not give out pins.



W/C 5th November 2018	Monday Yr 6 to Avon Tyrrell	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Yr 6 return from Avon Tyrrell
Morning	Piano & Recorder Lessons		Guitar Lessons	Drum Lessons	
Lunchtime		French club 12.15pm-12.45pm Years 1 & 2			
Afternoon	Piano & Recorder Lessons				
After School Activities	KS2 Football club 3.00pm-4.15pm	Board Games Club KS2 3pm-4pm Little Bookworms KS1 (Mrs Day)	French Club 3.10pm-3.55pm Netball Club 3.00pm-4.00pm	KS1+KS2 Multisports 3.00pm-4.15pm	KS1+ Yr 3 Football club KS2 Drama Club (Mrs Day)