

Vewsletter: Autumn 1 Friday 6th September

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break! It has been lovely to welcome back all the children and meet our new children in Starfish Class this week. Everyone has settled back into school really well and our new children have done brilliantly! We look forward to getting to know them and our new parents in the coming weeks.

Staffing news

I am thrilled to tell you that Miss Gibson had a baby girl on 31st July. Baby Violet is doing really well and Miss Gibson and her partner Elliot are thoroughly enjoying parenthood. We look forward to seeing Miss Gibson and Violet in school soon. *Clubs*

Following feedback from yourselves about clubs and booking places, we will be releasing club details for this term on Monday 9th September at 6pm. Hopefully this will allow everyone to access the clubs fairly. We have already released details about Yeavil Town football session which starts next week (this is already full). All other clubs begin the week beginning 23rd and will run for 10 weeks ending on 6th December. Gates

As you are aware our entrance to school can be quite a challenge so please can I remind you to enter through the white gate and exit through the green gate onto the footpath. This one way system takes the pressure off the one entrance if used properly! I am aware this is not accessible to pushchairs but if everyone without a pushcahir uses it that will help!



OPAL

The children have returned and fully embraced our OPAL play again. Please can I ask that ALL children bring some named wellies to school that can remain here for playtimes. Each class has a welly rack for these outside the classrooms. As we go into the Autumn and Winter we will be using the field whenever possible and children will need to have wellies to go on the field.



Tuning into Kids

Following on from the Emotion Coaching workshop last term we will be running a Tuning into Kids course starting on October 1st. This will run for 6 weeks from 1:15 – 3:15pm. Spaces will be limited and it is best that you can attend all sessions as they follow on from each other. Please can you let the office know if you would like to book a place.

PTFA

The PTFA would like to invite you for coffee and biscuits after drop off next Friday morning - 13th September in the school hall. This is hopefully going to be a regular opportunity for parents to meet up for a chat and refreshments. Toddlers and babies all welcome!

Asda



The PTFA have registered for Asda's Cashpot for Schools initiative. If you shop at Asda you can support the school by:

- 1. Downloading and signing into Asda's Rewards App
- 2. Shop in store or online
- 3. Asda does the rest and donates to the school.



Phones on playgrounds

Last term I requested that parents do not use mobile phones on the school site and most importantly do not take photographs. Please can I politely remind you of this request. I know it is wonderful to take photos of milestones for your children but please do this off the school site.

Uniform

Thank you to all the families who have ensured that their children return to school in the correct school uniform. We do have a School Uniform Policy and expect all children to be wearing our uniform. We have lots of spare uniform in school and can supply you with uniform if you are having difficulities with it. Please can ALL children have PE kits in school also so they can take part in PE lessons sfaely. We will not be making phone calls home if children do not have PE kits or swimming kits in school this year. There is NO expectation that children have uniform with the new logo and there is no date set for this.

Inhalers

If your child has an inhaler, please can you make sure it is delivered to the school office where you will need to complete a medical form giving permission for it to be administered. Please can you also check that inhalers are in date and in a labelled bag. Art Club

The Art Club is back again at Castle Cary School this Autumn with a whole host of new projects. We have a few spaces currently but they will be allocated on a f irst come/first served basis. We will be running the club for 10 weeks during the Autumn term and the cost will be £70.00. This will include all materials, equipment and aprons. The Art Club is on Tuesdays between 3.30-4.45pm and the first session will be on 10th September 2024. The Art Club has been running at Castle Cary Primary School since January 2023. It is an art and craft club for children aged between 5 and 11 years. We provide a relaxed and fun environment in which the children can enjoy being creative, where they can develop their art skills, learn about great artists and build their confidence in their abilities. The classes are small to enable the children to get support and guidance when needed. We use a huge variety of different techniques and

media; from clay to papier-mâché, oil paints to charcoal, fabric to wire. We might be doing water colour painting one week and model making, needlework or collage the next. High quality materials are always used to ensure we get lovely results and the children go home with work they are proud of. The Art Club is run and managed by myself, Karen Wildgoose. It was founded in 2006 and has proven over the years to be a very successful and popular after-school club with a lot of wonderful and loyal members. Please do contact me if you have any questions at all about the club. If you would like to reserve a space please apply by email giving the name of your child, their class and a contact number.

Recent projects can be viewed on Instagram ididthat@artclub karenwildgoose@icloud.com / 07765406735

Things happening in our community



Key dates for your diary

13.9.24 Swordfish and Octopus to Alfred's Tower
16.9.24 Year 6 Residential
20.9.24 Swimming starts Octopus Class
24.9.24 PTFA AGM at The George 7pm
30.9.24 PTFA Colour Run
1.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
8.10.24 Individual and Family Photos
8.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
15.10.24 Year 2 Multi sports Festival at Ansford
15.10.24 PTFA Disco
22.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
22.10.24 Parents Evening
23.10.24 Parents Evening
24.10.24 School closes

