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## Newsletter: Autumn 8 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents,

It has seemed to be a very long half term! Congratulations to Starfish class for completing their first half term with us. It has been so lovely getting to know our new children and to watch them settle into our school family.

I do hope you all have a lovely half term break 😊

**Parents' evening**

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening this week. I do hope you felt informed about your child's successes and areas for development at school and that you enjoyed looking at their learning. As always, if you have any questions arising from your meetings, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

**Free school meals**

Please can I remind you that there is an opportunity to apply for Free School Meals if you are entitled. Please do not wait until your child reaches year 3 to do this as applying for FSM can bring additional benefits not simply a meal at lunchtime. Benefits can include food vouchers for holidays and access to free holiday clubs. Forms can be obtained from the school office or online [Free School meals](#)

**PE kits**

Please can I remind you that ALL children need to have PE kits in school on their PE days. For health and safety reasons, please can long hair be tied up or a hairband provided on these days too.

**Headlice**

We seem to be having another outbreak of headlice this week and sadly unless everyone regularly treats their children this will continue to happen. Headlice are everyone's responsibility! Head lice are most often spread by head-to-head contact with another person who has lice. They can also be spread by wearing another person's hat or clothing, or by using another person's comb, brush, or bedding. Here are some tips:

- **Treat immediately:** Treat head lice as soon as you see a live one.
- **Use medicated products:** If wet combing doesn't work, you can try a medicated lotion or spray. Check the package to see if it's safe for your child to use.
- **Check everyone:** Check all family members and treat anyone who has lice.
- **Avoid sharing items:** Don't share combs, brushes, towels, or hats with others.
- **Wash bedding:** Machine wash any bedding used by someone with lice in hot water of more than 130°F (54.4°C).
- **Don't use medicated products as a preventative:** Using a medicated product as a preventative method can cause head lice to build up a resistance.
- **Get advice:** You can call Somerset Children & Young People for head lice advice at 0300 303 8162 Option 1 then Option 1.

**PTFA news**

**Colour Run**

We were sad to have to cancel the Colour Run in September but be assured we will hold it when the weather improves and the field is not so waterlogged.

### Bags2School

A reminder that the Bags2School collection takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please bring all bags to the school office before 9am please.

### Home learning

As you are aware we are reviewing home learning currently. I will be holding a short meeting for parents to come and share their thoughts on 7<sup>th</sup> November straight after drop off. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

### Dogs and phones

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site and that we ask that you do not use mobile phones on site either.

### Snack

It has become apparent that a small number of children are not bringing appropriate snacks to school. Children are allowed to bring fruit or plain biscuits. We do not allow nuts at snack time or lunch time due to allergies either.

### Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal again this year and will be giving the children the opportunity to make a donation and get a poppy. The Year 6 children will be responsible for this during the first week back after the half term break.

### Clubs

A number of parents have spoken to us about Tag Rugby Club. We wanted to assure you that we have spoke to Inspired School who will be dealing with the concerns raised. Thank you.

### Somerset Cricket

We are running a new club for 6 weeks after half term on a Friday night and this is Cricket run by Somerset Cricket Association. The cost of these sessions will be £12. Payment and booking is via Parent Mail and it is open to years 4,5 and 6. Octopus class can go to the club straight after swimming providing they change into their PE kits at swimming.

Somerset Cricket are running a day of workshop for children in Years 1 - 6 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please can Turtle class come into school in their PE kits on this day so they can start at 9:00am.

### Things happening in our community

Messy Church is taking place this Saturday at 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome!



### Key dates for your diary

25.10.24 INSET

4.11.24 School opens

4.11.24 Dolphin class visit the Museum

5.11.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm

6.11.24 Football at Bucklers Mead

7.11.23 Bags 2 School collection

8.11.24 Rocks and Fossils workshop - Dolphin Class

12.11.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm

14.11.24 Flu vaccinations

18.11.24 Assessment week

25.11.24 Assessment week

26.11.24 Year 5 Dance Festival at Ansford

30.11.24 PTFA Coffee Morning at the Market House

4.12.24 Cross Country at Ansford

6.12.24 Clubs finish

17.12.24 Starfish Nativity 2pm

18.12.24 Christmas Lunch

20.12.24 Carol Service 2pm

20.12.24 School Closes

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Please remember to use this notification if your child is feeling under the weather when you bring them to school so we can keep an eye on them!

