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TERM 3 Ed 1 – 6th January

















Dear All.

Yippee! We're back! I do hope you all had a restful and relaxing break. We are very excited to be back at the start of Term 3. New learning enquiries have begun and overviews for the next two terms will be out next week.

There is a section in this newsletter about attendance - we cannot stress about how important it is that they are in school, not only for their academic learning but also their social and emotional development, in particular post-lockdowns.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Emotion Coaching Coffee Morning. It was really well attended and the feedback I have heard so far has been really positive. If you missed it and would like to know more, please ask!

If it is (more) coffee (or tea) you are after by the way, I am holding another 'Coffee with the Head' for our schools. Read on for more details. I do hope you can come along!

Thank you all for your continued support and if there is anything you would like to come and talk to me about, please do get in touch.

Emma Barker

ATTENDANCE

We cannot stress enough how important attendance at school is. Our expectation for attendance is 96% (DfE figure). Every single minute of every single day matters. We want to support and help you with any issues you may be experiencing with your child that could impact on their attendance, please let us know.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Being late for school reduces learning time.

If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Make every minute count

COFFEE WITH THE HEAD

If you didn't get a chance to attend the last Coffee with the Head, or have more questions for Mrs Barker, please pop along to the school hall on **17**th **January from 8.45am**.



READING CAFE

Reading Café returns on Monday at 8.30am. This term will be morning sessions.

Monday 9th January, Tuesday 17th January, Wednesday 25th January, Thursday 2nd February & Friday 10th February.



EMOTION COACHING

The Mental Health Support Team will be holding an Emotion Coaching session on Thursday 26th January 8.45am till 10.15am. The aim of the session is to Parents/Carers tips and quidance supporting their childs Mental Health. If you would like more information or would like to attend, please speak to the school office.



Please join us for ar... Emotion Coaching Session

MHST will be delivering a session for parents on emotion coaching. This will cover how you can support children's emotional intelligence. As parents and carers looking after children and young people know, bringing up and supporting them can be a very difficult but rewarding job. From sibling rivalry to meltdowns and tricky bedtimes to teens, emotion coaching is a proven theory-based technique that we can all do.

Thursday January 26th 8.45 am - 10.15 am











DATES FOR THE DIARY

January

Monday 9th - First Reading Café 8.30am Tuesday 17th - Coffee with the Head

February

Tuesday 7th – Learning Review Meetings Thursday 9th – Learning Review Meetings

*Please be mindful that these dates may need change unforeseeable due to circumstances.

TERM DATES

Term 3

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 10th February

Term 4

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

Term 5

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May (Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday)

Term 6

Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July



SAFEGUARDING

If you have any Safeguarding concerns or just need to speak to a member of Staff confidentially you can book an appointment with our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Emma Barker or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads, Lesley Grant or Sally Jeffries. Please get in touch with the school office to arrange this.







RECEPTION DEADLINE

Applications for Reception 2023 schools places can be made now on the Somerset School Admissions page:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-andfamilies/apply-to-start-school/

The deadline for applications is January 15th 2023.

Please let anvone know who has a child due to start school in September. We can organise personal school tours for anyone who is interested so please ask them to contact the school office on 01278 684151.

HOT CHOC FRIDAY

It's that day of the week that we celebrate our superstars of the week!

Week 1 -

Hot Choc Friday: Freddie, Baylee, Bethany Learning Champion: Ebony, Bradley, Joshua, Alfie, Darcie, Nala



CHRISTMAS RECYCLING

PLASTIC

Great news! Greene King pubs are helping to reduce waste and raise money for Macmillan Cancer with their Tub 2 Pub initiative. You can drop your clean and empty Confectionary Tubs, Biscuit Tubs and Cracker Tubs into a Greene King Pub who will then take the tubs to a plastic reprocessing centre to be shredded and recycled. To find out more follow the link: http://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub/

CHRISTMAS TREES

There are some great ideas on the below website for how you could recycle your Christmas tree

https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/six-ways-to-recycle-your-christmas-tree/

Alternatively, Noah's Ark Zoo Farm are collecting Christmas Trees for their animal enclosures. Follow the link below for more information:

https://www.noahsarkzoofarm.co.uk/events/christmas-tree-recycling







PTFA

The PTFA had great success fund raising during Term 2.

Christmas Movie Afternoon - £251.00 Christmas Fete - £572.23

The money raised by the PTA goes towards new learning equipment and trip costs as well as many other things. The PTFA very kindly paid for all children and staff to have a Christmas Lunch and hosted it at the Pawlett Pavilion.

So far this Academic year, the PTFA have put money towards Heron Class trip to Weston Playhouse and a new flagpole. If you would like to find out more about the PTFA or have some new and exciting fundraising ideas, please speak to the school office or Marie Garnham. Alternatively, pop along to the next meeting on Thursday 12th January at 7pm at the Pawlett Pavilion.

