



Newsletter
Term 5
Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to May! We are all looking forward to a long holiday this weekend – hopefully the weather will improve now. (I think I have been saying that for a while now!)

We are halfway through this term already and there are lots of things happening in the next few weeks. Please read about these events below.

Have a great weekend!

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PARTNERSHIP FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS (PINS)

We have exciting news to share with our school community. We have been chosen to take part in a project funded by NHS England in collaboration with the Department of Education, North Somerset Council and North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together. This initiative will bring an investment to the school to help us support all learners and help create an even more inclusive learning environment especially for our neurodivergent learners and their families.



By sharing your views, you will help us understand how we could better meet the needs of your child. Your feedback will then help shape a bespoke package of support for the school.

Please click on the following link to access the survey before it closes on the 20th May:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9jAFXgf1fq>

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together at admin@nspcwt.org

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

Our fabulous year 6 children have been working their socks off and are now ready to sit the KS2 SATS (Standard assessment tests) starting Monday 13th May until Friday 17th May. Our year 6 children are invited to come to school for breakfast to give them a great start to the day.

Please ensure all year 6 children attend school during this week. We wish all year 6 children the best of luck. They are all amazing and we are very proud of all their hard work.



HEALTHY ME WEEK

During Healthy me week, all children will be taking part in a variety of sporting activities. Children can wear their PE kits to school throughout the week. (However, we ask that year one children wear their normal school uniform for their family worship on Monday 20th May please)

This week is a brilliant time for children to try new sports and to focus on how they can be active and healthy. We will be supported by older students and PE leads from Priory Community school academy throughout the week.

As part of Healthy me week, we hold our two sports days. At WW, sports day is on Tuesday 21st May. KS2 at 9.45am start followed by our family picnic for all families from 12pm. Please bring a picnic lunch for your children to share with you. BB & KS1 sports day will start from 1:00pm. There will be refreshments on sale at both sites. Children will be free to leave with you after the end of sports day.

There will be limited parking at Hewish, so we offer a shuttle bus from Puxton Park on the day driven by our staff. A separate letter has been sent regarding timings of this service. It is always a fabulous day and we cannot wait to welcome you all.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

As in previous years, our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (20-24 May) which fits in really nicely with our Healthy Me week promoting being active and living healthy lives. The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school.



Children could be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life. This year's challenge, The Magic of Walking, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various magical beings along the way, they'll learn about the important reasons to walk and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet! Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys.

What do I need to do as a parent/carer? We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on week commencing 20th May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers and a reward trophy! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

We appreciate this is more difficult at Hewish due to the location of our site. Perhaps, children could be encouraged to walk or scoot after school as part of this initiative so that they are encouraged to be active every day too. Thank you in advance for your support.

@WW CARPARK



No parking

This afternoon (Friday 3rd May) the main school gates were closed. The car park should NOT be used at drop off or pick up times by parents or carers. This included parents using the shuttlebuses. Please do not park in front of the wooden gates as access is needed at all times.

We have been monitoring the situation in this carpark closely this week and despite regular reminders on the newsletter, too many people have been using the car park. We have witnessed many near misses and one accident this week alone. Please walk where possible and consider others when parking close by.

We also need to remind parents that children must be supervised in the carpark, they should not be allowed to run amongst the cars whilst waiting for school to open in the mornings or whilst waiting for the shuttle minibus. Sensible and thoughtful behaviour is essential for keeping everyone safe from harm.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS



Medical appointments during the school day are usually unavoidable and we do understand this, but if you are collecting your child for an appointment, we will need to see evidence of this appointment. This can either be in the form of an appointment card, appointment letter or a text message or email

from the healthcare professional. Please notify the school office in advance of any appointments for your child. Without evidence of the appointment, the absence may be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

FOODBANK



If you are experiencing any hardship, Weston-super-Mare Foodbank are able to offer support. In order to access this help you need to be given vouchers. As a school, we are able to issue these vouchers so please speak to us or follow this link for more information: <https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/>

If you would like to make a donation to Foodbank we have collection points in both of our foyers. This link will have a list of current most wanted items: <https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Safeguarding lead at our school is our principal, **Emma Hardy Smith**. Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Diane Martin (SENCo), Ian Phillips (Vice Principal) and Rachel Few (Learning mentor)
Please share any concerns with any of the safeguarding team.

Our safeguarding governor is Kate Sargent Kate.sargent@saca.theplt.org.uk

Our school website has lots of safeguarding information and many links to other helpful sites. The North Somerset safeguarding partnership has lots of useful information for parents and carers available. Please click on the link below for additional support.
<https://www.nsscp.co.uk/resources-parents-carers>

DIARY DATES

Monday 13th May – 17th May – Year 6 SATS week

Mon 20th – Fri 24th May – Walk to School Week

Monday 20th May – Year 1 family worship @ H and WW

Tuesday 21st May – Sports Day @WW - KS2 9.45am start – 12.00 family picnic - BB & KS1 1.00pm start

Thursday 23rd May – Sports Day @H - KS2 9.45am start – 12.00 family picnic - BB & KS1 1.00pm start

Friday 24th May – Last day of Term 5

Monday 3rd June - First day of Term 6

Tuesday 9th July – Tulip Photography class photos @ H

Friday 12th July – Tulip Photography class photos @WW

Wednesday 24th July – Last day of Term 6

INFORMATION

A green poster for ParkPlay. At the top left is the ParkPlay logo and 'park-play.com'. The main text says 'Join ParkPlay' in large letters, followed by 'Make friends, have fun, get moving - FREE every Saturday morning.' Below this is a photo of a group of people at an outdoor event with '#MeetMovePlay' banners. At the bottom, it says 'Castle Batch ParkPlay', 'Come and meet Rhiannon at Castle Batch, every Saturday from 9.30am', and 'ParkPlay welcomes everyone, so turn up for games, activities, fun - and a community here for you. Register at park-play.com'. Logos for North Somerset Council and Sport England are at the bottom right.