



Newsletter
Term 5
Friday 17th May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has flown by and we now only have one week left of term 5! As always there has been so much going on across the sites. Please do follow your child's teacher's Twitter feeds as they are packed with photos and examples of children's learning. These Twitter feeds are linked to the class pages on the school website if you do not have a Twitter account. There has been lots of sports day practice going on this week – we are really hoping that you can join us for our Sports day and family picnic as part of Healthy me week next week – it is always a fun day!



Have a lovely weekend.

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A HUGE WELL DONE!

A huge well done to our whole year 6 crew who have shown amazing grit and resilience throughout this week as they sat their end of Key Stage assessments (SATS). We are so incredibly proud of all of them. They started each day with a brilliant hearty breakfast at school which set them up beautifully for the day. We had full attendance every day and each and every one of them tried their absolute best. We could not ask for more!

A big thank you to the year 6 teaching team who have worked so hard to support the children and to all the staff who came in early to set up the breakfast for them.



HEALTHY ME WEEK

During Healthy me week starting on Monday, 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**) Please ensure children wear correct PE kit – plain white T- shirts, Plain black shorts or leggings, black or white trainers and school jumpers or hoodies.

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 the 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.

At Hewish, sports day is on Thursday 23rd 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 limited parking at Hewish so we offer a shuttle bus service 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.

HOUSE ALLOCATION

For Sports Day this year, we will be launching our school houses. We will not only be using these houses for sports, but for other competitions and events throughout the year next year. Each child has been allocated a house which they will stay in throughout their time at school. Their house will include their siblings. The houses are based on rivers in the local area and are as follows:

River Avon, River Severn, River Yeo and River Axe.

The children have been informed which house they are part of and which colour t-shirt to wear for Sports Day to represent their house.

If you need a reminder, please ask the teacher and please do ask if you need any help finding something in the correct colour.

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.

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Unfortunately, there was another accident outside of the school earlier this week due to another driver's excessive speed. Thankfully, no-one was hurt. Please can we ask everyone to be very careful when pulling out of the school and the Full Quart carpark. We want you all to be safe and well!

STRANGER ALERTS

We are aware of several incidents in the area recently regarding strangers asking school age children to get into vehicles. With the longer evenings and nicer weather in Spring and Summer please make sure you remind your children of how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they find themselves in a situation that makes them uneasy or worried. We don't want anyone to feel scared by these recent incidents, but it is always sensible to make sure you talk about what to do if the situation arises.

SUN PROTECTION

Now that warmer weather has arrived, we need to be mindful of sun protection. Please make sure your child has a **named** sunhat to wear outside. Please ensure children have **water bottles** in school. (Please only put water into bottles – squash is attracting ants!)



We advise that you apply high factor once a day sun cream before school but children can bring sun cream if needed. Sun cream must be applied by the child and cannot be shared with other children.

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 ask that you provide 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

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

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Thursday 11th July - Y6@H Production

Friday 12th July – Tulip Photography class photos @WW

Wednesday 24th July – Last day of Term 6

INFORMATION

Join ParkPlay

Make friends, have fun, get moving -
FREE every Saturday morning.

#MeetMovePlay



Castle Batch ParkPlay

Come and meet Rhiannon at Castle Batch, every
Saturday from 9.30am

ParkPlay welcomes everyone, so
turn up for games, activities, fun -
and a community here for you.

Register at park-play.com

