



Newsletter
Term 6
Friday 7th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to term 6. We hope you had a lovely half term and are as excited about the summer term as we all are. The children have come back to school with lots of energy and there is a lovely buzz around the school this week. I was lucky enough to join our whole year 2 cohort in their orienteering workshop over at our Hewish site today organised by the NSSPEA which was so much fun! We love it when we can get a whole cohort together!

There are lots of things happening this term so please keep up to date by following the newsletter and messages on WEDUC.

Have a lovely weekend.

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SUMMER FAYRE

This year our Summer Fayre will be held @West Wick on **Saturday 6th July 11.30am-2.30pm**. The PTFA do a fantastic job of organising this event and would love any offers of help either on the day or organising beforehand. If you are able to help in any way please contact the PTFA via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/659082187570336/> or email stannesptfa@gmail.com

More information about the fayre will follow soon – please see poster below 😊



ENTERPRISE WEEK - WEEK BEGINNING 8th July

We are excited to launch our new Enterprise week starting on Monday 8th July. During the week, each class will be given the same sum of money with the aim of trying to create as much profit as possible. The winning class, will receive a prize for their class. During the week, children will learn problem solving skills and will learn to work collaboratively towards a common goal. They will have an opportunity to be creative and to market their 'product' or service. You will be invited to purchase / take part in your child's class enterprise and help towards each class making as much profit as possible. The profit will be used to purchase special resources of the children's choice for each class.

We would like to share as much information about different industries, businesses and services to help the children learn about the world of work and their potential future careers and to get them excited about their class enterprise. If you have any free time during this week and would like to come to talk to your child's class about your job/ business/ industry, we would be very grateful. Be ready to answer questions from the children. Please see your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time to join the class during this week. In particular, if you run your own business and would be willing to talk to children about how it works, that would be absolutely amazing! It is going to be a brilliant week. I am hoping at least one class is going to make something yummy to eat and I will be first in the queue to buy!



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FREE SCHOOLS MEALS INFORMATION

There are two schemes for free school meals:

- universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2 – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school
- **free school meals for people on qualifying benefits – you'll need to apply for these**

If your child is in Reception or KS1 and you claim qualifying benefits you should still apply for free school meals so that:

- you're eligible for other financial assistance for items such as school trips and residentials, resources and learning support
- the school can receive funding for the free school meals

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School meals, please see the information below from the North Somerset website.

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- **income support**
- **income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)**
- **income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)**
- **support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **the guaranteed element of Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)**

- **Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included**

If your application isn't successful, check your National Insurance number and try again. If this doesn't work, select the 'referral' button to let us know what benefits you are on and we'll ask you for evidence.

Due to the roll-out of Universal Credit, all pupils who are currently eligible for free school meals will be protected until the end of the primary, secondary or sixth form school they are currently in as of March 2025.

This means if your child stays in the same school, you don't need to do anything at this time. Your free school meals will continue until the end of Year 6 for Primary Schools and the end of Year 11 for Secondary Schools. Please do not reapply as you may lose your entitlement.

If your child moves from primary to secondary school in North Somerset in September 2024, you don't need to do anything. Your free school meals will continue and we will update the new school – please do not reapply as you may lose your entitlement. The exception is if your child moves from a non-North Somerset school to a North Somerset school, then you will need to apply on our free school meals system so we can transfer your eligibility.

If your child moves school during the school year, please email us and we will update your free school meals record for you – please do not reapply as you may lose your entitlement.

Children do not receive free school meals in college.

This page will be updated in January 2025 to give further details on the government changes to free school meals that are due in April 2025

Apply for Free school meal on the citizens portal link.

https://ems.n-somerset.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

STAYING HEALTHY IN THE SUN

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 lots of 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.

CHANGES TO PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCES FOR SEPTEMBER



Department
for Education

We are repeated sharing the DfE attendance guidance with you so that you are all prepared for September. The Department for education will introduce new statutory guidance for **all** schools in **August 2024**. This DfE guidance must be followed by all schools. There are some changes to the penalty notice framework. This will affect term time holidays and unauthorised absences from September 2024. **Penalty notices are increasing and court action is recommended for repeated unauthorised absences.** Please be mindful of this when planning holidays next year. This new statutory guidance will mean that our Trust policies and practices will be updated for September. Until the end of the year, we will continue to follow our current practices.

School attendance is mandatory for all children. **Please be aware that holidays in term time will not be authorised.** If you are considering booking a holiday in term time for next year, please read the guidance carefully and take into account the increases to penalty notices with the cost of your holiday .Parenting orders and education supervisory orders may be issued as a result of multiple holidays in a three year period. Please be aware that this is DfE guidance and must be followed by all schools.

Please be very mindful that children who arrive at school late after the registers have closed are marked as absent. This is recorded as an unauthorised absence and this could result in penalty notices or further action being required. Please ensure children arrive at school on time to avoid this.

We ask that all parents and carers work with us and support us to ensure that attendance for all pupils is strong. We do not want to be in a position where we are recommending penalty notices or further action.

Please see the link below for some useful information.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

The full DFE document for schools– working together to improve school attendance- can be found here:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance__applies_from_19_August_2024_.pdf

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS REMINDER



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

Saturday 6th July – Summer Fayre 11.30am-2.30pm
Monday 8th July – Enterprise week
Tuesday 9th July – Tulip Photography class photos @ H
Tuesday 9th July – Y6@WW Production
Thursday 11th July - Y6@H Production
Friday 12th July – Tulip Photography class photos @WW
Monday 15th July – Year 2 Family worship – Hewish and WW 2:30pm
Wednesday 24th July – Last day of Term 6