

Newsletter
Term 6
Friday 21st June 2024



Dear parents and carers,

Today is World music day – we have all taken the opportunity to listen to some Kenyan music across the school and our year 3 and 5 children have demonstrated their growing drumming skills. The Samba drums were very loud this afternoon!

We have just over 4 weeks of term left and there is so much happening. Please keep up to date with WEDUC messages to ensure nothing is missed. Please see details about the Summer reading challenge below. Have a lovely weekend. See you all on Monday.

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TRANSITION WEEK

Our Year 6 children will be spending time in their secondary schools next week – we wish them the best of luck/ They are more than ready for their move to Secondary.

Whilst the year 6 are having fun in their new schools, the rest of our children will be moving into their new classes and meeting their new teachers on **Wednesday 26th June**. There are a couple of teachers moving year groups this year and everyone is very excited to start getting ready September. Class lists will be shared with all parents and carers next week. We can't wait.

SUMMER FAYRE

The PTFA are very excited about the forthcoming Summer Fayre. The fayre will take place on Saturday 6th July, 11.30am to 2.30pm at West Wick. There will be stalls, games, bouncy castle assault course, a visit from the fire brigade, performances, raffle, crafts, food and drink and much more!

Volunteers – As I am sure you can appreciate it takes a lot of hard work to run these large community events and we will not be able to do it unless we have volunteers to help set up, run stalls and clear up afterwards. If you are able to help out beforehand with organising the event or if you can help on the day please do volunteer. We cannot do it without help! Please get in touch with Abby Fox via stannesptfa@gmail.com and offer your support.

Coming home to you shortly will be the brown bags to fill with goodies and raffle tickets will also be enclosed in the brown bag. The bags will be sold as lucky dip bags at the fair.

Non- Uniform Day



To support the fair Mrs Hardy-Smith has agreed that children may come to school in non-uniform on Wednesday 3rd July in exchange for a small prize for our tombola stalls. If your child would like to come to school in non-uniform please hand your tombola prize into the staff on the school gate or classroom door who will have a collection box. Examples of tombola prizes could be anything from a lollipop, a packet of crisp, a tin of beans to chocolate, wine, books or a small gift. Thank you for your support.

Raffle Prizes



We are holding a raffle for the Summer Fair and therefore if you own a local business or know someone who does and may be willing to donate a raffle prize this would be fantastic. Please can any prize donations be handed into either site reception or if in the form of a voucher these can be emailed to stannesptfa@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Teddy Tombola



Do you have any teddies in your house that are no longer played with? We would be very grateful for any donations for our teddy tombola stall which is always very popular. Please bring in any donations to either site office by Wednesday 3rd July. Thank you.

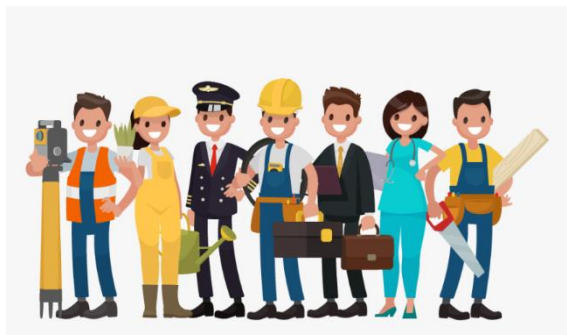
Card Machine

For your information, this year and at future PTFA events, a card reader will be available. This will be located in the bar area where you can pay directly for drinks and snacks using your bank card or Apple Pay but you may also buy tokens to use for games instead of using cash. Please note there is a £5 minimum spend.

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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SCHOOL DINNERS



Please can we remind you to check that you have ordered school dinners for your child to ensure they get the option they want. We are aware how easy it is to forget to do this at the start of each new term, but the menu choices are limited if you have not ordered in advance and children can become easily upset if we cannot provide them with their choice. Meals are cooked to order each day to prevent unnecessary food waste and there is only a limited number of extra

meals that can be provided. If your child is absent from school and you have pre-ordered a meal you will also need to cancel this by 9am to avoid being charged.

If you need any help logging in please ask.

<https://select.aspens-services.com>



From 1st September 2024, the cost of a school meal will increase to **£2.60**. The new price reflects a necessary adjustment to cover continued high food inflation and operating costs. We understand the financial concerns this may raise for some families

and want to reassure you that this decision was made after careful consideration.

Our school meal service remains committed to providing nutritious menus, catering for a wide range of dietary preferences while also ensuring good value for money.

As a reminder, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If they don't currently take these up, why not give them a go? If your child is in Years 3-6 in Primary School or Years 7-13 in Secondary School and your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to free school meals. Check this out by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> If you are unable to complete the form online, please visit the school office, and a member of our office team will provide you with the necessary support. Please be assured that your application will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and it will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

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/met 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/finer-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 & look at learning – Hewish and WW 2:00pm
Wednesday 24th July – Last day of Term

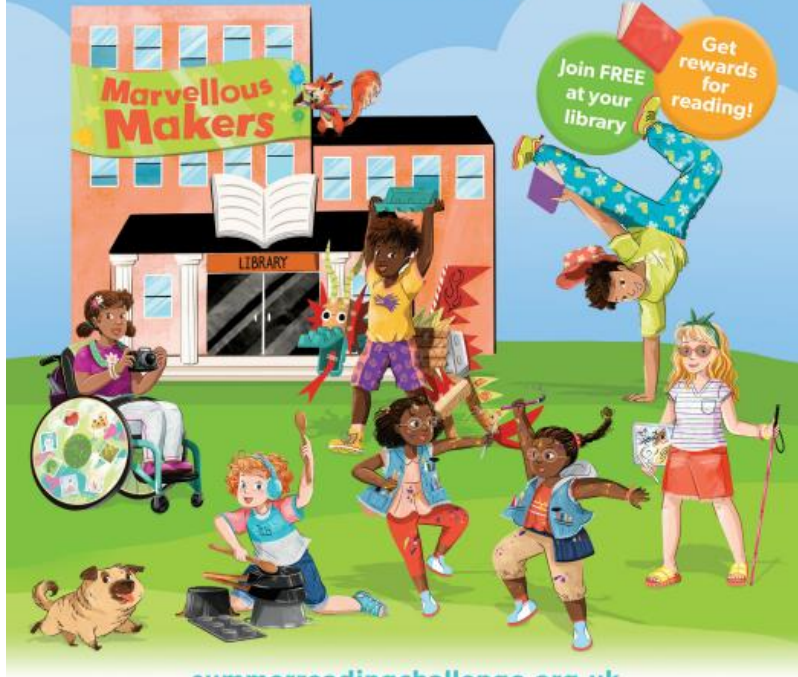
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