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Autumn Term Newsletter No 1 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone at the start of the academic year- we hope that you all had a healthy and restful Summer break!

We particularly welcome Harry, Ellie, Gracie, Finnley, Ivy, Lewis, Wilbur and Yuval to our new Reception year and Zena who has joined Year 1 this week. We hope that they all enjoy their time here with our Stawley family.

We have a busy term ahead of us leading up to Christmas so there is lots of information in this newsletter so please read carefully.

SCHOOL CLEANER WANTED TO START IMMEDIATELY

We are looking for a cleaner to undertake 3 hours of cleaning on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 2 hours at our Pre School at Appley Pavilion on Fridays. This is a part time contract starting at Grade 15 Point 4 which carries an hourly wage rate of £9.985 (pay award pending for Support staff to be backdated to April 22). Other benefits include term time only working and membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme. At Stawley School, cleaning can take place at any time from 3.15pm after the end of the school day or before the start of school on the following day by arrangement with the school. The Pre School must be done on the Friday. The position is available to start immediately subject to satisfactory references and a DBS check.

If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, please speak to Mrs Collier or Mrs Adams on 01823 -672486 or at stawley@educ.somerset.gov.uk



Weekly PE Sessions

As with last term, the children should continue to come to school dressed in their PE kit on the relevant PE day. This term, the PE days for each class will be:-

CLASS 1 **WEDNESDAYS**
CLASSES 2 & 3 **FRIDAYS**

Reception Class Induction Procedures

As in previous years, we are phasing in the attendance of our new Reception children over a short period so that they do not become overtired. School commences for our Reception children on **Monday 12th September**. The timetable will be as follows:-

12/9-16/12 **Mon to Fri mornings only 8.55am to 12.30pm**

19/12 onwards **Full time for Reception**

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons with Craig Snook have recommenced today and will continue on Thursday afternoons. The lessons are currently fully booked and there is a small waiting list for future availability.



Swimming



This week, we recommence weekly swimming and PE at Wellington Sports Centre.

Class 3 will be swimming commencing tomorrow (Friday 9th September) for 7 weeks ending Friday 21st October. Class 3 parents please make sure that your children have their swimming kit with them tomorrow.

The cost per session is now £2.50. Mrs Adams will upload a Parentpay item for Class 3 parents.

Class 3 parents –please check that you have paid for the Summer term swimming via Parentpay-there are still a few outstanding. Please speak to Mrs Adams or myself if you need assistance.

After School Sports Club

Our regular after school sports club on Mondays will recommence on **Monday 12th September from 3.20-4.20. We e-mailed the details out to parents earlier this week and asked for names on a first come first served basis. We had a great response and the club is now full- Mr Stirzaker has the final list and will speak to the children.**

We will operate a waiting list for any remaining children who are interested in joining the club. **Please note that we will expect the children who have signed up to the club to attend (other than in the event of sickness) or we will award the place to one of the children on the waiting list.**We will continue to cover the cost of this club from the school PE Premium.



Piano Lessons

Piano lessons with Mrs Maggie Wingate will recommence on **Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th September**. If your child is interested in learning to play the piano, please contact Mrs Adams about an introductory lesson.



Staff Fire Training

Staff fire training will be taking place at Stawley after school on **Thursday 15th September**. This will include staff from Sampford Arundel and the Pre School so **we would ask that all parents clear the school site and parking as quickly as possible at the end of school that day**. Thank you.

Hot School Meals/Parentpay

The Autumn Term Menu from Fuss Free Catering is live online for hot meals orders. There are three daily lunch options including vegetarian and three choices of puddings. I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to order for your children **especially for the children in Reception to Year 2 who are entitled to these meals free of charge under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme**. Hot Meals are also available for all children in Years 3-6 at the daily cost of £2.65. All of the meals are required to meet strict Government guidelines on content and nutrition.

Mrs Adams will generate Parentpay logins for all our new Reception parents and will be in touch with them individually regarding instructions on food orders for the week commencing **Monday 19th September** and how to activate a new account or add the new account to an existing sibling account.

Parents of children who have moved up to Year 3 with effect from 1st September should bear in mind that they will no longer be covered by the Universal Infant Free Meal Scheme and will be charged at £2.65 per meal.

The usual weekly deadline will apply for Parentpay hot meal orders ie orders must be placed on Parentpay by 23.59pm on the previous Tuesday. Mrs Adams will then place the order on the Wednesday morning for the following week.

Important-Admissions Process 2022/23

This year due to budgetary constraints, Somerset County Council will NOT be sending out letters to parents of children due to start school in September 2023 or due to transfer to secondary school at the end of the Summer Term 2023.

The deadline for applications for Secondary places is 31st October 2022.

The deadline for applications for Primary School from Sept 2023 is 15th January 2023.



The application portal on the Somerset County Council website will open for Secondary Admissions on **12/09/22** and for Primary admissions on **26/09/2022** and parents can apply on line <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/> or they can phone Somerset Direct for a paper copy of the application 0300 123 2224.

Parent information is now available on the Somerset County Council Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/>

Sports Fixtures

SASP Sports Festivals are due to recommence this term. We do not yet have the termly list of sports fixtures –these will be added to the school calendar as soon as they are available.

IMPORTANT PAPERWORK!!

EV6 Regular External Activities Permission

A permission form is being sent home this week with each child and covers all anticipated external activities for the coming school year. This form will act as a the master record for each child during the year and each time we send out a consent form for a trip, we ask parents/carers to confirm if any of the details have changed since the EV6 was completed. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THESE ARE RETURNED TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE –PLEASE RETURN THESE TO MRS ADAMS BY FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER AT THE VERY LATEST. MANY THANKS.**

Data Collection Sheets

A new Data Collection Sheet will also be sent home this week in a sealed envelope for each child. **It is this information we rely on if your child has an accident, or becomes ill at school, so it is very important that it is filled out in full, with as many emergency contacts as possible, and that it is returned immediately. Please, therefore, ensure that these are checked, amended and signed before returning to school by FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER AT THE VERY LATEST** Thank you.

School Calendar

A copy of the updated Academic Calendar for 2022 to 2023 is attached with this newsletter and can be viewed on the school website.

E Mail Addresses/School Correspondence

Our regular weekly newsletter is **e-mailed weekly on Thursdays to all parents** as are any important documents regarding school events. This is the principal method of communication as the cost of printing everything is so high and mobile signals are still poor in our area. It is important that parents read school e-mails when issued-we will do our best to keep them to a minimum!

Jacqui Collier



Dates for your Diary (new dates appear in red)

Thurs 9th Sept	Guitar lessons start today
Fri 10th Sept	Class 3 swimming starts today
Week commencing Mon 12th Sept	New Reception children in school 9am -12.30pm After School Sports Club commences today
Thurs 15th Sept	Staff Fire Training onsite after school –parents to clear the site and parking as quickly as possible at the end of the day.
Week commencing Mon 19 th Sept	New Reception children in school full time 8.55am-3.15pm
Thurs 6th October	Stawley Open Day for prospective new parents
Fri 21 st October	Half term commences at the end of the day
Mon 31 st October	Children return to school after half term break Deadline for Secondary School applications for Sept 23
Thurs 3rd Nov	AM H Tempest Sibling and Individual Portraits
Weds 9th Nov	PM Whole school flu vaccinations
Thurs 10th Nov	PM Stawley Open Work Celebration afternoon for parents
Mon 5 th Dec	Christmas play dress rehearsal at Appley Pavilion- TBC
Tues 6 th Dec	Christmas Play at Appley Pavilion 2.30pm-TBC
Weds 7 th Dec	Christmas Play at Appley Pavilion 6.30pm with mulled wine & mince pies- TBC
Thurs 15 th Dec	Hot Christmas Lunch-TBC
Fri 16 th December	10.30am Whole School Visit to Taunton Brewhouse for The Little Prince No swimming Christmas break commences at the end of the day
Tuesday 3 rd Jan 23	INSET DAY
Weds 4 th Jan 23	Children return to school
Sun 15th January	Deadline for Primary School applications for Sept 23
Fri 10 th Feb 23	HALF Term commences at 3.15pm
Mon 20 th Feb 23	Children return to school
Fri 31 st March 23	Easter Holiday commences at 3.15pm
Mon 17 th April 23	Children return to school
Fri 28 th April 23	INSET DAY
Mon 1 st May 23	Bank Holiday-school closed
Fri 26 th May 23	HALF Term commences at 3.15pm
Mon 5 th June 23	Children return to school
Friday 30 th June 23	INSET DAY
Friday 21 st July 23	Summer holiday commences at the end of the school day

