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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year break! This is the first newsletter of what will be a very busy term so please bear with us as we manage our way through the transition to the new school building.

School Building Update/We the Curious trip

The new school building is running slightly behind the original target but is now nearing completion. Once we move into the new building, work will then commence on demolition of the old building and replanting of the school grounds. We expect contractors to be onsite until at least Easter.

I must advise that National Grid will be in the area on **Wednesday 4th February** to install a new transformer. **This will mean there is NO power to the school or the immediate area for the entire day. The school will be closed all day as a result.**



We are taking all the children from both Stawley and Sampford schools to visit the 'We The Curious' science and art centre in Bristol in support of their current curriculum studies. **The coaches will depart from Sampford Arundel Primary School at 9.10am sharp so children should be dropped off at Sampford, no later than 9am.** The

children will need to wear smart school uniform in school colours only and should have a small named backpack with a packed lunch, snacks and plenty to drink for the day.

Mrs Adams has cancelled any hot meals already ordered. The children will also have the opportunity during the day to visit the Museum shop so should bring **NO MORE** than £5 each for this. We expect the coaches to return to Sampford Arundel School by 3.15pm.

Years 3 / 4 Rugby Megafest

This will take place at Richard Huish College on the all-weather pitch on **Thursday 5th February** from 3.30-5pm. Parking will be at Ash Meadow. Mr Stirzaker will let the children know who is playing- please speak to him about transport arrangements.



Outstanding Parentpay Items

Can everyone please check Parentpay accounts for outstanding items due from last term. This includes swimming for both classes and the Beauty and the Beast visit. If you require assistance with any of these, please speak to Mrs Adams or myself.

Swimming Class 3



Class 3 commenced swimming on Friday 9th January for 6 weeks ending **Friday 13th February**. The charge per session is £2.95 so Mrs Adams has raised a Payment item on Parentpay for £17.70 for Class 3 parents.

Half Term

Half Term commences at 3.15 on **Friday 13th February**.

Book of Excellence for the week beginning 1st December

Angus	For great work in mathematics, particularly recall of times tables.
Toby	For consistently good work across all areas of the curriculum and a positive approach to all he does.
Lucas	For sheer enthusiasm in all he does and a really positive approach to school.
Roni	For some really hard work in maths.
Elsie Co	For some really amazing hard work in all areas.
Edith	For fantastic effort in her maths. Well done!
Darwyn	For wonderful progression in her badminton skills. Well done!

Book of Excellence for the week beginning 8th December

Whole school	A massive well done to you all! You were all amazing in the performance of 'The Bethlehem Bakeoff'. We loved it all! The singing, the dancing, the jokes, the baking.....it was amazing! Well done everyone!
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Book of Excellence for the week beginning 5th January

Lenny	For an enthusiastic start to term and great work with his calculations.
Ben	For a positive and conscientious attitude to his work and great skills and knowledge in ukulele lessons.
Lucas, Amit	For great work in maths, working at a good pace and super accurate.
Dotty	For really precise work in DT this week.
Eliza Cr	For some amazing maths work-being able to subitise to 20!
Lottie	For some brilliant handwriting and spelling!
Ivy	For always trying her best to work independently, but also not being afraid to ask for help when she needs to.
Albert	For an excellent start to the Spring term. He has been listening well and participating well in class.

Jacqui Collier



Dates for your Diary (new dates appear in red)

Weds 4th Feb	Installation of new Transformer by National Grid. School closed for the day. Whole school visit to 'We the Curious' in Bristol departing <u>Sampford Arundel School</u> at 9.10 am and returning there by c 3.15pm.
Thurs 5th Feb	Years 3 / 4 Rugby Mega Fest Friendly at Richard Huish College (All weather pitch - parking at Ash Meadow) from 3.30-5pm
Fri 13 th Feb	Last day of swimming for Class 3 this half term Half term commences at 3.15pm
Fri 28th Feb	Class 2 commence swimming for this half term
Weds 11th March	Years 5 / 6 Netball-Bee Stingers Friendly at Taunton Vale Sports Club from 3.45-5.30pm
Weds 18th March	Years 5 / 6 Netball-Bee Stingers Friendly at Taunton Vale Sports Club from 3.45-5.30pm
Weds 25 th March	Year 4 Net and Wall Festival at Court Fields 9.30-midday
Thurs 26th March	Years 3 / 4 Netball-Bee Fliers Friendly at Bridgwater & Taunton College (Taunton site-courts by Astro) from 3.50-5.20pm
Fri 27th March	Last session of swimming for Class 2
Thurs 2 nd April	Easter holiday commences at 3.15pm
Thurs 16th April	Reception 26 Outcome letters/e-mails being despatched by Somerset Admissions today
Mon 20 th April	Children return to school
Mon 27th April	Bikeability-Years 5/6
Tues 28th April	Bikeability-Years 5/6
Mon 4 th May	Bank holiday- school closed
Weds 6 th May	Reception Multi Skills Festival 09.30-midday
Fri 22 nd May	Half term holiday commences at 3.15pm
Mon 1 st June	INSET Day
Tues 2 nd June	Children return to school
Mon 8th June	AM H Tempest Leavers and Class photos
Weds 8 th July	Year 5/6 Games Based festival at Court Fields 09.30-midday
Tues 21 st July	School term ends at 3.15pm
Weds 22 nd July	INSET Day
Thurs 3 rd Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Fri 23 rd Oct	Half Term commences at 3.15pm
Mon 2 nd Nov	Children return to school
Fri 18 th Dec	3.15pm School breaks up for Christmas holiday
Mon 4 th Jan 2027	INSET Day
Fri 12 th Feb 27	2.15pm Half Term commences
Mon 22 nd Feb 27	Children return to school
Thurs 25 th Mar 27	3.15 pm school breaks up for Easter holiday
Mon 12 th April 27	Children return to school
Fri 30 th April 27	INSET Day
Mon 3 rd May 27	May Bank Holiday



Tues 4 th May 27	INSET Day
Fri 28 th May 27	3.15pm school breaks up for Half Term
Mon 7 th June 27	Children return to school
Fri 25 th June 27	INSET Day
Mon 28 th June 27	INSET Day
Fri 23 rd July 27	3.15pm school breaks up for the Summer holiday

