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### Autumn Term Newsletter No 1 2024

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 Eliza, Esmerelda, Reuben, Savannah, Roni, Maia and Annie to our new Reception year. 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-please read carefully.

### 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:-

<b>CLASS 1</b>	<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>
<b>CLASSES 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>FRIDAYS</b>

### Swimming



This week, I am pleased to report that we are finally able to recommence swimming and PE at Wellington Sports Centre on Friday mornings following the refurbishment of the centre and the pool. As before, we will be rotating Classes 2 and 3 each half term.

**Class 3 will be swimming commencing tomorrow (Friday 6th September) for 8 weeks ending Friday 25th October. After October half term, Class 2 will swim for 6 weeks.**

**Class 3 parents please make sure that your children have their swimming kit with them tomorrow.**

We are still awaiting confirmation of the new cost per session so Mrs Adams will upload a payment item on Parentpay for Class 3 parents as soon as this available.



## 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 9th September**. The timetable will be as follows:-

9/9-13/9	Mon to Fri mornings only 8.55am
16/9-20/9	Mon to Fri mornings to 1.30pm including hot lunch
23/9 onwards	Full time for Reception

## After School Sports Club

Our regular after school sports club on Mondays and Wednesdays will recommence next week as follows:-

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 3.20-4.20 for Years R-2.**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 3.20-4.20 for Years 3-6.**

**These clubs are first come first served and have a limit on numbers so please speak to Mr Stirzaker or Mrs Adams if you wish your child to join the clubs.**

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.

## Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons with Craig Snook will recommence on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** and will continue on Thursday afternoons. If you would like to add your child's name to the waiting list for lessons, please do let Mrs Adams know.



## Piano Lessons

Piano lessons with Mrs Maggie Wingate will recommence on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**. If your child is interested in learning to play the piano, please contact Mrs Adams about an introductory lesson.



## Bag2School

There will be a Bag2School collection on the morning of **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. Funds raised are for the benefit of the Friends of Stawley School. Collection bags will be sent home in book bags this coming Monday. They will collect clothes, bags, paired shoes, hats, scarves, ties, curtains, towels and soft toys. They do not accept uniforms, damaged clothing, duvets, blankets or pillows. You can also bring in donations in black refuse bags. **All bags must be**

**in school by 9am on the day of collection.**

## Hot School Meals/Parentpay

The Autumn Term Menu from St John's Primary School is live online for hot meals orders up to the penultimate week of term. There are three daily lunch options including vegetarian and two 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 is generating 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 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Parents of children who have moved up to Year 3 with effect from 2nd 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 2024/25**

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 2025 or due to transfer to secondary school at the end of the Summer Term 2025.

**The deadline for applications for Secondary places is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.**

**The deadline for applications for Primary School from Sept 2025 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

The web pages and primary and secondary admission guides for the 2025 admissions process will be updated from early September and can be found at the following website:-

[Applying for school \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

Parents/carers are advised to read the information thoroughly before making an online application. It is a parent's responsibility to make an application by the closing date.

Parent information is also 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 have added those dates, which are available to the school calendar. We will continue to update with fixtures in future newsletters so please do keep an eye out for these as we progress through the term.

### **School Calendar**

A copy of the updated Academic Calendar for 2024 to 2025 is attached with this newsletter and can be viewed on the school website.



## **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. 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 completed 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 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT THE VERY LATEST** Thank you.

### Class Dojo/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, together with Class Dojo, 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 and Class Dojo messages when issued-we will do our best to keep them to a minimum!

### Cool Milk at School

*Cool Milk*

[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

All of our children under 5 are registered for school milk free of charge and will continue to receive this daily. For those parents who choose to pay for milk to continue for their children once they reach the age of 5, Cool Milk has raised the charge to 31p per child per day with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. All parents, who are currently registered will have been contacted by Cool Milk regarding this price rise.

<b>Reuben</b>	For being a fantastic friend.
<b>Sholto</b>	For a wonderful piece on farming.
<b>Spencer</b>	For wonderful shape and pattern work in Maths.
<b>Oliver L</b>	For giving rides a go at Crealy even if they looked a bit scary.
<b>Carter</b>	For always being so kind and considerate.

*Jacqui Collier*



Dates for your Diary (new dates appear in red)

<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Swimming &amp; PE recommences at Wellington Sports Centre for Class 3 up to October half term.</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	New Reception class starts. Mornings only- 9am-12.30pm <b>After School Club for Years R-2 3.20-4.20pm</b>
<b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>After School Club for Years 3-6 3.20-4.20pm</b>
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Guitar lessons recommence with Craig Snook</b>
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	New Reception Class Mornings plus lunch- 9am-1.30pm <b>Piano lessons with Maggie Wingate recommence</b>
<b>Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Bag2School collection for FOSS</b>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Reception Class full time from 9am-3.15pm
<b>Weds 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Open Day for prospective parents TBC</b>
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> October	1pm Whole school nasal flu vaccine 9am -12.30pm
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 3 Indoor Athletics Festival at Court Fields 9.30-11.45am</b>
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Last session of swimming for Class 3 this term</b> Half term commences at 3.15pm
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Return to school after half term
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Class 2 commence swimming for this half term.</b>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	AM H Tempest Sibling & Individual photos
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Play Performance at Appley Pavilion 2pm
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Play Performance at Appley Pavilion 6.30pm with mince pies & mulled wine
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Last day of swimming for Class 2</b>
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Special hot Christmas Meal today TBC
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am Whole School visit to see Pinocchio at the Brewhouse Theatre
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas holiday commences at 3.15pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	INSET Day
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 1 Multiskills Festival at Court Fields 9.30-11.45am</b>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term commences at 3.15pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 4 Net and Wall Festival at Court Fields 9.30-11.45am</b>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday commences at 3.15pm
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children return to school
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday- school closed
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Reception Multiskills Festival at Court Fields 9.30-11.45am</b>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week No swimming this week.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Half term commences at 3.15pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2025	INSET Day
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2025	INSET Day



**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Years 5/6 Multiskills Festival at Court Fields 9.30-11.45am**

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> July 25

INSET Day

