

Parent email update 9: Spring 1 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in the penultimate week to breaking up for Half Term and have just shared our January 'Let's Celebrate' – please make sure you have read and enjoyed our new year's edition. My message makes a particular focus on pupil leadership across the school as I would like to celebrate the key work that is happening in Year 6. We are all incredibly proud of our eldest pupils in their role – Head Students, House Captains, Sport Leaders, Wellbeing Warriors and Reading Monitors. I am fortunate to meet weekly with these leaders and I am in awe of their articulation and desire to shape the school.

To celebrate...

Book of the Month

We are extremely excited to share a new initiative across the school; we will launch a focus book at the start of each month and then share creative challenges and activities for all to enjoy. Our website will have a new page to share further details – this will launch **next Tuesday 6th February** so please look out for it! (*Curriculum tab / Reading - Book of the Month*).

Each month, parents may choose to work with their child/children on creative challenges – please take a photograph of any outcomes and send to the Office or send in the outcome for display. We will display outcomes within our school Gallery and then hold an 'Open session' after school to allow everyone to enjoy the display (This month's date will be **Thursday 29th February**).

We look forward to this monthly focus building and building – please contact us if you have further ideas or would like to get more involved!

To update...

Parking outside of school at pick up

We have noticed the return, by some parents, of parking on the opposite side of the road to the main school building. Please may we remind you that this is discouraged as it causes traffic congestion on Hayes End. Thank you.

Dog fouling within village

We are aware of an increase in dog fouling on pavements across the village. We have spoken to the Parish Council and they have asked that we share a hyperlink to report instances at Somerset Council level. Please report every time you notice this.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/environment-and-food-safety/report-dog-fouling/>

Hot Meal orders within Half Term

Please remember that our deadline for ordering meals for after Half Term (w/b Monday 19th February) will be midnight on **Monday 12th February**. Thank you.

Dates in the diary

W/b Mon 5th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 5th Feb	Road Safety Talk

Tues 6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 9th Feb	Break up for Half Term
W/b Mon 12th Feb	Half Term
Mon 19th Feb	School returns
Tues 20th Feb	Year 6 Heights & Weights Check
Thurs 22nd Feb	World Thinking Day for Girl Guides & Girl Scouts – we have been asked to confirm that uniform may be worn to school on this day
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day – children may choose to dress up as a Book Character
Thurs 29th Feb	Open Gallery from 3.30pm – 4pm (Book of the Month display)
W/b Mon 11th Mar	Parent Appointments – no clubs this week (apart from YTFC)
Fri 15th Mar	Red Nose Day – children may choose to dress up/attend in non-uniform for a voluntary donation
W/b Mon 18th Mar	Year 3 & 4 Production (More info to follow)
Wed 20th Mar	Year 5 WOW Day at Stanchester – opportunity to experience life at a secondary school
Wed 27th Mar	Break up for Easter
Thurs 28th Mar	INSET
Fri 29th Mar – Fri 12th April	Easter Holiday
Mon 15th April	School returns for Summer Term