



Newsletter 5 – November 2017

Dear Parents

As we race towards the last three weeks of term, the magic of Christmas is definitely in the air. From the office we can hear carols being sung by KS2 and beautiful singing from Year 2, as they practise their Christmas production in the hall. Down the corridor, we can hear the youngest members of our school practising for our new Christmas event – ‘Songs Around the Christmas Tree’ which will be held in the church. So far there has not been a sea of glitter..... but it is only a matter of time! We are really looking forward to all the Christmas events in the next few weeks as this is always a very special time of year – we do hope you can join us.

A reminder that there is NO Star of the Week this Friday as there is simply too much going on across the school (Planet Day, Film Night, decorating the Hall and some staff out at a conference). Normal service will resume next week.

Best wishes

Jane Bennett

New routine for KS2 in the morning

From Monday 4th December children in KS2 (Beech and Oak) will go straight to the playground on arrival at school. Children in other classes need to continue to go straight to their classroom. There will be a member of staff on duty from 8.40am so please drop and go, rather than waiting for them to go into class.

School Expansion

The first phase of the building work is now well underway to create a car park and access road across the adjacent field. This phase will also include a new pathway around the school and an extended hard surface area for playtimes. This is expected to be finished by Christmas and from January Phase 2 will begin to create the classrooms with fencing set up to create the build site.



MAT update

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee of the new Multi-Academy Trust that we are planning to join early next year please visit the Lighthouse School Partnership (LSP) website for further information:

www.lsp.org.uk

Gold book

Nina and Roxy have both been earned their name in the Gold Book over the last couple of weeks for:

Roxy – Exceptional effort and a persistently conscientious approach to all she does.

Nina – Always having an excellent attitude towards her learning.



Clothes for a Cause

Thank you to all the parents and children who supported the 'Clothes for a Cause' collection of unwanted clothing and fabrics which resulted in a donation of £46 to the school.

Children in Need



We had a wonderful day wearing spots for Children in Need. Thank you for your donations. We raised a fantastic £180.31 and an additional £120 from the Willow Cake sale. Wow!



Anti-Bullying week

We are all 'unique and different' was our theme for Anti-Bullying week and we wore odd and unusual socks for a day to celebrate this theme.

New Hens

We are pleased to finally have our new hens this week to join our current flock. 6 ex-battery hens from the British Hen Welfare Trust were collected by the Egghead leaders on Sunday and settled in to a sectioned off part of the run to enable them to 'get to know' each other before they are integrated. This is their first few days outside factory conditions and they are learning how to behave like free range chickens.... At the moment they need putting to bed but I am hoping they will be fast learners and this will not need to last too long and they will go in on their own when it gets dark!



There were hens with far fewer feathers than the ones we have but as our hens had to cope with going straight outside with no heat lamps we were given hens with more coverage. It will take a few weeks but we hope they will soon be in good condition.

It is expected that once the flock is joined there will be a fair amount of squabbling and fighting to establish a new 'pecking order' – this is completely natural, although alarming to watch - so please do not panic if you see a fight. They should settle down and 'know their place' after a few days.

Poppy Appeal 2017



Many thanks to everyone who gave generously towards the Poppy Appeal, this year we raised £98.42.

Reverse Advent

During the month of December we are organising 'Reverse Advent', which will be publicised around school and in classes by the School Council. We would like to encourage pupils to bring in donations of food, which will be donated to Clevedon food bank, where Miss Cole will be doing some volunteer work. Items could include: cereals, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned meat, (especially tuna) tinned fruit and biscuits. As well as essential non-food items such as toiletries, household cleaning products and baby supplies. Items can be dropped into classrooms on any morning in December. We would like to make a difference to as many people's lives as possible this Christmas, the more we collect, the bigger the difference we make! We really appreciate your help with this. Here is a link to their website: <https://www.trusselltrust.org>.

Thank you from The School Council.

School Togs

School Togs in Nailsea are now stocking school shoes: Hush Puppies. They have junior, and senior sizes, in a range of widths, and measure feet.

Free School Meals: North Somerset



If your child is still eligible for free school meals you will need to apply on-line for continuation for the Spring Term during the Christmas Holidays (from 20th December). Failure to do so may result in payment request.

http://nsod.n-somerset.gov.uk/kb5/northsomerset/directory/fsm_app_landing.page

Staring School in September 2018

Time to start school: Will your child be aged four between 1 Sep 2017 and 31 Aug 2018? If yes, then you need to apply for their school place now. **Parents of children born between 1 Sep 2013 and 31 Aug 2014 need to apply for 2018 schools places now!** Closing time and date: **23.59 on 15 January 2018.** You can apply online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions An online guide will also be available on the website. Alternatively a paper application form is available from: School Admissions Team, North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ or Tel: **01275 884 078** or email: admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk

Absent from school? Tell the Office

Please ensure you either telephone (01275 464468 press option 1) or email (flaxbourton@n-somerset.gov.uk) the school office before 9am each day that your child is going to be absent from school. Please don't send it to the class email addresses.

Class emails

Class emails are listed below. Please contact your teacher via these if you are unable to speak to them at school or you would like to book an appointment. Please do *not* email to this address regarding absence.

ClassChestnut@flaxbourton.n-somerset.sch.uk

ClassMaple@flaxbourton.n-somerset.sch.uk

ClassWillow@flaxbourton.n-somerset.sch.uk

ClassBeech@flaxbourton.n-somerset.sch.uk

ClassOak@flaxbourton.n-somerset.sch.uk

Aiming High, Respecting Others, Having Fun

Date	Event	Who is involved?
Attached are dates of important events from now until Christmas. Parents are invited to attend events in red.		
01.12.17	Non-School uniform in return for a bottle or chocolate tombola prize	Everyone
01.12.17	Christmas Planet morning @ 9:15am until 10:30am	Everyone
01.12.17	FBSA Christmas film night	
02.12.17	FBSA Christmas Fair	
06.12.17	Year 2 Christmas Production @ 6pm	Willow
08.12.17	Elf day for Above and Beyond charity	Maple / Chestnut
11.12.17	Songs around the Christmas tree @ 2pm at Church	Maple / Chestnut
13.12.17	Carols by Candlelight @ 7pm	KS2
14.12.17	Walking Bus morning	Everyone
14.12.17	Christmas dinner: wear Christmas jumpers	Everyone
18.12.17	Christmas Church Service @ 9am	Willow, Beech and Oak
19.12.17	End of Term 2	
04.01.18	INSET DAY 3	
05.01.18	INSET DAY 4	
08.01.18	Children return to school	