



## Newsletter 7 – January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and made some fantastic memories with your families and friends. We are already well underway with a really busy term with lots of visits and events in the next few weeks – keep your eye on the diary dates!

Staff news: Sally Benwell will be retiring from teaching and leaving Flax at Easter this year. Sally has been part of our team since 2008 and has led on many areas of school development including French, Cultural Diversity and International Schools. Helen Mateer will join the Beech Team for the Summer Terms and take over Sally's teaching role until July. We will recruit a new teacher in September and will update you on further news towards the end of the year.

Mrs Bennett

### *Aiming High, Respecting Others, Having Fun*

#### **School Expansion**

Whilst we have been on our Christmas break the building team have been busy setting up the site for building the classroom phase and installing a new path around the school so we can access the playground. The digger broke through the hedge from the field on Monday morning and the site has changed hourly ever since!

From Monday 15th January **all children** will need a pair of wellies in school. The new pathways around school and the new part of the playground have been made from scalplings (stone and dust), which sticks to shoes very easily. Therefore, to ensure the inside of our buildings stay clean, a change of shoes is necessary. As it is so wet and muddy, KS2 children will need a pair of wellies rather than just a change of shoes (trainers).



Many thanks for your co-operation during this very challenging time for the school site. *"It will all be worth it by September!"* is the



current staff team mantra....

The car park and access road phase is well underway and already looks really impressive.

#### **Multi Academy Trust**

We are now scheduled to convert to an academy and join the Backwell Hub of the Lighthouse School Partnership on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018. The change in date reflects the council's struggle with capacity to process all the school conversions currently underway in North Somerset.

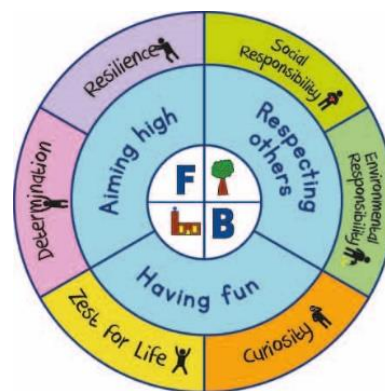
Backwell Secondary School converted on 1<sup>st</sup> January and a couple of the Hub primaries will convert on 1<sup>st</sup> February, with the remaining 5 primaries (including us) on 1<sup>st</sup> March. We will keep you updated, but in reality we do not anticipate you will notice much difference as parents.

#### **Parent Governor Needed!**

Please see the attached letter for details of our Parent Governor recruitment. If you have any questions or would like to talk it through, please don't hesitate to catch me on the playground or give me a call. ( A hard copy to each family has been sent out).

## School and Christian Values

A reminder that our School Value focus for this term is 'Curiosity' and our Christian Value is 'Endurance.' We will be discussing and exploring both themes through our whole school Worship and our class discussions.



## Diary Dates

Date	Event	Who is involved?
10.01.18	Athletics festival in Weston-super-Mare: pm	Oak
12.01.18	Swimming starts x 5 Friday afternoons	Oak
15.01.18	Maple walk around Flax - pm	Team Maple
16.01.18	Chestnut and Oak to the zoo all day	Oak and Chestnut
19.01.18	Noah's Ark visiting Oak @1pm	Team Oak
22.01.18	Maple walk to Farleigh Green - pm	Team Maple
22.01.18	Chestnut Class assembly @ 2:45pm	Chestnut Parents
24.01.18	Fab Flax @ 8:40 until 9am	All classes
25.01.18	Trip to St Fagan's all day	Team Willow
29.01.18	Willow – walk around Flax - am	Team Willow
01.02.18	KS2 Science project day	KS2
02.01.18	KS2 Science project morning and final	KS2
02.02.18	Beech cake sale	Beech
05.02.18	KS1 and EYFS Science project day	EYFS and KS1
05.02.18	Parents evening	Teachers
06.02.18	KS1 Science project morning and final	EYFS and KS1
07.02.18	Parents evening	Teachers
08.02.18	Walk to school	All classes
08.02.18	Safer Internet Day	All classes
09.02.18	End of Term 3	
19.02.18	Children return to school	
20.02.18	British Folk Music & Dance Workshop all morning in the hall	Team Willow
23.02.18	Swimming starts x 5 Fridays	Beech
26.02.18	World Book Week	Everyone
27.02.18	Author in for KS2	KS2
06.03.18	African drumming – in the hall - am	Team Maple
12.03.18	Maple Class assembly @ 2:45pm	Maple Parents
13.03.18	Viking day in hall all day	Team Beech
16.03.18	Willow Cake sale	Willow
19.03.18	Maple trip to Windmill Hill City Farm	Team Maple
19.03.18	World Water Day	Everyone
22.03.18	Walk to school	Everyone
23.03.18	Red Nose Day	Everyone
23.03.18	End of Term 4	