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Newsletter 8

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Plays

Many thanks to our very talented pupils and staff who demonstrated such amazing talent and skill. Many thanks to everyone for their kind donations. I can confirm that following the collections £613 has been divided and sent to Children's Hospice South West and Ups and Downs South West. Thank you.



Lunch menu change – 21st Dec

On the last day of term Lesley, our cook, will be providing a much enjoyed bag lunch as a treat. Lunch will be hot dog or fish in a bap with jacket wedges. This will be a change from the normal menu.

Film Night Thursday 24th January 2019

Date for your diary: Thursday 24th January 3:15 – 5:30pm – **Film night**. Tickets will be available after Christmas for film night at a cost of £5 each. Tea and snacks are provided. Please note there will be **no** after school club on this evening. Films being shown are classic favourites.

Road works update

After a meeting this week with North Somerset and the new road contractors, previous information given has been amended to the following: Work on the new footpath will start December / January 2018. At the same time the speed restrictions on the A371 will be put in place. Temporary pedestrian lights will be put up during January / February with the bridge removed after this date. At the same time the entrance to the new road will be demarcated and fenced off. There will be approximately 6000 lorries over the course of the year delivering stone and removing rubble. Be aware the A371 could become much busier. The new road is due to be started in January 2019 and finished by winter 2020. In the new year the communication team from Balfour Beatty will join the children in assembly to talk about road and site safety.



Parking

A reminder please to park with consideration if parking in Meadow Drive, Lime Close or Elm Tree Road. The police have been called on more than one occasion as drivers have parked over, or even on, our neighbours driveways. We are really lucky to have a car park which can hold 90 cars and would encourage you to use this rather than annoying our neighbours. Thank you.



Bobbins

Bobbins craft and haberdashery shop is newly opened in Manor Court, Locking Village. Activities include Crafty Kids Club, Adults Crafty Group and Little Bobbins mornings. Enjoy.

A very well done to our very sensible pupils and vigilant staff who completed the annual lockdown practise brilliantly last week. The pupils were quiet and mature behaving appropriately should the need ever arise for a real Lockdown. The Governors were able to identify two areas for improving safety, which will be addressed immediately. The pupils were able to keep hold of their sweets from the hungry Governors who were attempting to pinch them. Well done.

Lockdown

School Uniform

A reminder please that school uniform, including appropriate footwear, should be worn at all times. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times, including jogging trousers during the winter for outside PE. Thank you.

Data collection sheets

Your child will be bringing home a data collection sheet today. Please frisk them. The information collected is important in being able to contact parents in cases of emergency etc. Please return the amended sheet as soon as possible.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to our Boccia and Kurling teams who achieved 2nd and 3rd places across North Somerset. A huge well done to the Year 5 girls football team who came 1st within ELAN. Amazing results in the North Somerset swimming gala where lots of individual 1st, 2nd and 3rd places were achieved. Next term we are looking forward to lots more events including the North Somerset Athletics and ELAN swimming gala. We are very proud to have achieved the gold award for the third year running for our sporting excellence.

Holidays during term time

Since September 2013 head teachers have only been allowed to grant leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. The Government expects it to be extremely unusual for leave of absence / holidays during term time, to be permitted by schools. From 1st January 2019, Term Time Holiday will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Where leave of absence is taken without permission, or suspected holidays have been taken, the Local Authority will fine £60 per parent per pupil. Please see the attached letter, from our Education Welfare Officer for further details.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas party.
Friday 21 st December	Christmas jumper day. End of term 2.
Monday 7 th January	INSET day. School closed.
Tuesday 8 th January	Start of term 3.
Friday 11 th January	Sports for Schools start Football training.
Thursday 17 th January	Special lunch – build a burger.
Friday 18 th January	Mrs Smith retirement.
Thursday 24 th January	Film night.
Friday 15 th February	End of term 3.
Monday 25 th February	Start of term 4

Please check the school website for other dates and information.

