



Newsletter



Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a slightly challenging couple of weeks with a number of staff and children off school. North Somerset has one of the highest COVID rates in the country this week.

Please remain vigilant and do not send your child into school if they are unwell – we have needed to send some children home during the school day.

If you or your child has any of these symptoms, even if mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

you still need to arrange a PCR test according to the current government guidance.

Ukraine Collection



Thank you to those parents who have made a donation on ParentPay for the blue/yellow day on Friday. Whilst this is a voluntary donation, a large number of children came to school in non-uniform without a donation being made. If you have not seen the payment item on ParentPay, it is not too late. We will be sending

the money collected to Cafod/DEC on Monday of next week.

Thank You – Viper Innovations



This week we were visited by two engineers from our local, award-winning engineering company Viper Innovations.



The children were given an insight into science and engineering by two of their team. Even the younger children found out about the work the company does and the roles the engineers have in the work they do.

If you work for a local company or are self-employed doing a job you would like to share with children in school, please let us know.

Portishead Youth Group

Please find information attached to this email – if you are interested, contact the youth group directly.

Outdoor Play – Accessing the School Field – Reminder



The children are desperate to get out on the field at lunchtimes! This can be a challenge with the amount of mud being trampled through the school after lunchtime play.

If a child has a pair of **old shoes or trainers** in a named PE bag, they can change footwear for playing on the field. Please **do not** send your child with football boots/studded sport shoes or the PE shoes they normally have on a PE day.

This will be reviewed when the weather improves at Easter.

PTFA and School – Outdoor Learning and Play

We have developed a grounds vision plan for the school this year and are in the process of applying for grants and starting new projects.

The PTFA has kindly offered to support the construction of a boldering wall for the junior playground and “bleachers” benching on one of the mounds on the field.

If you have good DIY skills or just want to help, please contact the PTFA and let them know. We will be organising a number of weekend working parties to construct and complete some of these projects rather than paying contractors to do the work. This way we can get the best value for money for the children in school.

National Schools Partnership

Miss Woodford would like to enter the school in a competition!

<https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/message-in-a-bottle-top-year-2/>



She is planning to create a mural with children from school and needs you to collect your milk carton tops. Please rinse (so they don't smell!) and bring into school. There will be a collection point in the ICT suite in school.

Acts of Kindness

As it is Lent, we have decided to encourage the children to take part in a daily act of kindness.

This weekend is “Offer to help an adult make dinner & Tidy away toys.”

Mobile Phones in School

Children should not generally need to bring phones to school. The only common exception is for the older children (Year 6) who walk home from school on their own.



If you drop off a child at school and pick them up at the end of the day, there is no reason for them to bring a phone into school.

Any children who bring phones to school must give them to the teacher on the gate when they arrive at school. The school is not

responsible for loss of damage to mobile devices brought into school.

ParentPay

Please can you make sure all balances are cleared for school dinners, trips and after school club.

It is our financial year end on 31st March and charges need to be transferred from ParentPay to North Somerset.

Monday and Thursday – Champion Spirit Clubs

An email has gone out today advising the end of the clubs run by Mitch. He has been given a new career opportunity which he has been waiting for a year to hear and the news came through at very short notice! Jordan, who runs Champion Spirit, will let us know if he can find a replacement and hopefully we can start up these clubs next term.

Mr Donovan's Football Session – Tuesdays

The Tuesday boys football club is now for Years 4 and 5 on a Tuesday for the next three weeks.

If your child is in Year 4 and would like to join in for the next three weeks until Easter, please email the school office so Mr Donovan knows you are staying after school.

The session finishes at about 4pm each Tuesday. There is no charge for this club.

Uniform

We will be sending a reminder out to all parents about correct school uniform. There are a lot of children wearing trainers to school and some missing and broken ties. Coats should be black or dark navy – please bear this in mind if purchasing any new coats or jackets.

On PE days, please make sure your child is wearing the school PE shirt and navy joggers/leggings.

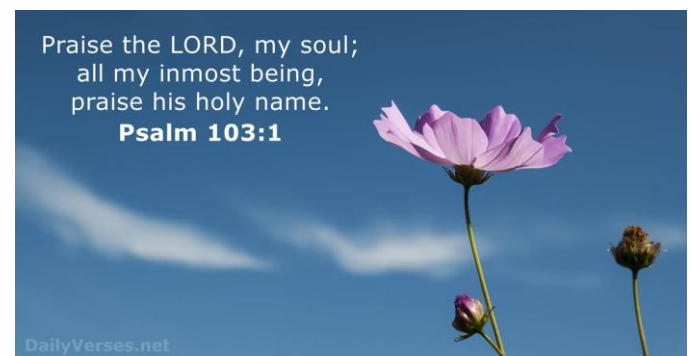
Thank you to the huge majority of parents who support the school by maintaining the smart, traditional uniform.

This week's appeal Year 2 – Kente Fabric



If you have any traditional patterned, printed or woven African fabric at home, could you consider lending it or donating it to Year 2? They are planning to do some weaving and printing in art and it would be great to have some examples of real fabric or rugs. Please let Miss Joy or Mrs Matravers know via the school office.

And Finally...



Have a great weekend – it looks like a sunny one!

Kind Regards,

Mr Bath

Headteacher