Yatton Infant School

News

5th October 2009

Dear Parents,
The first couple of weeks have gone well and we seem to be moving in the right direction for another exciting year. As promised, here are some more dates for your diary and some news/ information.

Animation Success
In my last newsletter I wrote how some Year 2's from last year were short-listed for their film Mission: Save the World in around 80 days at the Noscars (North Somerset Oscars). The great news is that they came third in the Key Stage 1 category and the school received the prize of a Flip video camera. We are very proud of them. Well done to Isabelle, Megan, Chloe, Charlie, Isabelle, Max, Xi-Xi, Miss Hardy and all of last year's Class 7.

YISA meeting – Wednesday, 7th October
Please come along and give your support to YISA at this meeting. The Association has no Chair this year and needs lots of you to muck in and give a little bit of time to share the load. The school values and needs the money raised by YISA to provide ICT equipment, school trips etc, and all the children benefit from the great work that YISA do. We look forward to seeing you in the staff room at 7.30pm.

Confidentiality It is very important that parent volunteers and other adults working in the school work to a policy of confidentiality. You may see children struggling with work, upset, unwell or misbehaving or hear/see other information concerning a child while you are with us in school. It is vital that you do *not* share anything about specific children with friends or family or a child's parent if you know them. The teachers here have the responsibility of informing parents of any concerns about a child.

Water bottles
Just to let you know we now have some water bottles in stock for those families who have asked over the last couple of weeks. As a Healthy School we encourage children to drink water during the day to keep hydrated which aids thinking and thus learning. Please can I remind everybody that it is only water to be drunk from these bottles and not juice or squash.

Toys in school
Over the past couple of weeks objects from toy boxes are being smuggled (!) into school in pockets and bags. We understand why children like to play with toys from home, but having toys in school can cause problems if they go missing or become a distraction in class or are not shared in the same way as school toys (because "It's mine!") Please can you help us by encouraging your child not to bring anything into school and if they do they will probably end up in Miss Keeble's toy collection!

Reading Time?
There have been some queries on the number of times children are read with at school. All teachers aim to hear each child read at least once a week. This may be one to one or through guided or group reading. Either way, the class teachers will be able to assess how your child is doing and offer support, teach a new skill or move a child on if they are ready. A child's reading level rarely changes in one week so this input from a teacher is enough to know about your child's reading needs. Of course reading is part of the whole curriculum so teachers are hearing individuals continually through all areas of learning and use these observations to build up a picture of your child as a reader. We would love to hear all children more often and generally can due to the brilliant parent volunteers who play a major part in getting through the 30 readers in each class. If you would like to help increase the number of times your children are heard read in school then why not help us by becoming a parent volunteer, we would welcome the help.

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Car Park
We would like to remind parents that the car park is for permit holders only. With no School Crossing Patrol at the moment, parents who are using the road without permission are causing a potential danger for all those coming to school. Please can you help us to keep all our children safe.

Bikes and Scooters
Although most children are very good at remembering to push their scooter or bike through the school grounds, there are some who are ignoring the signs and riding in. Please remind your children that they should be getting off their bike or scooter at the school gates.

School Photographer
Tulip Photography will be here to take family and individual children's photographs from 9.00am on Friday, 16th October in the School Hall. Family photos (children only!) will be taken first (please come to the hall door in the playground) and individual ones later in the morning. If you have a child in the Junior School, and you wish them to be included, you will need to seek permission from Mr Heywood, the Headteacher.

Yatton Learning College Event
Over the past 2 weeks on a Wednesday afternoons, all the children in Year 1 and 2 have been taking part in a new Learning College Course. These courses were developed from children's ideas and aim to offer new experiences and or the chance to study something in depth over six weeks. All children told us their first and second choices from a list of 10 courses and almost all ended up on courses that reflected these choices. At the end of the 6 weeks a 'Show and tell' event will be organised so that you can find out what your children have been learning. The 10 courses are:

- Cooking
- Tai-Kwan-Do led by a sports coach
- Music and Songs led by a specialist music teacher
- Police Cadets led by our Community Police Officers
- Mad Science!
- Art Attack!
- Sculpture
- Wild Rambling. (Getting to know the local environment, walks and nature)
- Film Crazy. (Animation and film workshops)
- T- Shirt Design. (Design and make a T-shirt)

The Show and Tell event will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 21st October. Times will be confirmed next week but will probably be from 2.45pm.

How Green is our school?

The health of our world, the environmental impacts of global warming and other environmental issues created by man will be our legacy to our young learners unless we begin to do something about it now. This year we are stepping up to this challenge, we aim to work with you, the children and other agencies to make an impact on our carbon footprint, create green areas that encourage birds and wildlife, improve our waste management and much, much more. Are you interested in helping us? We would like some committed parents to join our working party, which will be made up of children, staff, parents and governors. If you are an eco-warrior, have spare time in the school day and would like to get involved, please let the school office know.

PE Shoes

Please can you make sure your child has PE shoes in school that fit! (We think that there has been some major foot growing over the summer!) They will be having outside PE throughout the year and need a safe and comfortable pair of shoes/daps for this. Thank you

Morrison's – Let's Grow vouchers
We are now collecting "Let's Grow" vouchers, so please bring these in to help us get some more gardening equipment. Thanks!

National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
The NCMP is a joint initiative between the Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF) and the Department of Health (DH). It is part of a shared programme of work to improve children's health and wellbeing. The School Nursing Team will be visiting school during this academic year to weigh and measure children in Reception. Parents will receive a letter about this nearer to the time that the School Nursing Team will be visiting which will give more information about the

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NCMP. To find out more visit www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/healthyliving/obesity/ncmp/

Transfer to Junior School

Please remember that the deadline to apply for a Junior School place is 4.30pm on 23rd October. If you have a Year 2 child and have not yet applied for their junior school place, please make sure that you do so by this date.

October break holiday fun

Yatton Community Out of School Club (YCOSC) is open this coming half-term, Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – for full and half day bookings. Lots of Halloween-themed activities will be taking place – including creepy crafts, dressing up, spooky storytelling and monster art competitions. To find out more, ask a member of YCOSC in the playground or call 07876 588 583 (message service) or 01934 835 702 (between 4-6pm) or pop in after school to Yatton Youth Club, Rock Road (opposite the Fire Station). Autumn half-term holiday booking deadline is Wednesday, 14th October.

French Club

If you would like to try out the French Club on a Thursday after school, your child is welcome to go along for a free trial. Terms 1 & 2 will be action packed with new topics such as money, food and drink as well as Christmassy craft and songs. Please email: admin@club4kids.com or call 01285 740 196 if you would like to reserve your place.

We look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Service on Friday, 23rd October. The service will start at 2pm and you will be able to take your children home from the church when we finish. If you are unable to attend, you child will be brought back to school and will enjoy an extra playtime. This year we will be supporting St. Mary's charities which are the Julian Trust, and the Sisters of the Church, both of which help the homeless in Bristol. They welcome non-perishable tinned and packaged food (well within its sell by date please!) Please bring in your harvest gifts from Monday, 19th October.

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YATTON INFANT SCHOOL FUND - Summary of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st March 2009

Income	**£**	**£**	**Expenditure**	**£**	**£**
Balance at 01.04.08					
Current account	£1,963.88				
Reserve account	£1,937.36				
Total	(A)	3,901.24			
Income during the year			Expenditure during year		
Book Fair	673.24		Book Fair	673.24	
Educational Visits	919.80		Educational Visits	1,088.22	
Donations	715.00		Charitable donations	3,220.77	
Charitable donations	3,229.77		Equipment	352.93	
Photo Commission	958.50		Payments to North Somerset Council	1,431.50	
Income for North Somerset Council	1,431.50		Professional fees	35.00	
			School Garden	1,580.00	
Interest	36.67				
	(B)	7,964.48		(D)	8,381.66
			Balances as at 31.3.09		
			Current account	1,510.03	
			Reserve account	1,974.03	
				(E)	3,484.06
	(C)	11,865.72	(D & E)		11,865.72

Details of Income - Donations		**Details of Expenditure - Donations**	
Durban Trust	500.00	Children with Leukaemia	£819.65
Parents - Childline	258.40	Wallace & Grommit appeal	£842.65
Parents - Children with Leukaemia/Wallace & Grommit appeal	1,654.30	Childline	£258.40
Parents - Walk the World	882.00	Computer Aid International for Ja Little School	£865.00
Parents - Comic Relief	435.07	Comic Relief	£435.07
Thomas Ford	10.00		
Student Support Centre	140.00		
Yatton & District Horticultural Society	30.00		
Miscellaneous	35.00		
	3,944.77		£3,220.77

(A) = Total balance of fund at 31.3.08

(B) = Total income during year (above)

(C) = Sub Total of (A) + (B)

(D) = Total payments during year

(E) = Total balance of fund as at 1.4.06 plus Total payments during year minus Total payments during the year = Total balance of fund as at 31.3.09

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