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Friday Note  
 17 September 2021

**Dear Parents**

Thank you for helping us have a successful first week back at school after 18 months of restrictions. When there was a whole school assembly last Monday afternoon, it was hard to imagine that both Years 1 and 2 had never shared that experience before! To put this into context, if a child is at the grand old age of 6, then a quarter of their life has been affected by the pandemic!

I am pleased to say that morning drop offs are running smoothly and everybody is making good use of the new field path. If, however, you wish to drop off your child in the first corner playground and say goodbye, it is fine to leave by one of the two gates back onto the road. When people come into the second playground area, then it is important to follow the one way system and continue to the field exit.

Collections are little more busy, and it certainly didn't help with the delayed building work happening during the first days back at school. However can we please try and use the whole area of the playground and not crowd at the corner of Rabbit class by the school field. Years 3 and 4 will be brought down into the playground by their class teachers and it is a lot easier for the children to be dismissed safely if parents are standing in the playground, away from the field.

And finally, even though masks are no longer mandatory on school site, some people are still naturally anxious when too close to others. Try to maintain social distancing where possible.



**Open Days**

We are very flexible with Open Days this year and are offering potential parents the chance to visit our school on a Tuesday or Friday morning at 10am. If anyone you know would like to visit please ask them to get in touch. Tours will be starting on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Harvest**

We're celebrating Harvest at the church on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. This year we are collecting for Somer Valley Food Bank. If you would like to contribute there will be a collection bucket on the playground on the day or you can drop donated items into the office. Please see <https://somervalley.foodbank.org.uk/> for items that they are in need of.



**Reading Raffle**

Each week the classes have a home reading challenge. Below are the percentages of how many children have read 5 or more times a week. Each child gets a raffle ticket if they have read, at home, 5 or more times. The raffle tickets are then put into a draw and at the end of each term a child from Key Stage 1 and 2 win a prize funded by the PTA (see cabinet outside of Mrs Bowery's office)

**Key Stage 1**

- Winners**
- 85% Badger
  - 58% Panda
  - 57% Squirrel
  - 53% Bumblebee
  - 44% Owl and Rabbit

**Key Stage 2**

- Winners**
- 86% Falcon
  - 81% Butterfly and Panther
  - 70% Dragonfly
  - 67% Turtle
  - 52% Eagle
  - 50% Monkey
  - 13% Dolphin



## Help your child with home reading

Please can you make sure that you hear your child read their school reading book 5 days each week. This needs to be recorded in their reading record book. At KS1 we ask parents and carers to fill out the comments, whereas in KS2, the children should be recording what they have read and writing a comment. Both reading books and reading record books need to be in school EVERY DAY!

## Parking

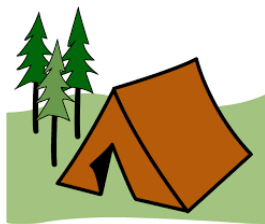
Tanner Close residents have asked that we are mindful when parking in the close. People have been stopping in front of drives and at the entrance to the estate making it really difficult for residents to access their own properties.

## Crossing

Please can you keep hold of your children when crossing the road even when Mrs Dando is helping you cross. She has experienced some near misses this week when she has been out in the road and cars fail to stop.

## Year 6 Camp

A reminder that Year 6 camp is fast approaching and payments need to be made to ensure children can go. Please see Mrs Bowery if you have any difficulty with this. All information regarding camp is available on Weduc.



## PTA

Please join the PTA Facebook page to keep up to date with school events!



WESTFIELD SCHOOL PTA  
are hosting a

# Coffee Morning

Tuesday 21st September

Join us in the hall after the school drop off

- Everyone welcome!
- Free tea/coffee and cake!!!
- Meet members of our team
- Share and discuss ideas



## Is your child eligible for Free School Meals - EBB?

Please register your child (including those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) for free school meals if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits. Registration will attract additional funding for our school for Pupil Premium (£1,320 per Primary pupil). You can register your entitlement for Free School Meals - Eligible by Benefit (EBB) if you have children who attends a school in Bath and North East Somerset, and you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits listed below. Qualifying benefits for Free School Meals:

- **Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)**
- **Income Support**
- **Income Based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income Related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Child Tax Credit, without any Working Tax Credit, and an annual household income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that is not more than £16,190**
- **Run-on Working Tax Credit which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit**

## How to register – just call!

Call Ruth in the school office, you will need you to tell her your National Insurance Number when you call. Please note that the Local Authority will check your eligibility to qualifying benefits on your behalf using the DFE online Free School Meal Eligibility Checking Service.

## Dinners

Dinners **MUST** be ordered by Thursday every week for the following week on ParentPay.

If nothing is ordered and your child is expecting a meal we will no long be able to provide one and you will have to bring a packed lunch up for them straight away.

As you know we are part of the MAT and our catering providers have to follow their strict guidelines with regards to ordering. We are now a hub kitchen for 6 other school and cooking over 800 meals a day so we would really appreciate your support with this. Any problems at all with parent pay, please just call.



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**Secondary Schools**



**Open Evenings**  
**September 2021**

Please see information about each schools open evenings; tours, subject information and a Headteacher presentation. We hope that these events will help you understand a little more about the vision and ethos of the individual schools and what they have to offer you and your children.



**Norton Hill School**  
 Our Virtual Open Evening will be live on our website from  
**Tuesday 21st September**  
 This will give parents/carers the opportunity to learn more about our school, vision and ethos. After this online event, there will be an opportunity to book a school tour where we will invite small groups to come and view the school 'in action' during the day.  
 Tours can be booked via our website and will take place at the end of September and throughout October 2021.  
 For further details please visit our website:  
[www.nortonhillschool.com/open-evening/school-tours.htm](http://www.nortonhillschool.com/open-evening/school-tours.htm)



**Somervale School**  
**Thursday 23rd September**  
 6pm - 8.30pm  
 Please see our website for further information on how to sign up to attend our on site Open Evening.  
[www.somervaleschool.com](http://www.somervaleschool.com)



**Writhlington School**  
 Our Virtual Open Evening will showcase the excellent opportunities at Writhlington School. This which will be live on our Website from  
**Wednesday 22nd September**  
 You can experience the school in action and meet staff and students during our school tours available everyday from  
**Wednesday 22nd September**  
 Please see the school website to book a tour.  
[www.writhlington.org.uk](http://www.writhlington.org.uk)

**Diary Dates**

**September**

Mon 27 – Fri 1      Year 6 Camp

**October**

Tues 5      Individual and Family Photos  
 Wed 6      Photos for those who have missed  
 Tues 12     Harvest Festival KS1 & KS2  
 Mon 18     Parents Evening 3.15pm-6.15pm  
 Thurs 21   Parents Evening 3.15pm-6.15pm  
 Fri 22      Inset Day

Mon 25 – Fri 29      Half Term

**November**

Mon 1      Pupils return to school  
 Wed 10 – 17   Travelling Book Fayre

**December**

Tues 14      Christmas Service  
 Fri 17      Break up for Christmas

**January**

Tues 4      Inset Day  
 Wed 5      Inset Day  
 Thurs 6 Pupils return to school

**February**

Mon 21 – Fri 25      Half Term  
 Mon 28      Pupils return to school

**March**

Mon 7      Parents Evening  
 Thurs 10      Parents Evening

**April**

Tues 5      Easter Service  
 Fri 8      Break up fro Easter  
 Mon 25      Pupils return to school

**May**

Wed 4 – Fri 6      Year 4 Camp  
 Mon 9 – Fri 13      SATS week  
 Mon 30 – Fri 3      Half Term

**June**

Mon 6      Pupils return to school  
 Thurs 30      Sports Day  
 Fri 1      Sports Day

**July**

Fri 1      Westfield School is 100 years old  
 Thur 21      Schools out for Summer

