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**School** - 8.45am - 3.15pm Office - 8.30am - 4pm Morning club - 8am Clubs 3.15pm -4.30pm **Toasties** 3.15pm -4.30/5.45pm

**Opening Hours** 

Pre-School: 8am-4.30pm **Newsletter No 6** 

## FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to draw to your attention to the road closure of Butts Way. Somerset Local Authority will be carrying out urgent repair works to the bank along Butts Way that is alongside the school grounds. This is to avoid collapse. We have been informed that the road will be fully closed from 21st October to 1st **November.** If you regularly use this route please make alternative arrangements for travel to school during those times. Mr R Stead



Classes 3 and 4 enjoyed busy Eco days exploring the biodiversity of the school grounds. Activities included making hedgehog tunnels (where we hoped hedgehogs will leave their tracks), hibernaculas for hibernating reptiles, carrying out a small mammal survey and mapping habitats. We were all surprised at the huge variety of wildlife we have within the school grounds. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mr and Mrs Maben for giving up their time and for organising such an enjoyable morning. They

even provided us with sunny weather! Thank you also to Otter Nurseries for the donation of compost for our welly boot planters. Mrs Calnon





During the Eco days this week all children in Classes R, 1 and 2 went to pick apples from the school apple trees. The children then turned these apples into yummy muffins. Each child brought home an apple so that they can teach you how to make delicious apple muffins! Here is the recipe we used:

### **Ingredients**

Serves: 12 255g (9 oz) plain flour 3 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 100g (4 oz) caster sugar 60g (2 oz) butter 225ml (8 fl oz) semi-skimmed milk 110g (4 oz) apple - peeled, cored and chopped

Method

Preheat oven to 200 C / Gas mark 6. Lightly grease a 12-cup muffin tin, or line with paper muffin cups. In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. In a separate bowl, cream together sugar and butter. Stir the flour mixture into the sugar mixture alternately with the milk. Fold in the fruit. Pour batter into prepared muffin tin. Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the centre of a muffin comes out clean. Enjoy! Mrs Nicholls

On Wednesday we were blessed with a wonderful break in the rain that enabled Class 1 to enjoy a dry Forest School. We were able to explore the Forest School area and let our imaginations run wild with our creations. Some of us performed on the stage while others made a den that doubled up as a rather useful coat and jumper warmer! We all made a named medallion by sawing and drilling logs and we finished with a yummy addition to our usual hot chocolate, some roasted sweet chestnuts! A massive thank you to Mr Wedderkopp for making our time so en-Mrs Atterton joyable.



## **Diary Dates**

18th October 2019

Monday 21st October 9.30am **Prospective Parents School Tour** (for children starting school Sept 2020)

PARENTS' EVENINGS Year 1—6 **Tuesday 22nd October** 3.30pm to 6pm NO KS1 MULTIGAMES OR **GOAL CLUB ON THIS DAY** 

Thursday 24th October 5pm to 7.30pm NO KS1 SCIENCE/ART CLUB

Mrs Lewis SENCo will be available on both evenings. If you would like an appointment please contact the school office.

Friday 25th October Inset Day. School closed to pupils.

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November Half Term Break

Wednesday 6th Nov 9.30am Prospective Parents School Tour (for children starting school Sept

Friday 15th November Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 20th November Year 2 Kingsmead Sports Festival

Tuesday 26th November Classes 3 & 4 Trip to Roman Baths

Friday 6th December MSA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 11th December Reception Class Nativity for parents at 2pm

# FOREST SCHOOL WEDS 23RD OCT **CLASS R**

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	161	1296
Cork Oak	166	1285
Blue Cedar	198	1438
Horse Chestnut	225	1372

## **OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK**

Pre-school Robin for being kind and friendly to all his friends at Pre-school and for sharing so well.

Class R Amelia for her kind and caring attitude towards others.

Class 1 Wilf and Kit for their passion and enthusiasm for our school grounds and the wider community during our Eco days and Forest School this week.

Class 2 Ezra for his amazing contributions to our Eco days. Ezra shared lots of facts and information and was very knowledgeable.

Class 3 Isla V and Craig for their very funny instructions on 'How to Have a Great Day at School'.

Mathilda for her positivity, engagement and willingness to offer ideas in Phonics.

Class 4 Philippa, Sophie L and Daniel for showing enthusiasm and determination when completing tricky

problem solving questions!

Class 5 All the Year 5 Mini-Police that spoke so confidently with the local community this week.

Class 6 Freya S for her fantastic focus and hard work in Maths this week.



Class 5 are involved in an initiative called 'Mini-Police' promoted by the Avon and Somerset Police and run by PCSO Louise Fyne. Its main aims are to include primary school children in the community and educate them on the different roles police officers perform. Class 5 have been issued a uniform and you may have seen them already in the school car park or in the village. The class created a 'Social Action Plan' with myself and PCSO Louise Fyne. The message to



the children is one of respect and how they can help improve things in their community. The plan was discussed in class with PCSO Louise and they separated it into 3 key areas: the village, the school and the home. We have already started observing the car park at different times of the day, as parking was high up on the children's list of issues. This week we visited the Milverton Community Café. The children spoke to the visitors of the café and told them what we were doing and why. We were also given a talk about the café and how it is important to the community. Future events that PCSO Louise has planned for us are a session of basic first aid from Wivey First Responders and a visit to the Milverton Lunch Club at Christmas. We really hope all of the children will gain significantly from these experiences.

Mr Coupe















Last Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> Somerset Chess Grand Prix was held at the beautiful Priory Park College and what a day it was! **14** of our brilliant children made the long journey to Bath and battled against Somerset's best and brightest chess players. In total **6** of our children were placed in the medals; Teddy reached 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the U7 category, Finley, Daniel and Adri dominated the U9 category with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Runners-up medal respectively, George gained a Runners-up medal in the U10 category and Amarra reached 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the U11 section. Several more of our players missed out on a medal by ½ a point (so close – Michael, Isla, Rory and Bertie!). I must also add all the children were a credit to parents and the school with their attitude and behaviour. I was particularly impressed when observing our children losing; they showed real grace in defeat by congratulating their opponent and demonstrating real maturity and resilience. These tournaments are the primary selection events for choosing the U9 and U11 Somerset County Team for early 2020. We have 2 more tournaments before selection, so please do try and attend them, if possible. *Dates are Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov at Bristol Grammar school and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at High Ham Primary School.* Lastly, a big thank you to all the parents who transported the children. It was a long and tiring day, but fun, and I could not be prouder of all the children.



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Years 5 and 6 went to a football tournament, run by SASP, at King's College. We played three schools. The first match we drew 0-0, the second we lost 2-1 and the third we won 2-0. We all enjoyed this incredible experience, thank you to SASP for organising the whole thing and to all the parents for taking us there.

by Tilly and Amarra Year 6

#### Golden Mile Leader Board:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Priorswood Primary School 914 miles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Two Moors Primary School 722 miles
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingston St Mary Primary School 686 miles
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Milverton Primary School 446 miles
- 5<sup>th</sup> Curry Mallet Primary School 428 miles
- 6<sup>th</sup> Greenflyde Primary School 377 miles
- 7<sup>th</sup> Webbers/Burlescombe Primary School 177 miles
- 8<sup>th</sup> St Johns Primary School- 149 miles
- 9<sup>th</sup> St James Primary School 110 miles
- 10<sup>th</sup> Norton Fitzwarren Primary School 65 miles



Part of the Big Draw annual Festival:
www.thebigdraw.org





# **ART FUN!**

Sunday October 20th

11am-4pm drop-in anytime

# **Wiveliscombe Community Centre**

- make a big messy drawing
- ◆ felt tip fun
- sewing a picture
- draw a leaf for the tree of life
- Spirograph! .. have a go
- ◆ FREE PENCIL SET FOR EVERYONE!!!

