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20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our Lower School Celebration Assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Gainsborough: Archie, Tyler, Iris, Krystal, Oaklee and Jack

Medlycott: Alaia, George, Sophie, Dexter, Polly and Olivia P

Venn: Willow, Freddie, Wilfred, Alfred, Sydney and Lillie-Anne

Ofsted

Thank you to those of you who completed the Ofsted questionnaire this week, and especially those of you who spoke to the inspector at the school gate. He gained a good impression of the school as a result of those conversations, and was impressed by the children's behaviour in lessons. The results of the inspection will be confirmed at a later date, as is common practice. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their continued hard work and commitment to making the school the best it can be for our pupils.

Read Write Inc. Books

Our new system of reading books in Reception and Year 1 is working well. Can we please remind parents that water bottles should not be placed in book bags, to prevent them leaking on to our new reading stock. We cannot afford to keep replacing these books and if this occurs we may have to ask for reimbursement. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Change of footwear

As a result of the cold weather this week, the playground has often been too icy and slippery to play on. Please can **all** children have a change of footwear in school next week, so that we can use the field (preferably wellies, but old trainers/boots are also acceptable). Those children without a change of footwear in school this week have been unable to play outside.

Mrs Noyes

Sadly, Mrs Noyes will be leaving the school at half-term, due to her having secured a new position at King Arthur's, teaching English. We thank Mrs Noyes for her great contribution to the school and will be recognising this in due course. We are currently confirming details of a replacement for Mrs Noyes and will be in touch again when this is confirmed.





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Music (from Mrs Bartlett)

A recent survey about music at school indicated that 1 in 5 KS2 pupils is having private music lessons. This is great to hear. Furthermore, 51 pupils in KS2 would be keen to learn an instrument. We currently teach recorder to all pupils in Years 3-6 and ukulele in Years 5 and 6.

We have a visiting music teacher who offers individual and small group lessons in piano, violin, guitar and ukulele. If you are interested in these lessons, please leave your name at the office so your details can be passed on to our music teacher. If your child is interested in a different instrument, please contact Mrs Bartlett. If there is enough interest, it may be possible for a teacher to visit the school.

Some of our pupils have private music lessons out of school. If you are interested in this, I am sure I would be able to collect recommendations of local teachers from those currently having lessons.

From the PTFA

Happy new year everyone!

Don't forget we have 2nd hand uniform for sale all year round for just 50p per item! Please do contact us via our email address or social media; alternatively find one of us in the playground during the school run and we will be happy to help!

We have some exciting projects and events to look forward to this term, including our Spring disco and our Milborne Port Primary School/The Beeches Shopping bags that the children will be creating over the next couple of weeks and can be purchased in time for Easter gifts!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Milborne Port Parish Council have awarded us a £5,000 grant towards our play equipment for The Beeches and KS1 and I am delighted to tell you that due to your incredible fundraising support, we are in the process of purchasing this equipment as we speak! Pictures and details of this will follow soon, but thank you for your continued support and we can't wait to show you and the children what the school have chosen!

Please see the attached poster for full details of our Spring disco! Anyone who would like to help with any of the events including the disco please speak to/message Holly.

We look forward to the next term of fundraising!





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Key Dates

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| KS2 badminton event at King Arthur's (3:15-5:00pm) | Thursday 26 th January |
| Look & Share Whole School Celebration Assembly KS2 football tournament at Yeovil Town FC | Friday 27 th January 2023 |
| KS2 Indoor athletics competition at King Arthur's (9:30-2:00pm) | Wednesday 1 st February |
| Crackmore INSPIRE | Wednesday 8 th February |

Have a good weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Sweatman

