

**Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Rodd**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

At our KS2 Celebration Assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Kingsbury: Jonathan, Bianna, Eliza and Oscar

Newtown: Robyn, Harrison, Sofia and Josh

Crackmore: Jacob, Ruby, Arthur and Sophie

It was lovely to meet some of you at the Coffee Morning on Monday. If you were unable to make it, there will be another one on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00am – 10.00am to which you are all warmly invited. At the meeting, a number of parents volunteered to help in various ways. If you have some spare time and are interested in volunteering at school, whether regularly or now and again, I would be delighted to hear from you. Do catch me on the gate at the beginning or end of the school day or pop into the office.

Next Thursday, (28<sup>th</sup> September), we will be having an Open Morning for parents whose children will be starting school in September 2024. If you have relatives, friends or neighbours who might be interested, please do encourage them to come along. I will be giving a talk at 9.30 am and repeating this at 10.30 am, and our Year 6 children will be taking visitors on guided tours. The children are looking really smart in their school uniform every day and I have received many comments echoing this from both staff and parents.

Mrs Leavold was in school on Tuesday afternoon for individual music tuition. She is able to offer piano, guitar and violin lessons and her sessions are reasonably priced. Please talk to the office staff if you are interested in this and they will pass your details to Mrs Leavold. She will then contact you directly.

Mr Menage writes: "Mr Rodd, Mr Sweatman and I are keen for Milborne Port to participate in sports competitions regularly. Friendly fixtures and tournaments at King Arthur's are being arranged so please keep an eye out for more information about these in the coming weeks. At the After School Club on Mondays, there are still some spaces for both KS1 and KS2. In the lunch club, we will be practising skills in preparation for the King Arthur's tournaments. If you have any questions, please do come and find me as I'm more than happy to help."

I have been asked to promote a free 'Help your child love Maths' course for parents which is being run at The Balsam Centre in Wincanton. The course runs on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October (9.00 am – 10.30 am or 1.00 pm – 2.30pm) and those taking part are given a free 'goody bag'. The course will cover

- Maths Anxiety (What it is, how it develops and how we can manage it)

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- The Primary Curriculum (Why times tables and place value are crucial skills)
- The Power of Play (Supporting mathematical learning through games)

If you would like to book a place, please contact [multiply@sslcc.co.uk](mailto:multiply@sslcc.co.uk) or call 0330 332 7997.

Milborne Port Library (in the Town Hall) run a Lego Club on the second Saturday of the month between 9.30am and 12 noon. They also run a Storytime and Craft session on the fourth Saturday of the month. Tomorrow's session has a pirate theme!

### PTFA news

Please don't forget that there is an Open Meeting of the PTFA on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15 pm in the Library. We hope that you will be able to attend. The closing date for the PTFA logo competition is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Morning for parents who have children starting school in September 2024
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	SEND Coffee Morning with Miss Danyali (9.00 am) Whole school celebration assembly, including Sue Laughton award
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Celebration Assembly 2.00 pm Harvest Festival service in Church – everyone welcome
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Coffee Morning with Mr Rodd (9.00 – 10.00 am)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Celebration Assembly
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Kingsbury class trip to Carymoor
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening (3.40 – 6.00pm)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school celebration assembly, including Sue Laughton award
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity (a.m.)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service in Church at 2.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity (p.m.)



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Advance notice: The Beeches Pre-School will be closing for the Summer break on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July as they have training days planned during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The rest of the school will break up for the Summer holiday on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Rodd

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