

**Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Rodd**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our KS2 Celebration assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils.

Kingsbury: Alfred, Wilf, Izabel and Max

Newtown: Ariella, Rosie, Harrison and Josh

Crackmore: Nathan, Ruby, Fionn and Ethan

The children thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime on Tuesday morning which was performed by The Treehouse Theatre Company. Many of the children were involved as 'extras'. Thank you again to the PTFA for funding this experience for everyone. Whilst on the subject of thanks, we must express our gratitude to Grass Roots for providing our Christmas tree at the end of last term.

This week, we have introduced golden tickets at lunchtime. Each Thursday, two children from each class, who are remembering our golden rules for lunchtime, are given a golden ticket by their lunchtime supervisor. The ticket enables them to sit at the gold table in the Hall with me (or another senior member of staff) on Friday where we will enjoy our packed lunches/hot meals together. Well done to those children who won golden tickets this week, we are really proud of you!

Please can I remind you that, on Monday, there is a consultation meeting for parents about the school joining the ACE Academy Trust at 6.00pm. Governors and senior staff from ACE will be presenting information and will be available to answer any questions you may have.

### Safeguarding

In Health and Relationships lessons this term, the children are learning about *Staying Safe*. This theme will also be a focus for some of our whole school assemblies.

If, for any reason, you have concerns about the welfare of any child, please contact Somerset Safeguarding on 0300 123 2224 or email at [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a Milborne Port child, please contact myself as Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) through the school office. Mr Sweatman, Mrs Carr and Mrs Keirl are all Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) and will also be able to assist with any concerns.

### Attendance

As Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), my role is to closely monitor the attendance of all our children. All school days are very busy and there is lots of learning that takes place right through the day. The table below indicates how what might seem like just a few days absence can result in children missing a significant number of lessons.

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Attendance during school year	Days lost in a year	Which is approximately	Approximate number of lessons missed
95%	9.5 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons

The table below indicates how frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning time being lost. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others.

Minutes late per day	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year	Which means this number of lessons are missed
5 minutes	3 days	15 lessons
10 minutes	6 days	30 lessons
15 minutes	9 days	45 lessons

Mr Menage writes... We have lots of exciting activities coming up. First, Milborne Port are going to be a camp venue again during the February half term on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th. There will be a range of activities such as team games, gymnastics and many more. I will be there on both days and hope the camp will be a great success.

Play leaders in school are taking on more responsibility this term. I have been working with them to support break and lunch time activities. They have booklets now that they can use to plan sessions and there are some short tasks that they can complete while in school or at home.

At the end of each term, there will be some inter-team events in school. This is a great opportunity for them within their teams to gain points so when it comes to Sports Day at the end of the year, it will be a close race for the trophy.

We have an indoor athletics tournament coming up and then the football tournament in March and it's been refreshing to see new faces represent our school and give it their best. We were in touching distance with Tag rugby and Netball finishing in the Top 5 and the children really want to push for more and to finish first before the school year is over. What a great target to aspire to!

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### Diary dates for this half term

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	6.00pm Consultation meeting for parents about ACE academy
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	KS1 Celebration Assembly
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole school Celebration Assembly
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	KS2 Celebration Assembly Crackmore – Cake Sale 3.15pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	KS1 Celebration Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Medlycott – Cake Sale 3.15pm

Kind regards,

Jonathan Rodd  
Headteacher