



This week we had a very interesting meeting with Claire from Affordable Schools in BANES. This is a fairly new initiative of which 30% of BANES schools have signed up so far. With the Cost of Living Crisis still very much in evidence, as a school we were discussing what we can do to make schooling more affordable for everyone. We would very much like some input from parents so if you would be willing to be part of a parents' group to discuss the issue of affordability, please can you let us know and then we can arrange a time and date to get together.

We have set the dates for our Open Mornings this year, for prospective parents to come and get a feel of the school and see all the wonderful learning that goes on. We will be opening up our school on Wednesday 15th October and Wednesday 6th November, so please pass this onto anyone you know may be interested.

*Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull*

### **Clubs**

These start next week. Please assume your child has a place as their chosen club unless we contact you to confirm otherwise.

Please be advised that the majority of clubs are run on a voluntary basis and may from time to time have to be cancelled. If this is the case we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning - reminder!**

We look forward to welcoming you next Friday at 8.50 am onwards in the school hall. It would be lovely to see you there and if you are able to donate a cake that would be greatly appreciated.



### **Attendance**

**Cherry Class 99.5%**

**Willow Class 98.6%**

**Rowan Class 99.2%**

**Sycamore Class 99.5%**

**Chestnut Class 96.7%**

**Oak Class 97.3%**

Well done to Cherry Class and Sycamore Class who top our attendance figures for the first three weeks of term.

Five of our six classes are ahead of the 97% target we have for the year and at the beginning of this week our school total was 98.64%, the second best of all the primaries in our Trust.

A great start for Clutton Primary in our Trust's drive for better attendance!



## Certificates of the week

### Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Head Teacher Award this week:

Freddie, Sophie, Hollie, Jessica, Darcie and Florence.



Well done to everyone who completed their Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables this week.

The children with the most stars in their class this week are:

**Doodle Maths** - Reuben, Ellis, Enya, Joshua, Finley and Erin.

**Doodle Tables** - Freddie, Finley, Leighton, Alfie.

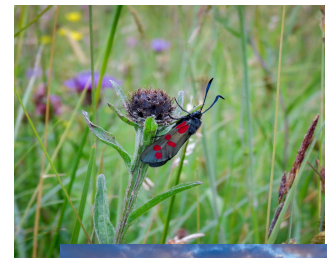


### Other Achievements



A massive congratulations to Sophie who took part in the Chew Valley Nature Photography Festival last weekend.

She achieved first place for each of her three photos in the bird, insect and landscape children's categories. Unfortunately she was ill on Sunday so was unable to go to the special event to collect her prize. We are extremely impressed by Sophie's talent. You can see a copy of the photos proudly displayed on our Craftsmanship board.



Congratulations to Charlie T who has achieved his Grade 1 Piano. Charlie completed his Summer Reading Challenge, Ellis had swimming awards and Evie was gymnast of the week at her club.



### Notices

- **Long hair** - For reasons of health and safety, long hair should always be tied back.
- **Coats** - Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school. Unless it is torrential rain, children will still go outside at break, lunchtime and PE sessions.
- **Water bottles** - Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. This should be of a sensible size (holds approx 500 - 750ml). Water bottles can be refilled!
- **Medications in school** - We are unable to administer non-prescription medications in school. If your child needs medication, your Dr should prescribe it and the medication can be signed into school in the normal way. If you feel your child needs non-prescribed medication during the school day, you will need to come into school to administer it.
- **Parking** - Please can we remind parents to be mindful when parking near the school, local residents driveways have been blocked on a number of occasions and cars are being parked dangerously close to the end of Broomhill lane making it dangerous for pedestrians. Please think before leaving your car in a place that makes it unsafe for our children accessing and leaving the school. This continues to be monitored by the PCSOs.
- **School day** - Begins at 8.45am and ends 3.15pm. The gates will close at 8.50am and after this time you will need to press the buzzer to enter the school. Children arriving after 8:50am are marked as late in the register.
- **School lunches** - Paid school lunches cost £2.80 due to the rise in food prices and need to be booked by the Thursday of the previous week.
- **School pick up** - Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.

### Diary Dates

Friday 27th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (8.50am)
Tuesday 8th October	Harvest Festival - am Reception and Year 6 parents only
Wednesday 9th October	Netball tournament @ Downside 3.45pm
Thursday 10th October	2.30pm Oak Class Learning Exhibition to parents
Tuesday 15th October	Open Morning (9:30am - 11:30am)
Thursday 17th October	Year 6 Lifeskills - am
Tuesday 22nd October	Netball match @ Chew Stoke Primary 4pm
Wednesday 23rd October	3.30pm - 7pm PARENTS EVENING
Thursday 24th October	3.30pm - 5pm PARENTS EVENING
Thursday 24th October	School Photos
Friday 25th October	INSET DAY
Monday 4th November	Term 2 starts
Wednesday 6th November	Open Morning (9:30am - 11:30am)
Wednesday 27th November	INSET DAY



If you would like to book up for instrumental lessons, you can do so via our new West of England Music Alliance website here:

<https://wema.org.uk/young-people-and-families/learn-to-play-a-musical-instrument>