



Dear Parents,

It is unbelievable to think that we are at the end of our first half term and heading towards our half term break. Having come back to school on 1 September (3 September for the children), it has felt like a really long half term and I know that everyone is really ready for a break. Let's hope the weather stays dry for the week and everyone can get out and about.

I wrote to the parents of the children in Owl Class last week to let them know that Mrs Wright is currently unwell and will be away from work for the next few weeks. Mrs Perks will be teaching the class on Wednesdays and Thursdays and Mr Durrant, who worked in that class for a couple of weeks last year, will be teaching on the other days. Mrs Perks has organised all of the lesson planning, so hopefully we can keep the disruption down to a minimum for the children. I will of course let parents know of any changes as soon as I can but sick leave is something that can't easily be predicted.

I have today managed to find a replacement Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) who will take over the role while Mrs Wright is absent and Mrs Rebecca Evans will be joining us for one day a week after half term. If you are expecting a meeting or some action with regards to special needs, please speak to me so that Mrs Evans can complete some of the outstanding tasks.

We had a fabulous day last week when we celebrated 'Ada Lovelace Day'. Ada Lovelace was the daughter of Lord Byron, but wasn't allowed to have anything to do with him! She was a mathematician and writer and is known for her work with Charles Babbage on inventing the first mechanical computer. Ada Lovelace Day is an international celebration of the achievements of women in science, technology, engineering and maths and this year was celebrated on Tuesday 13 October 2015, although our event took place on Thursday 15 October. Dr Trew had organised the day of workshops including making a Philae lander to land an egg on the classroom floor, making a comet and a rocket, learning binary, and making circuits. The children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 looked inside computers and made their own and went searching for and drew fungi. They also had a visit from James Hammett who told them all about electricity and from the Hammett family rabbit Blossom.

We were delighted to welcome Professor Dudley Shallcross, Director of the Primary Science Teaching Trust to our Ada Lovelace Day last week. Professor Shallcross presented Dr Trew with a Primary Science Teacher of the Year Award 2014 for her innovative practice and exceptional dedication to primary science teaching. Dr Trew now automatically becomes a Fellow of the Primary Science Teacher College and received a cheque for £500 for our school, which we spent on our visiting scientists. Many, many congratulations to Dr Trew. As professor Shallcross said when he presented Dr Trew with her certificate, she is the best Science teacher in the country!

INSET reminder

Please remember that this Friday, 23 October is an INSET Day and the school is closed to all children.

Celebration Assembly

As we are not in school on Friday, our celebration assembly will be on Thursday (22 October) at 3:00pm

Fruit snacks

As a healthy school, we are happy for children to bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable for a break time snack. This could be an apple, banana, carrot or cucumber sticks, a handful of grapes or dried fruit such as raisins. Children should not be bringing in any processed 'fruit snack' and we have had particular problems with Bear Yoyo snacks. These contain collecting cards which are causing some problems at break time. Please therefore do not send any snacks of this sort in and stick to fresh fruit and vegetables (Robin and Woodpecker children receive a free piece of fruit daily).



Half term tennis camps

Seaton Tennis Club is running tennis camps this half term for all ages. Please see attached flyer for all the details.



Save the date

On 28th November at 4pm our Choir and Orchestra have been invited to take part in a concert in Kilminster Church. It would be great to see as many of them as possible at this event.

Christmas cards

You should have received your child's Christmas card by now in their book bag. Please note that the deadline for returning your order is tomorrow Thursday 22 October.



Parking – again!

It is noticeable that some parents have started parking in the Church car park again because we haven't managed to monitor it recently. Could I please remind you, for the safety of all of our children, not to park there. There are only two parents who have been given permission to park here due to special needs considerations. Please also do not stop on the zigzag lines. Again these are there for the safety of all of our children and parents and other motorists. Please make sure that when you are coming into school, that you are using the path alongside the car park and not cutting across the car park as staff are also coming into school in cars at that time.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 21st October – Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 22 October – Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 22 October- **Last** Eagles swimming session.
Friday 23rd October- Diocese Inset Day - **school closed to children**
Monday 26 - Friday 30 October - Half Term
Monday 2 November - Children return to school
Friday 6 November-Owls Mass 10am
Tuesday 10 November- Diwali Day



Special Person

Robins

Woodpeckers

Owls

Kestrels

Eagles

w/e 9/10

Evelyn H

Medea A

Jonas H

Millie H

Katherine B

w/e 16/10

Matilda H

Poppy W

Paige D

Amy M

Freya R



Attendance

Week ending 9 October 99.41 %

Week ending 16 October 98.64 %

Our attendance target is **96.2%**



With best wishes,

Angela Herrera

Mrs Angela Herrera
Headteacher

Living, loving and learning with God