

Congratulations to last week's Achievers!

Nursery	Dennis for really good listening
Class 1	Stars of the Week - Leah & Tori Riley for amazing phonics & beautifully presented cursive handwriting
Class 2	Will L for writing super sentences for an African animal rhyming poem
Class 3	Rayan for including so many aspects of a good recount of the trip to the Roman Baths
Class 4	Cicely for being an amazing superstar friend
Class 5	Leo B for fabulous descriptive writing

Notices & Reminders:

- All parents should have returned the **data collection sheets** we currently hold for your child. It is vital that you return these to the office ASAP as they are our master list of all contact details in the case of an emergency, current medical conditions etc.
- All children should have their basic **PE kit** in school at all times: plain black shorts, white T-shirt, daps / trainers. We do not make many rules...but this is essential to their statutory learning in school - please help your child to ensure they always have kit to change into

School diary dates:

October

Weds 4th	Class 2 trip to Bristol Zoo Y5/6 BANES cross country
Fri 6th	last day for school photograph orders
Mon 9th	Bikeability Group 1
Weds 11th	Harvest festival at 2:30 in the School Hall
Thurs 12th	Flu vaccines - for those with letters returned
Weds 18th	official opening of new classrooms (more details soon)
Fri 20th	last day of Term 1
Mon 30th	Term 2 starts

SCHOOL MEALS SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

Starting salary £7.88 / hour - 6.25 hours / week

Required with immediate effect, a member of staff to join our happy, hardworking team, with a focus on PLAY! We are looking for someone able to build on the present foundations of a strong school community working together to raise standards for all of our children. This Playworker / SMSA will work every lunch-time with children from Reception to Year 6, including leading children in structured play activities. We will be particularly interested in finding out where your strengths and interests lie. Flexibility and adaptability are also useful traits!

Please call in at the office or email us for further information and details on how to apply. Our school operates a safe recruitment policy: the successful candidate will need a Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to taking up post.

Closing date: Friday 13th October



Welcome to the new **School Council**,
as voted for in the recent election -
Bethany, Suzy, Joel, Autumn & Charlie

In the past we have given advice and warnings about ONLINE SAFETY and age-appropriate COMPUTER GAMES for your children.

In a similar vein, it seems a small number of children are re-enacting scenes from films they should not have seen. Again all professionals working with children, including our Police School Liaison Officer, Amanda Ware (PCSO), and the Safeguarding Team state that it is NOT acceptable for children to be playing games or watching films that are age-rated for older children or adults. Friday 13th, It & The Texas Chainsaw Massacre and other similar film are purposefully horrific and disturbing and therefore highly inappropriate for children - they should not have access to them.

We know that parents are as keen as we are to keep their children safe, and this is a safeguarding issue - we look forward to your support in this.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A number of parents commented in the questionnaires last year that they would be interested in a Breakfast Club. If you would like to come to a meeting to plan what provision could be arranged, please return the slip below.

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I would be interested in finding out more about a Breakfast Club.

Child / children's names:

Signed:

Health and Wellbeing Survey



At the end of last year, children from Year 4 and 6 took part in an on-line Health and Wellbeing survey organised through the Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU). The children answered a list of questions including; diet, travel to school, internet safety, wellbeing, physical activity and leisure time. We will use the findings in the report, alongside other information e.g. questionnaires/school council minutes to inform our next steps in school development.

The two areas that we will be focussing on, over the coming year, are:

- Being Sugar Smart
- Increasing the amount of children enjoying, and seeing the benefit of, physical activity

Of interest to parents and carers may be the relatively high number of children who responded that they found it hard to concentrate at school due to feeling tired on at least 3 days in the week before the survey. See below the NHS guidance for number of hours sleep recommended for each age group.

4 Years - 11 hours, 30 minutes

5 Years - 11 hours

6 Years - 10 hours, 45 minutes

7 years - 10 hours, 30 minutes

8 years - 10 hours, 15 minutes

9 years - 10 hours

10 Years - 9 hours, 45 minutes

11 Years - 9 hours, 30 minutes



Children enjoying autumn playtimes!!!

Harvest Celebration

Wednesday 11th October, 2:30 in the School Hall

Parents and carers are welcome to join us in celebrating the harvest next Wednesday. This year we are supporting the Somer Valley Foodbank with donations of non-perishable food. See their message below:



'Big or small, every donation you give will help to feed families and individuals going hungry within a five mile radius of the centre of Midsomer Norton. We couldn't do what we do without your support. Thank you for helping to make a difference for those most in need'.

Please bring donations into the hall, or send in with your child, on Wednesday morning. Thank you!

Community news:

WRITHLINGTON FLOWER SHOW

PRESENTS
QUIZ NIGHT & Raffle

SATURDAY 4th November
AT WRITHLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

FUN NIGHT FOR ALL

DOORS OPEN AT 7.00PM FOR 7.30 START
£5.00 PER PERSON. ALL TEAMS WELCOME.
EVENING TO INCLUDE SUPPER.
TEA'S COFFEE'S WILL BE AVAILABLE
WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

All proceeds go towards Writhlington Flower Show Funds. To book your team or more information contact Mr R Langley 01761 431406, and Mrs H Gulliford 01761 420417

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WRITHLINGTON FLOWER SHOW

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER
7.00PM AT WRITHLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

For more information contact
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The Secretary Mrs H Gulliford 01761 420417