



What a busy term we have ahead of us from school trips, bedtime stories, parents evening, the bulb show, Dance Umbrella, school residentials to name a few - please keep checking the diary dates so that you don't miss anything.

Tuesday started with an assembly led by Al, Helen and Pat from St Augustine's church. We all learnt a lot about Lent being the lead up to Easter. Did you know that the term Lent actually derives from the word 'lengthen' and the tradition of pancake races in the UK started in a town called Olney 577 years ago? Thank you to Ashton and Etty who acted out the story of the first pancake race beautifully. This was followed by a day of pancake races, pancake making and of course, eating!!



Then on Wednesday Ellis's mum came in to lead an assembly all about her job working with animals in the environment. We had great fun learning all about bats and otters.

Bats are actually very noisy but can't be heard by the human ear so Miriam showed us her special machine that helps us hear bat sounds. Each species of bat has a different cry. We decided a horseshoe bat sounds a bit like an alien!



Finally, thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the online questionnaire about school improvement. We will share our findings with you as soon as possible and use these to try and become an even better school. If you would personally like to discuss any points that you raised on the questionnaire please do come and make an appointment with us.

Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull



We wanted to ask the children what they would like to play with at lunch time. Following a meeting with the school council about lunchtimes, the children produced a list and if you are able to donate any of these items it would be very much appreciated. They have requested more of the following:

Pushchairs
Trolleys (anything with wheels that can be pushed)
Loom bands
Dressing up clothes (especially superhero outfits)
Traffic cones and barriers
Guttering
Large cardboard tubes
Wheelie bugs
Gym mats
Small cars, trucks, lorries
Lego



Request from Mrs P.C.

The wall outside Cherry Class is in desperate need of attention. We spray painted it over lockdown but sadly the paint is now peeling off and it needs scraping off or possibly jet washing. If you could spare an hour or so after school or at the weekend, please let the office know. Once the wall has been prepared, we would also like a kind volunteer to repaint it. Thank you!





Holiday Adventure Club

Greyfield Wood

Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th April 2023
10am to 3pm
5 to 11 year olds

Sibling discount & block booking available

Craft Fire Games Fun Friends Nature Connection





Anti-idling campaign

We have been asked by BANES to promote the need to turn off your engine whilst waiting for children outside the school (known as 'idling').

Children can suffer life-long health problems due to exposure to toxic vehicle emissions. These emissions can trigger asthma attacks, contribute to the development of heart conditions and affect healthy lung development in children.

Drivers often idle their engines outside of schools and nurseries - unaware of the harmful impacts to children, pregnant mothers and those with existing health conditions.

Please see the fact sheet below.

Fact Sheet

Myth: Switching on and off a vehicle's engine wastes fuel and causes more pollution than idling.

Fact: With modern engines, the cost of turning off the engine and restarting it after a minute or longer pollutes less and costs less than leaving the engine idling.

Myth: A car's engine needs to stay on to keep the battery fully charged.

Fact: Modern batteries are more efficient and don't need to be running constantly to remain charged or use the radio.

Myth: It is better to idle a vehicle's engine because turning the engine off and on wears it out.

Fact: An idling engine will leave fuel residues that can damage engine components, causing costly wear and tear to your vehicle. Idling can cause spark plugs to become dirtier, more quickly. This can cause an increase in fuel consumption.

Myth: It is not an offence to idle a car.

Fact: The Highway Code states that 'You must not leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road'. You can idle your engine on a drive when defrosting your windscreen, but it's better for the environment and your health to use a windscreen protector.

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Certificates of the week

Head Teacher's Award

Congratulations to Ross, Travis, Livie, Esther, Adyln and Nancy for receiving the Head Teacher's award this week.



Doodle Maths

Receiving the most stars in Doodle Maths this week are Connie, Pippa, Esme, Jess, Johannes, Louie and Millie . Top for Doodle Tables are Connie, Livie, Maddie, Phoebe, Alfie and Abel.

A special mention to Louie who got the most doodle stars in the whole school, beating Connie who has held the doodle stars trophy for over a year. She graciously presented the trophy to Louie who will proudly display it on his table until the next winner.



Readers of the Week & Playground Tidy Up Award

This week Rocco received the Playground Tidy Up Award and Gesa was Reader of the Week.
Well done guys!



Other Awards

Flossie completed her bronze award for her Citizenship Passport. Alice, Phoebe, Scarlett and Juno shared their Brownie and Guides badges. Toby received a football trophy this week. Sophie was gymnast of the day, Lewis showed his swimming certificate and Harry received a skiing award. Abel showed his bravery certificate that he received from the hospital after having an operation this week.





Notices

- **Clubs** - Extra curricular clubs will finish at the end of week 5 (Friday 24th March)
- **Dinner Menu Choices** - These must be made by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day. Please note that if you book a meal and then your child brings in a packed lunch on that day you will still be charged for the booked meal if you pay for school lunches, unless your child is ill.
- **Parents evening** - IF you have not yet managed to book a slot, please see your child's class teacher to find out available times or to arrange an alternative date.
- **Parking** - If you are driving your child to and from school please park sensibly and safely and remember that the yellow zigzag lines outside of the school must be kept free at all times.
- **School pick up** - Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.
- **School Shoes** - Reminder that if trainers are worn they must be all black. White trim/markings and large logos are not acceptable.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st March	Bedtime stories by torchlight 5.30pm-6.30pm
Thursday 2nd March	Planned NEU Strike day - school open
Friday 3rd March	DRESS UP as a book character (optional)
Wednesday 8th March	Willow Class trip to SS Great Britain
Wednesday 8th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm-7pm
Thursday 9th March	Y5/6 gym competition @ Writhlington 1-3pm
Thursday 9th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Saturday 11th March	Clutton Bulb Show
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief Day (Wear red)
Friday 17th March	Community litter picking (school event)
Monday 20th March	Dance Umbrella @ Bath Forum
22nd- 24th March	Year 4 Residential @ Mendip Outdoor Centre
27th - 31st March	Year 6 Residential @ Little Canada
Friday 31st March	End of Term 4



CLUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL'S SPRING BULB SHOW

The Bulb Show will be held on Saturday 11 March 2023 in the school hall, for all children to enter. Organised by Clutton Horticultural Society with the School.

All entries should be brought to school either on Friday 10 March or on the Saturday between 10am and 11 am ready for judging; prizes will be awarded. Show entry to all from 2pm.

Entry is free and there will also be an exhibition of children's school art and craft work .

Refreshments will be available, plants for sale and a raffle of Easter eggs.

Schedule:

1. Bowl or pot of daffodils (all children were given bulbs last autumn so please bring them even if the flowers are going over or not fully in bloom)
2. Hyacinth in a pot (every child was given a bulb for this last autumn and has, hopefully, been bringing it on ready for the show)
3. Vase of spring flowers arranged by the children
4. A miniature garden: Key Stage 1, Infants
5. A miniature garden: Key Stage 2, Juniors
6. A decorated egg: Key Stage 1, Infants
7. A decorated egg: Key Stage 2, Juniors
8. A flowerpot man: Key Stage 1, Infants
9. A flowerpot man: Key Stage 2, Juniors
10. An Easter bonnet (decorated hat): Key Stage 1, Infants
11. An Easter bonnet (decorated hat): Key Stage 2, Juniors
12. An animal made fruit and/or vegetables: Key Stage 1, Infants
13. An animal made fruit and/or vegetables: Key Stage 2, Juniors