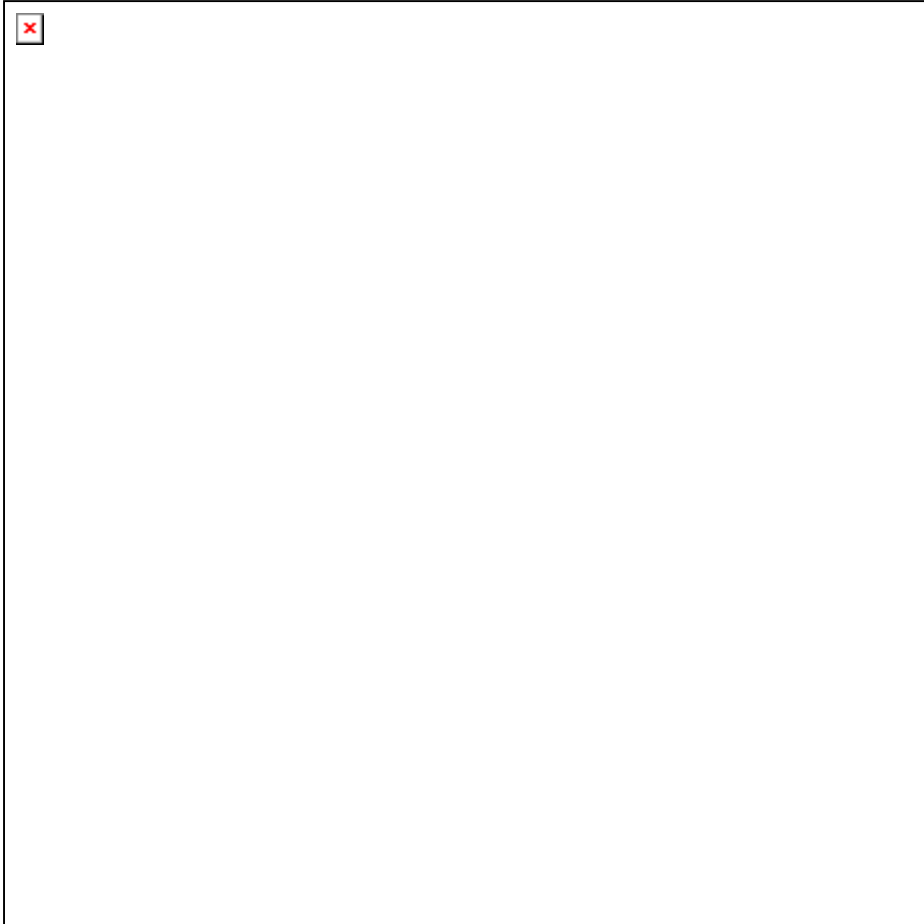


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Dear Parents,

Apologies for combining April and May newsletters but it seemed the best thing to do with this month nearly up already!

This is a short half term with May Day and Polling day in it as well. For our year 6, they will be pleased to hear this as by the time we get to then, all of their SATs will be over!!

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson
Headteacher

7 Classes

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the parents evenings that have been held over this week. There has been a really positive reaction to the information shared and it seems that the majority of parents support our suggestion to move back to straight year groups in September. I will let you know as soon as possible who the teachers will be for each of these classes.

One Way traffic

We are still looking to run a one-way system in Hudson way but unfortunately the police have been unable to help us with this as arranged. I have been told that there can be a police presence on the week back after half term as well as some signs. I hope that it can work and make the area safer for our children.

Children Cycling

It is excellent that so many children are cycling to school at the moment. (I keep threatening to but somehow haven't managed it yet!) There are not many places for bikes to be stored at present although I hope that we will be receiving funding really soon to enable us to provide more. For the time being can I ask that children leave their bikes neatly and locked in the area outside my office window.

It is essential that all children riding to school are wearing proper cycling helmets for their safety.

Date for your diary! Man from Funkle

An excellent local band have offered to play a free gig for our "Classroom for Africa" appeal. Taunton Vale Sports Club are prepared for us to hold the event in their function room. The date of this event is Thursday 28th June 2007. It promises to be an excellent night out so please put it in your diary and support this event! More details will follow, there are limited numbers so watch this space!!

If you are interested in seeing more of the band, visit their website at www.the-man-from-funkle.com

ASDA tokens

A parent has made me aware of a token scheme that ASDA are running at the moment. They are giving a token every time that a carrier bag is recycled. We are going to start collecting these so please hand any in to the office.

TESCO'S tokens

TESCO'S are running a double token week to mark the last week of their promotion! It will run from 7th-14th May 2007. Please keep collecting for us!

Sickness

This is just a reminder to all parents about our sickness policy. This is in place to help reduce the spread of sickness bugs in school. If a child has vomitted or has diarrhoea we enforce that they should not be in school for at least 24 hours after the last episode. We will send a child home if this has not been adhered to.

Lateness

Children should be in school by 8.55a.m. There are an increasing number of children who are arriving late for school and having to come to the office. We understand that on occasions this is unavoidable but this should not be on a regular basis. Each time your child is late it is recorded as an unauthorised mark and these are monitored by the Educational Social Worker (ESU).

Holiday

I understand why people are booking holidays in term time due to the increased cost, but please be aware that these have to be recorded as “unathorised”, due to Government Policy, and these absences are monitored by the ESU also. Sorry !

Elms Tennis Club

Junior Tennis Coaching starts again at the Elms Tennis Club off Staplegrove Road, Taunton on Friday afternoons from 18 May.

Ages 5 - 7 3.30 - 4.30

Ages 8 – 11 4.30 - 5.30

11+ and adult beginners 5.30 - 6.30

£3 per session or £25 for 9 sessions in advance.

Contact Anne Simpson for further information 01823 451414 or just turn up.

Hot Weather

Children should come to school each day with a bottle of fresh water. These are available to your child throughout the day. It is really important the children keep themselves hydrated, so please monitor their water bottles. Also as the hot weather approaches please send your child with a sun hat and with appropriate sun cream on them.

After School Club Booking

The after school club is becoming more popular, in order to ensure we have sufficient staff cover it is advisable please to book in advance (ideally for the whole term) especially if it is on a regular basis. We may not be able to guarantee a place if the booking is made on the day.