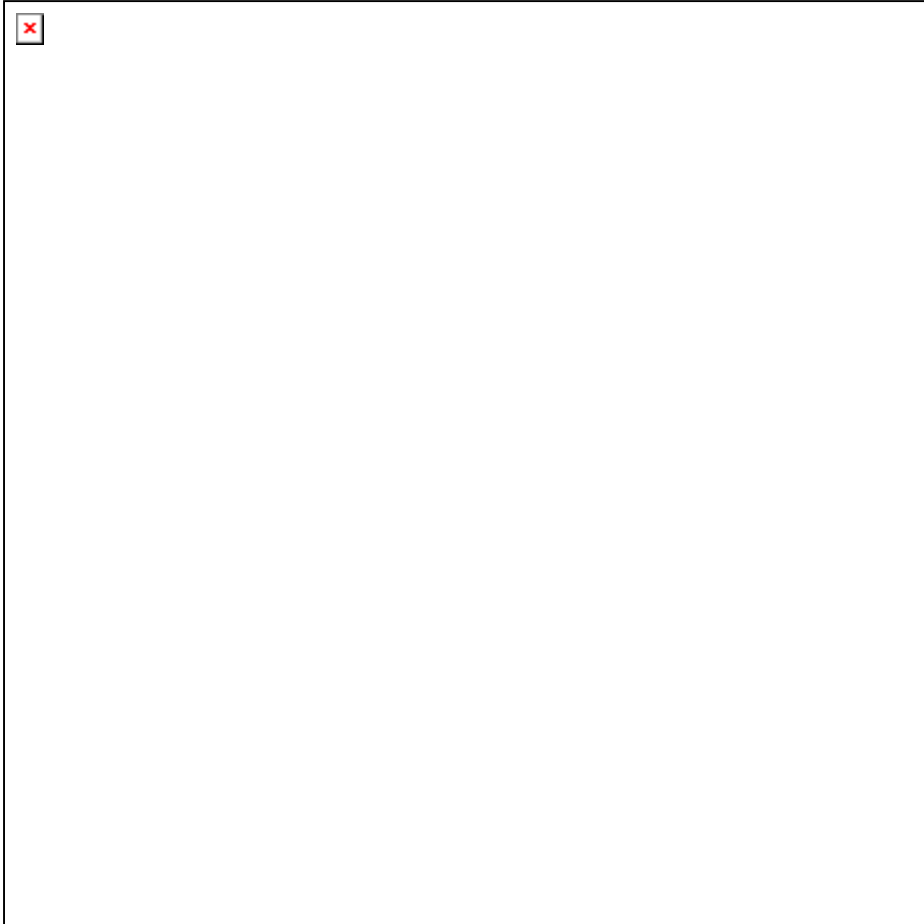


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you have all had a good time with your children. This February holiday for me was far more relaxed than this time last year when I spent most of it preparing for my headship interview! It is amazing to think of what we have achieved in just one year.

I hope to catch up with you all at parents evening next week,

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson
Headteacher

Parents Evening

Parents' evenings are taking place next week on Tuesday 6th March and Wednesday 7th March.

Teachers will be putting up appointment lists up this Wednesday morning for you to book your times. When you select your time, please leave enough time between each one if you have to visit more than one class. Work will be laid out in the hall for you to look at and prefects will escort you to your appointments. I will be available on each evening if you have anything you would like to discuss.

School Photographs

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday 1st March to take class group photos. These are a fantastic memory for your child to keep of their time at primary school. We are also keeping a book of the group photos in the waiting area outside my room. The children need to have their sweatshirts with

them so they can all look smart! As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, there should be only the agreed jewellery and blue plain hair bands.

Confirmation classes

The Bishop of Bath and Wells will be leading a confirmation service at St Johns church on Thursday 3rd May at 7pm. Preparation classes for children and adults begin on 25th March. If you are interested, please contact Kate Taylor on 335833

Lent-classroom project for Africa project

During Lent, we will be collecting 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins to make a lent line of coins. We will be collecting in our Thursday collective worship session and all of the money will go towards our Classroom in Africa project. Please support us in this by sending your child with a few coins, whatever value on each Thursday until the Easter holidays. They will be able to see their contribution grow over the weeks and it will take us closer to raising the £1700 needed to provide a Classroom in the third world.

Mothering Sunday Workshop

After our successful workshops for Harvest and Education Sunday, we are running a Mothering Sunday workshop on Saturday 17th March. It will be at the school and run from 2-4.30pm. Everybody is welcome to attend and there will be further information coming nearer the time. The Family worship at St Johns will celebrate Mothering Sunday on Sunday 18th March some of the work from Saturday's workshop will be shared.

Road safety

The traffic around Hudson Way, particularly in the morning and at the end of the school day, is a real problem. Visibility for the children to cross the road and for motorists to see the children is often impaired. Our Staplegrove Local Action Team (SLAT) has decided that we are going to try a voluntary one-way system along the road at the busy times. This will entail parents coming in at the Silk Mills end of Hudson Way and going out the other end. It is voluntary but we hope that if all parents try to adhere to this, we will make it much safer for our children. The police are going to support us with this and will start this off on Thursday 8th March. They will also encourage safer and more considerate parking along Hudson Way. Thank you for your support.

Social and emotional aspects of literacy (SEAL)

The Personal and Social Education we provide for the children at Staplegrove is now mainly going to be delivered through a new set of resources called SEAL. (Drugs and sex education will still be delivered in separate lessons where appropriate.) The whole school will be following one theme at age appropriate levels. This term's theme will be relationships and feelings.

The SEAL work we intend to deliver, aims to develop the underpinning qualities and skills that help promote positive behaviour and effective learning. It focuses on five social and emotional aspects of learning: self-awareness, managing feelings, motivation, empathy and social skills.

Children on site before 8.45

Can I remind all parents that children should only be at school from 8.45am unless they attend the before school club. Accidents happen when children are unsupervised and we need to ensure the safety of our children. If children are delivered to school and left unaccompanied, they will be taken to before school club and a charge will be made.

Football tickets

I have been approached by Yeovil Town football club who are hosting an England v Holland under 18s match on 27th March with a 7.45pm kick off. They are offering tickets to schools at 50p per child and adult. I am thinking of block booking some tickets and booking a coach for this event. There would be a cost for the coach which will be confirmed when numbers are known. It will not be a school trip so children would need to be accompanied by an adult who would be responsible for them. If you are interested could you let the office know the child's name and accompanying adult by Thursday 1st March and if there is enough interest, I will go ahead.