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### **Newsletter 8**

6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Mums, Dads & Carers

#### **Running Day**

Congratulations to the children for their excellent behaviour and enthusiastic participation in the running day held last Friday.



#### **Parents' Evening Appointments**

Just a reminder that we are holding parents' evening appointments this Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> November) and next Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup> November). If you have not already made an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher please contact the school office to do so.

#### **Clubs update**

Please note there will be **no clubs this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November and next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November due to parents' evening appointments.** All other clubs will run as normal.

#### **Communication with teachers**

I thought it may be useful to let parents know that we pay teaching assistants from 8.30 each morning and that period at the start of each day (8.30 – 8.45am) is valuable briefing time for teachers and their assistants. As a staff we value regular communication with parents and the best way to do this is through the school office – whether it's to pass on a message, to make an appointment or even to request 'a quick word'.

### Wellie Rack

Following a school council meeting in which the children decided that we should use the playing field more often we have invested in two wellie racks, which are in the main playground, in front of the Head's office.

To start with we would like the children to have the opportunity of bringing their wellies to school and being allowed to play on the field and in organising this the school council have devised some rules as follows:

- Both wellies and both shoes must be clearly named with a marker.
- Wellies should be put on the racks before morning registration.
- At the start of break children take their wellies and change into them on the steps in the playground. All shoes should then be put on the rack until needed to change back into at the end of break.

### Parents' Road Safety meeting – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

I will be holding a meeting at 9am this Friday to discuss the school issue of road safety. I think it's important that as many parents as possible can attend because the safety of the children and parking are real concerns of mine.

### BBC Children in Need Mufti Day

As part of the Children in Need Appeal we will be welcoming BBC Somerset Radio Presenter ,Claire Carter, to school as she journeys through Somerset with Pudsey Bear on 'The Great Wellington Walk'. We would like to hand over our donations on that day so will be holding a Mufti-day the day before, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, instead of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November as originally planned. More details will follow in a separate letter later this week.

### Flu Immunisation

The school nurse team will be visiting **school** on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November to administer the nasal spray flu vaccination. Parent/carers of children in Year 3 & 4 will be receiving a letter shortly from the NHS team offering their child the vaccine and giving more information about the immunisation programme.

Best wishes

Steve Gumm

### The week ahead

<b>Tuesday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> November	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 10.00 – 12noon Horse riding, 12.15 – 12.45 – Debating club, 2.30 – 5.30 – Cross country event at Collet Park in Shepton Mallet, 3.15 – 4.00 – Netball club and Year 5 football club, 3.15 – 4.30 – Drama club.
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> November	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), Year 4 swimming, 12.15 – 12.45 – Kx365 fitness club, 3.15 – 4.00 – Glee club and Lower school football club, 3.15 – 4.15 Chess club.
<b>Thursday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> November	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), <b>NO CLUBS</b> , Parents' Evening appointments 5.30 – 7.30 pm.
<b>Friday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> November	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am, 3.15–4.00 – Gardening club, 6 – 8pm – PTFA disco.
<b>Monday</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> November	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 3.15–4.00 – Cross Country club and choir.
<b>Tuesday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> November	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), Children in Need MUFTI DAY, 10.00 – 12noon Horse riding, 12.15 – 12.45 – Debating club, <b>NO CLUBS</b> , Parents' Evening appointments 3.30 – 5.30 pm.

