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Dear Mums, Dads & Carers

Good News!

I have just heard that our school has won a prize 'Best in the South West' from the 'In Bloom' organisation. The category we won was 'Art in the landscape' and the judges were really impressed with our murals and most importantly by our new Garden of Tranquillity designed by last year's Year 5. The Mayor of Glastonbury, Emma George, will be personally delivering the prestigious trophy to our school this week. Well done to everyone involved!

Movie Time – Thursday 12th October

The PFTA are holding 'Movie Time' this Thursday in the school hall from 3.15 – 5.30 pm. The film showing is 'Boss Baby'. Tickets are on sale in the playground before and after school priced £2.50 per ticket - to include hotdog, popcorn and drink. Please note there will be no after school clubs on Thursday 12th October

Clubs

Please note a few changes to clubs this week:

- Debating club will be held on Wednesday lunchtime instead of Tuesday lunchtime (this week only).
- There will be **no** Gymnastics club, Big Art or Art club on Thursday (12th October) due to Movie Night.
- There will be **no** Gardening club this Friday (13th).



Our **Harvest Festival** is on Tuesday 17th October at 2.15p.m. It will be held in St Benedict's Church and parents/carers are very welcome to join us.

We would like to support Glastonbury Foodbank this year and would ask for voluntary contributions as detailed below. The food bank prepares parcels and delivers them to individuals in Glastonbury and the surrounding areas who are in crisis. The charity often relies upon donations at this time of year to last through leaner times therefore they ask that donated items are in date and preferably with long dates to give them the best flexibility. Items such as those listed below are very much appreciated:

Tinned Fruit
Tinned Meat
Tinned Rice pudding or similar
Sugar large and small
Fruit juice carton
Coffee
Jam
Peanut butter
Breakfast Cereal

Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Sponge Pudding
Tinned and packet soup (e.g.cup a soup)
Biscuits
Squash
Tea
Marmalade
Pasta Sauce



Re: Extra funding

Pupil Premium was introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) in 2011, as additional funding for pupils who receive Free School Meals or who are Looked After Children. This is because the DfE have recognised that good education is the key to improving young people's life chances. This is particularly true for children from low-income families, or who are Looked After Children, who are far less likely to leave schools with good GCSE results than other children.

The amount of money allocated per pupil for 2017-18 is £1320 to each child who receives Free School Meals or who is classified as a 'Looked After Child'.

This extra funding is of huge benefit to us as a school and by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most we aim to close the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers.

We encourage all parents and carers to ensure that staff at our school know whether their child is entitled to Free School Meals even if your child doesn't want to take up hot dinners. Please contact the school office THIS WEEK for further details.

Parents can register their child for Free School Meals if they are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- _ Income Support
- _ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- _ Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- _ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- _ Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190
- _ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Sporting Champions Needed!

From its origins in 1976, Sportshall Athletics continues to be one of the UK's most well attended sports for children 11 years and younger. Despite this, it is not as widely known as other sports such as netball, rugby, swimming etc. Two fairly recent household names from the world of senior athletics, Jess Ennis-Hill and Mark Lewis Francis, both started their world class careers in Sportshall Athletics; locally many of the current Somerset and regional U13, U15 and U17 champions first competed in this form of the sport.

Somerset has been competing in the Regional U11 championships for well over 20 years, and have regularly produced great team performances: in Jan 2017, the girls team comprehensively won their competition after several years of finishing second. There is every reason to believe that Somerset can find the next generation of sporting athletes to repeat the success in 2018.

There are two area trials, held in Wells and Yeovil, which double up as the county championships, followed by two training events before the actual Regional Competition in Bristol on 28th Jan 2018. Entries are invited from any year 5 or 6 boy or girl (or a year 4 if the child will be 9 on or before the 28th Jan 2018), where the only requirement is being committed to participating in all running, jumping and throwing events, alongside those that require balance, agility and coordination.

All details can be found on the ACE Athletics website, which includes an online entry form in the Sportshall Section. <http://www.aceathletics.co.uk/>

Governor required

The School Governing Body is currently seeking a parent governor to join them. Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and are involved in many important aspects of school and often act as a critical friend in order to raise school standards

If you are interested in making a positive contribution to the children's education please contact the school office for further details.

Best wishes

Steve Gumm

The week ahead

Tuesday	10 th October	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 9.00 – Cat class Inspire workshop, 10.00 – 12noon Horse riding, 3.15 – 4.00 – Netball club and Year 6 football club, 3.15 – 4.30 – Drama club, 3.15 – 3.45 – Book Fair.
Wednesday	11 th October	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), Year 4 swimming, 9.00 – Spider class Inspire workshop, 12.15 – 12.45 – Debating club, 12.15 – 12.45 – Kx365 fitness club, 3.15 – 4.00 – Glee club and Lower school football club, 3.15 – 4.15 – Chess club.
Thursday	12 th October	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 9.00 – Tortoise class Inspire workshop, 3.15 – 5.30 – Movie Night, NO CLUBS.
Friday	13 th October	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 3.15–4.00 – NO Gardening club.
Monday	16 th October	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 3.15–4.00 – Cross Country and choir.