



Weekly Update: 13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Monday 16th October	PTA Bags2School Tempest Individual and School Sibling Photos
Thursday 19th October	PTA Disco
Friday 20th October	INSET training day- school closed- staff training day
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October	Half term holiday (PTA Pumpkin Trail)
Thursday 9th November 8.45-9.30am	PFSA Coffee Morning- Open to all
Monday 13th - Friday 17th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13th November	Odd Socks day
Tuesday 14th November	Open Morning for prospective parents 9-10.30am
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Non-School Uniform
Thursday 23rd November 7pm	Free Parent Webinar: Creating a Safe Digital Playground for Your Child
Wednesday 6th December	Christingle Making (Fundraising for The Children's Society)
Thursday 7th December 7-9pm	PTA Wreath Making
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper day (Fundraising for Save the Children)
Tuesday 12th December	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th December	Panto, gifted by the PTA Evening Nativity performance to parents
Friday 15th December 9.15am	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church
Autumn INSET Days	4 September and 20 October
Autumn Half Term	21 October -29 October
Spring term	2 January- 28 March 2024
Spring INSET Days	2 January and 9 February 2024
Spring Half Term	10 February-18 February 2024
Summer term	15 April- 24 July 2024
Summer INSET Day	15 April 2024
Summer Half Term	25 May- 2 June 2023

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It was lovely to see you all at the Parents' Evenings this week- having a moment to relax with a cup of tea and a doughnut! Many of you commented on the warm welcome the school staff, SENDCo, PTA team and Parish Council gave you in the school hall, and how the teachers shared useful information with you about your child. Thank you to our enthusiastic House Captains who volunteered to welcome families and take you to your meetings. Please remember you do not need to wait until a parents' evening to share concerns or queries- contact your class teacher in the first instance as they will be happy to help.

Attendance: Medical Appointments

In line with Government and Local Authority policy, where possible, medical appointments should be made outside school hours or in school holidays. However, we realise this is sometimes not possible. Pupils should come into school before and after appointments to ensure they miss as little lesson time as possible. You will be asked to provide evidence of appointments (E.g. Letters. Text confirmation).

Online Safety Update

We are delighted to offer you an opportunity to take part in a FREE online safety webinar for parents. This free Parent Webinar 'Creating a Safe Digital Playground for Your Child' is on Thursday 23 November at 1900hrs (GMT). The online playground can be a tough environment for primary-aged children. Inspired by World Mental Health Day and Anti-Bullying Week, this webinar will prepare children for the digital world. Registration is now open: [register link](#).

Message from the PTA

Fancy Dress Disco - 19th October

Please remember to preorder your tickets and PTA bux for our Fancy Dress Disco by Tuesday. This will allow the PTA squad to distribute them to the kids on Thursday morning. At the event, there will be a shop, tuck, and glam station where kids can make purchases using either cash or PTA Bux. PTA Bux are valid for use at any future PTA-run event, so don't worry if you have some left over; you can save them for the next occasion.



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Pumpkin decorating competition

We have been seeing some very impressive and unique pumpkins coming back into school. Remember if you want to be in with a chance to be chosen for the amazing goodie bag or having your pumpkin displayed around the village you will need to head to our website shop and donate £1. We will need entries back by 18th to announce the winners on Thursday 19th. Spare sheets can also be found in our shop too.



Christmas Art

Don't forget to get the My Child's Art sheets back to school by 19th October to allow processing and delivery of some lovely unique gifts ready for Christmas. The PTA will receive 20% commission on anything purchased.



Special Firehouse discount code for 19th October

It's time for us parents to have some fun too! While the kids enjoy themselves at the Fancy Dress Disco, let's gather at The Firehouse for a great time with food, drinks, and exclusive PTA offers.

Use discount code 'TEAM PTA' to get £10 pizzas! Please note this is only valid on 19th October.

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Kids at the disco?
The Head to Firehouse
 Somerset

Krakula £10 Pizza

Kraken
 Chambord
 Lemon Juice
 Lemonade
 Blackberries

£1.50 of each drink
 donated to the PTA

Use discount code
Team PTA

Excludes PIMP my pizza
 and Calzone







Harvest

DRAYTON WOODS near Langport



Thursday October 27th

Inclusive Woodland Play

Exploration, supervised free play, ropes and swings, campfire toasting, games and woodland crafts

2-5pm

For children of all abilities 5-10yrs

Children can stay unaccompanied /with carer

£8/child includes campfire snacks

siblings of same family /low income: £5



Friday 28th October

Halloween Scary Walk

2-7pm

For brave children of all abilities 8-18yrs

Create a character and be part of a Scary Trail through the woods. Parents invited at dusk to walk the trail, if they dare!

Children can stay unaccompanied /with carer

£15/child includes cooked supper snacks at 5pm

Siblings of same family/low income: £12

Bookings & Enquiries: Hannah@wilderwoods.org

To discuss your child's needs tel: 01458 252463

Text: 07970883264

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Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupil who arrive late- the data below is disappointing.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	3	1
Maigold	1	1
Gala	3	5
Discovery	1	1
Camelot	3	2
Blenheim	5	6
TOTAL	16	16

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss of learning time.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

Attendance

Class attendance award: Blenheim 99.2%

Most improved class attendance: Camelot

Celebration

We were able to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today. Well done to the following pupils:

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Reuben
Maigold: Emily
Gala: Archie
Discovery: Daisy
Camelot: Paige
Blenheim: Molly

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Elsie
Maigold: Arthur
Gala: Isabelle-Faith
Discovery: Arya
Camelot: Sienna
Blenheim: Connie

Out of school achievements: Elcie (Camelot) for completing level 1 Makaton training

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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