



## NEWSLETTER



### What have we been up to?

The Foundation Stage topic this term is 'All About Me'. We have been talking about ourselves and our families and learning more about our friends and school community. We have shared with each other who and what is special to us through our drawings. We have been busy learning our Phase 2 sounds and tricky words and using them in our provision activities. In maths, we have learnt how to make simple patterns, matching and comparing objects as well as our number rhymes to help with our number formation. Well done Pipits and Wagtails for a great first term in school.

Year 1 and 2 classes have loved ending their Key Stage One half term with their welly walk yesterday - there was a fair share of puddle jumping and autumn leaf kicking! They have enjoyed studying Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus, focusing on their clothing, locations and travel. Finding out how explorers have changed over time has intrigued us all. In art, we have sketched, drawn portraits and colour mixed in our sketch books. We are looking forward to our Great Fire of London history topic next term.

Year 3 and 4 children started the term by enjoying a couple of weeks focusing on James and The Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. The children have created their own aunts or creatures and then written a story based around their new character. Our Journey Through Time topic has focused very much on the local events brought about by the Second World War - namely the bombing of the Cow and Gate Milk Factory in 1942. The classes all walked down to the war memorial and looked at the names of those who died and then walked back to school via the Memorial Park built on the site of the factory. At both stops the children stopped to think, pray and empathise with those whose family members died and to imagine what it must have been like to experience such a tragic event.

Year 5 and 6 classes are thoroughly enjoying reading 'D-Day Dog' by Tom Palmer and using it as the basis for our English work. We have discovered so much about the awfulness and heroism of Dunkirk and D-Day as well how World War II affected our local history in Somerton with the bombing of the Cow & Gate Milk Factory. Our art skills are developing as we have been learning how to sketch and shade correctly and using textured rubbings to create artwork. In maths, we have all been securing our knowledge of place value and calculations.

## School Dinners

### Notice of increase in cost for school lunches

Unfortunately, due to the increase in suppliers costs, we have had to make the very difficult decision to increase the cost of our school lunch to £2.80 per day.

This will take effect from January 2023

Please note that full details of the menu choices available is published on our website.

[https://www.kingina.somerset.sch.uk/web/school\\_dinners\\_\\_parent\\_pay/78754](https://www.kingina.somerset.sch.uk/web/school_dinners__parent_pay/78754)

## Diary Dates Reminder



**Friday 21st October:** INSET Day

**Monday 31st October:** Back to school

**4th November:** Whole school photos— **All children to come to school wearing school uniform and to bring the relevant PE footwear if they have PE that day.**

**8th November:** Reception and Key Stage 1 Parents' Evening

**9th November:** Key Stage 2 Parents' Evening

**Please note that Parents' Evenings will be face to face this year. Booking details to follow.**

**Week commencing 14th November:** Anti-bullying week

**18th November:** Children in Need. Children to come to school in mufti and to bring donations of loose change per family.

**30th November:** Topic Outcome Day—details to follow after half term.

## Parent Family Support Advisor

Please find attached to this newsletter an introduction to our Parent Family Support Advisor, Victoria Gould, who can offer support and guidance on any issues affecting your child or family.

Victoria is holding a drop-in coffee morning in our school on 10th November from 8.30am—9.30am for any parents who would like to pop in for an informal chat. Please just come to the school office on 10th November.



Picture—Victoria Gould

## Dogs on the School Site

We would like to remind parents that dogs are not permitted on the school site. This includes dogs being carried onto site.

**Thank you**

## Driving to School

Please can we ask that families who live close to school walk their children to and from school to avoid unnecessary traffic queues. We ask that those who have to drive to school, to drive **SLOWLY** to ensure the safety of children walking to school.

We would like to remind parents who use the Kiss and Drop:

- Not to park near to school and walk children in, as this causes traffic issues outside school
- Not to park and walk children to classes, our staff will do that for you.
- Parents with Owlets children should park in the spaces opposite the Kiss and Drop

## Staff News

Mrs Wills, Robins Class teacher, had a baby boy earlier this half term and Miss Wilton, Owlets assistant had a baby girl during the summer holiday. I am sure you will join with us in sending your congratulations to both staff.