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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted that the new school year has got off to a brilliant start! The last few weeks have been full of energy, learning and smiles, it has been wonderful to see the children settling back into school life so enthusiastically.

A very warm welcome to all our new families, we are so pleased you have joined our school community and look forward to getting to know you over the coming year.

PTFA AGM—25th September, 7pm, at school

Our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 25th September at 7pm here at school. Everyone is welcome; it is a great way to get involved, meet other parents and help support our children.

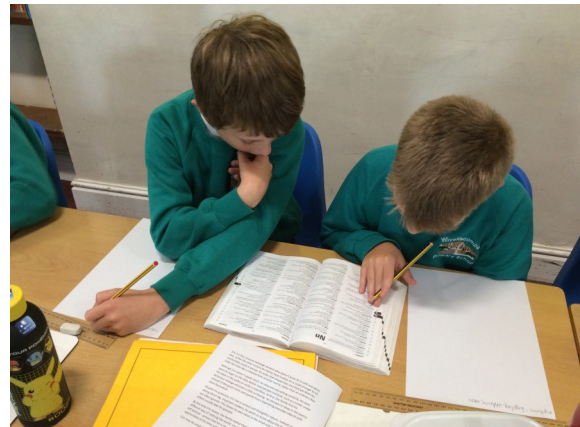
We are currently in need of a **new PTFA Committee**. Please do consider joining us, your time and ideas really do make a big difference.

Finally, a big thank you to the outgoing committee members who have worked so hard over the years. Their commitment and creativity have provided fantastic opportunities and resources for our school, and we are very grateful for all they have done.

Best wishes

L Crowe

Head Teacher



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Our school has a
**TEACHER
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Elm Class

We have been enjoying our first few weeks together in Elm Class! We have been reading the story, 'The Colour Monster' and creating our own colour monsters to display in our class. We have been getting to know our surroundings and playing with a variety of small world toys including the dinosaurs. We have been exploring 'people who help us' in our outdoor role play area. We have had great fun being police officers, firefighters and builders!



Maple Class

Everyone in Maple Class has made a marvellous start to the new term and has made a great start to their learning in Year One. We have talked about ourselves and written sentences with capital letters and full stops. In maths, we have been busy counting forwards and backwards from zero to ten and we have been counting in tens to one hundred. We have all used counters to make five. We have made a lovely start in our new art books; we mixed two of the primary colours to make a new colour.



Beech Class

Beech class have had a fantastic start to the year. This week, we have been reading the story 'Dogger' and the children have amazed me with their excellent sentence structure and presentation. In maths, we have been looking at multiples of 10 and counting in 10's using bead strings and dienes. The children have enjoyed their first art lessons. We have been thinking about how different colours can purvey different feelings and used watercolour paints to illustrate this. We have looked at Google Earth in our geography lessons and talked about where we are in the world. We have drawn some of the places we have visited outside of Wiveliscombe and written about what they are like. We have also logged onto the chrome books for the first time in our computing session and started to explore a program called Chrome Canvas to draw pictures on the screen.

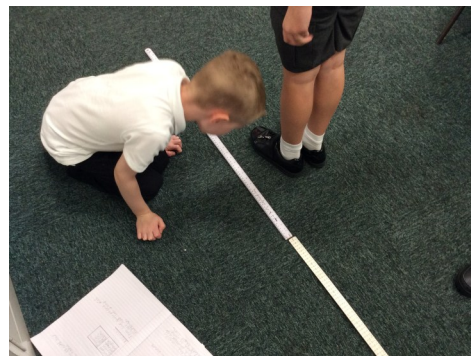


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Willow Class

We have had a wonderful first week back in Willow class, getting used to our new room, daily routines and even new lessons such as French. This week, we have been exploring our new topic of trade and transport, identifying the different modes of transport with their benefits and disadvantages. We have completed a diary entry all about the story 'Weslandia' and the main character's Summer holiday. We have also spent some time conducting our first experiment in science. We asked the question, 'Do people with longer legs jump further?' We planned our experiment, identified variables and then undertook the test to determine if our hypothesis was correct.



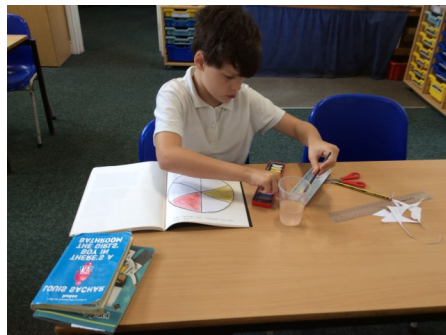
Larch Class

Larch Class have had a busy start to the school year! We have created some wonderful dream-potion recipes, inspired by the BFG, using adverbs to add detail and creativity. We have started looking at the water cycle in geography, where we have designed detailed diagrams, explaining the process. In art, we have been learning about Indian Folk art and creating our own versions of a Madhubani art piece. We are learning a new instrument in music – we will be learning how to play the recorder and practising a song, leading up to a performance at the end of Autumn 2.



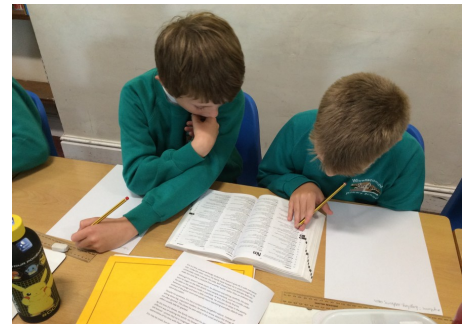
Chestnut Class

Year Five have had an excellent start to the year and should be very proud of themselves! In English, we have been reading 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' and have written effective character descriptions. In maths, we have been focusing on identifying and calculating with decimals. In art, we have created our own colour wheels using primary colours.



Hazel Class

What a wonderful start to Year 6! In English, we have started reading our class novel 'Goldfish Boy' and have used the text 'Eric' by Shaun Tan to write character descriptions and informal letters. We used a thesaurus to ensure that we used carefully chosen vocabulary. In PE, we have started invasion games and have been learning ball control and teamwork skills. In science, we have started learning about electricity and had fun building our own circuits with a switch. We were all successful in building circuits that worked so that the light bulb lit up.



Dancing on Deck

Edith (Year 3) a student from Fox King Dance Academy based in Bridgwater took her passion to the high seas this holiday season, performing four incredible dance shows aboard the MSC Virtuosa while sailing through the stunning Norwegian fjords!

With an audience of over 6,500 guests, Edith and her friends lit up the stage and brought energy, elegance, and excitement to the ship!



Forest School

We have only been back to Forest school for a week. The children have all enjoyed seeing the improvements to the forest school area. The fire pit has some new benches so that there is lots of space to sit down especially with the wetter weather.

Thanks to those who have contributed items to the mud kitchen which is proving extremely popular. If you have any old metal baking tins, pots or pans or wooden or plastic utensils we welcome any donations. Any toy vehicles are also welcome.

The construction area is also enjoyed by many children. We are looking for donations of pallets, planks that are in good condition without nails protruding or rough edges and plastic piping .

Thank you for dressing your children appropriately. It has been very wet in recent days so make sure your child has trousers, a long-sleeved top , wellies and waterproofs for every session.

This week, we are learning how to identify the different trees in our forest school area. We are also planning to harvest the vegetables we have grown and cooking them on the fire next week.

I am looking forward to Reception class having their first Forest school session this week.

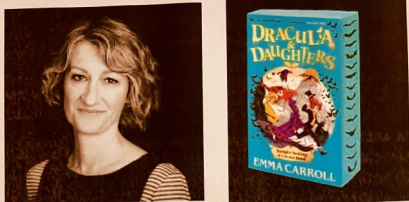


Class Struct

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Art Club KS2 Miss Bernard 3.15-4.15	Dodgeball KS2 Mr Ashworth 3.15-4.15	Singing Club Year 4, 5 and 6 Mrs Chesterfield 3.15-4.15
Craft Club Year 1 and 2 Miss Constance 3.15-4.15	Netball Year 4, 5 and 6 Miss Hellier 3.15-4.15	Film Club Years 1 and 2 Mrs Davies 3.15-4.15
T1 Rugby Club Year 5 and 6 Mrs Topps 3.15-4.15	Football KS2 Exeter City 3.15-4.30	Gardening Club Years 4 and 5 Mrs Hansen 3.15-4.15

Emma Carroll

Best-selling local author **Emma Carroll**, is coming to **Chocolate Books** on the **11th October from 11-1pm**. She has written some outstanding children's books such as *Letters from the Lighthouse* and *Somerset Tsunami*, a selection of which can be found in our school library. She will be promoting her new book, *Dracula & Daughters*. This is an amazing opportunity to meet this talented author.



MEET EMMA CARROLL !

THE AUTHOR OF MANY WONDERFUL CHILDREN'S BOOKS COMES TO CHOCOLATE BOOKS ON BOOKSHOP DAY
SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 11AM-1PM

WE SHALL CELEBRATE THE RELEASE OF HER NEW BOOK, 'DRACULA & DAUGHTERS' COME AND MEET THIS FABULOUS AUTHOR.



Attendance Celebration

With regards to attendance we have only completed one full week to report on. The Certificate goes to two classes who achieved the magical **100%**. They are Elm and Beech

A big congratulations to Elm and Beech Class. Keep up the good work.



Crossing Patrol

We are hugely fortunate to have Crossing Patrol outside of our school at drop off and pick up times. To make best use of this please note the following:

- When you come to the crossing point, please wait on the pavement until Mrs Smy has stopped the traffic and signals you to walk into the road.
- Make sure you always walk in front of her. She cannot protect you if she cannot see you or you are too far away.
- Remember to always walk sensibly across the road, including with your scooter or bike if you have one. Thank you for taking these steps to improve yours and others safety.

To parents parking outside of school at drop off and collection, please do not park on the zig zag lines. This was brought to our attention by the Highways officer that inspects our crossing patrol ladies. She reported that it is dangerous crossing the children with cars parking in restricted places.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned that a child or young person is being harmed, neglected or is at risk, please speak to Mrs Crowe who is our designated safeguard lead. Alternatively, you can call Somerset Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or childrens@somerset.gov.uk

We have a strict 'No Dogs' policy on the school grounds.

Please can we ask parents not to turn or park in the staff/visitors car park at the beginning or at the end of the day. Our children move through this area.

14t Sept—Choir Singing Street Market 10.00am
 18th Sept—Yr 5 Bikeability
 19th Sept—Yr 5 Bikeability
 25th Sept—Yr 5 Bikeability
 26th Sept—Yr 5 Bikeability
 1st Oct—School Photographs Individual and Sibling
 2nd Oct—Year 6 Open Evening Kingsmead
 3rd Oct—Year 3 Multisports Festival Kingsmead
 6th-10th—Oct Wear It Yellow
 7th Oct—Harvest Service Pupils Only
 17th Oct—Year 2 Multi Sports Festival
 21st Oct—Parents' Evening
 23rd Oct—Parents' Evening
 23rd Oct—Flu Vaccinations

Road Safety

Please can you ensure that your children know how to cross the road safely whilst they are walking home. We have heard from the general public that some children are not crossing in safe places and not looking properly. The Somerset Road Safety website offers some advice and activity sheets.

<https://somerseroadsafety.org/kids-activity-sheets/>

Remembrance Dates

Sat 25th October a.m Poppy Appeal Launch. Town Square

Sun 9th November Remembrance Parade Wiveliscombe Square. Service at St Andrew's

Tues 11th November Remembrance Event at Wiveliscombe Square then at the memorial monument in the Rec.

