



## Dear Parents and Carers

**Farewell for now!** As you may know Miss Aylott is leaving us to start her maternity leave this week. We wish her all the very best, and we can't wait to fill you in on the good news.

**Dinners** - We would like to remind you that even if your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals or in KS2 and entitled to Free Schools Meals **you must still book your child's meal** using the Aspens system. We have an increasing number of children expecting a school dinner when one has not been booked, Aspens staff cook meals to order and whilst it is always possible to allow for one or two discrepancies it is not manageable when expected numbers differ significantly. For example 18 meals were not pre ordered on Tuesday of this week.

**Mendip Outdoor Pursuits** - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have really enjoyed their days at Mendip Outdoor Pursuits this week. Year 3 had a great time at Mendip Outdoor Activity Centre on Wednesday. We enjoyed tobogganing and practised our throwing skills during Frisbee golf. The children were fantastic and had a brilliant time. Year 4 started with a walk through the woods and really enjoyed the low ropes. Year 4 worked in teams to 'spot' each other on the equipment. This meant we were ready to help if a friend wobbled or needed support. After we all had a go climbing and balancing our way around the course, we then tried some of the equipment blindfolded or holding a full cup of water which meant we had to do it one handed! This really tested our balance and team work and was a lot of fun. After lunch, we made shelters and tested them to see if they were wind, bear and waterproof! Then, we had a go at making small fires using flint and steel. It took some perseverance but we all managed to do it. The children were super all day, showing bravery, perseverance and great team work in all they did. We were very proud of them all. Year 5 had a wonderful day caving and climbing on Tuesday. They were all fantastic and everybody rose to the challenge of entering the caves; climbing the walls and working as a group to belay each other. They all demonstrated courage, perseverance and a wonderful team spirit. It was brilliant watching everybody being so supportive towards each other. We are so proud of you Year 5 – well done! Year 6 had an amazing day on Thursday, working cooperatively on the low ropes. In the afternoon we played Archery Active – where we got to play combative archery- it was great fun.

## BFC update

Parents are invited to The BFC Team meeting, please see the email that was sent out Monday. Thank you to everyone who has supported The BFC Treat Tuesdays, and bought their tasty hot chocolate. We have some exciting things planned the rest of this academic year.

**PE** - PE days for next term are changing to Monday and Tuesday for Year 6. Y5 are swimming on a Monday and PE on a Thursday. Y4 are Monday and Friday. Y3 Tuesday and Friday. Y2 Tuesday and Thursday. Y1 Wednesday and Friday and Reception class Monday and Wednesday.

## Kaleidoscope Behaviour Curriculum Update

Back in September 2023, the Kaleidoscope Multi Academy Trust launched its new Behaviour Curriculum across all the schools. We are delighted to say that the curriculum has been implemented successfully and is now becoming a part of the normal expectations in school.

Alongside a school's behaviour curriculum, runs a behaviour rewards and consequences programme to ensure that positive behaviour expectations are celebrated and that negative behaviour choices are noticed and addressed to support the pupil in making better choices in the future.

The Kaleidoscope Behaviour Team have been researching and working on a new outline of consequences that will be launched, very soon, in every school with the aim of building a consistent structure in each school to support all pupils and maintain high expectations.

If you have any further questions please ask the class teacher.

# The Parenting Village Coffee Morning

"It takes a village to raise a child" originates from an old African proverb and conveys the message that it takes many people to provide a safe and healthy environment where children can flourish.

The drop in is a relaxed and friendly place where parents and parenting specialists will be on hand to share resources, offer support, a listening ear or just spend time talking about what it's like to be a parent.

**When?** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month

**Where?** Castle Batch Children's Centre, Bishop Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 7PQ

**What time?** 09:30 – 11:00

**When?** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (9<sup>th</sup> Jan 24)

**Where?** Oldmixon Family Centre, Monkton Avenue, Weston-super-Mare BS24 9DA

**What time?** 09:30 – 11:00

**When?** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month

**Where?** The Barn, Great Western Rd, Clevedon BS21 6HB

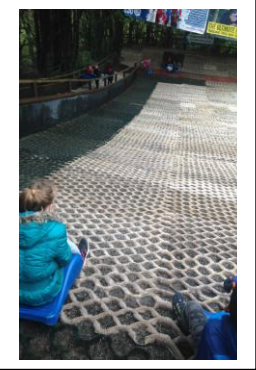
**What time?** 11:00 – 12:30

*Parents of children of all ages welcome.  
Free refreshments*

For more information, please contact the Parenting Team: [parenting.groups@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.groups@n-somerset.gov.uk)









## WORLD BOOK DAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child receives a World Book Day Book token that can be exchanged for one of the special World Book Day books. Your child will take home their token on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and you can find out more about the books at [www.worldbookday.com/books](http://www.worldbookday.com/books). We have a book fair at the end of March and vouchers can be spent there to help raise money for the school, or most bookshops stock the books also.

We will be sharing stories together, writing stories and talking about the authors and books that we love. To celebrate world book day your child is invited to come to school dressed up as a character from a favourite book. Please do not feel the need to spend money on costumes. A prop or decorated t-shirt are often just as effective and fun! We will chat about their chosen book with them in school, so if they have a copy then it would be wonderful if they are able to bring it in (please name) to show to their classmates. Recommending books to each other is a fantastic way of spreading the joy of reading.

We will also be running a competition on the day, which all children are invited to join in with. We are asking the children to create a 'story in a jar'. Children can bring in their story jars on World Book Day to share with the class and there will be a prize for 1 winner in each class on the day (there are some pictures below to give you some ideas).

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly or joining your local library. This year we would like to support their campaign to 'share a story' by inviting you, or another member of your family, into school to share a story with your child. If you are available at the end of the day please come in to the classroom and read a book with your child. **We will open the gate nearest the office at 2.45pm** and would love to see as many of you there as possible.

For more information about World Book Day and for free audio and video recordings of books visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-story-corner/>. Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous so we hope you too will enjoy celebrating reading with us.

### Story Jar ideas



#### **Polite reminders and useful information:**

- Reminder: Children are parent's responsibility from the time we hand over at the end of the day.
- Please ensure you park safely and respectfully when dropping off or picking up children.
- Please make sure all clothing and coats are named.
- Please note that no persons under the age of 16 may collect children at the end of the day.
- Please remember that Becket School has a no nuts policy.
- Please do not allow children to play in the pre-school area afterschool. This area is for pre-school only.
- All children in Reception, year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal as part of the Universal Free School Meal campaign.
- If you claim qualifying benefits your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow the link to see if you are entitled. <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>
- Aspens – to book your child's school meals please visit <https://select.aspens-services.com/>
- Breakfast club is available daily from 7.45am and must be pre booked on <https://app.parentpay.com/>

#### **2023-2024 Term dates, insets and important dates**

**Term 3 ends - Friday 09 February 2024**

**Term 4 - Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024**

**Inset 19th February**

**Term 5 - Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024**

**Term 6 - Monday 03 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024**

**Inset 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Mrs Amos – Executive Head

Miss Bembridge – Head of School

