



Weekly Update: 11th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Thursday 17th March: Year 2 Key Stage 1 SATS parent's information evening (5.00pm)
 14th/15th March: Clive Pig Master Storyteller to visit our school
 Monday 14th March: Closing date for PTA 2022 challenge
 Friday 18th March: Sports Relief 'Wear something sporty' day.
 Friday 25th March: PTA Mothers' Day Shop
 29th March- 4th April: Book Fair
 W/B 28th March: Assessment Week
 Friday 1st April: Red Card to Racism Day (Wear Red Day)
 Saturday 2nd April: Parent/Carer Volunteers day working on school grounds (Tea and cake included)
 4th/7th April: Parents' Evenings
 Friday 8th April: Easter Service
 Friday 8th April: Last day of Spring Term
 w/b 9th May: Year 6 SATS tests
 Friday 13th May: PTA disco & Pjamarama
 Monday 6th June: Additional Day for the Queen's Jubilee
 28th June- 1st July: Year 6 Residential to Huish Woods
 Monday 25th July: INSET Day
 Tuesday 26th July: INSET Day

Plant for Peace

£225.50 was raised today for the 'Disasters Emergency Committee' to support the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. All pupils will be coming home with a pot of compost and sunflower seed- the sunflower symbolises the hope we must have for peace in the Ukraine. 'Hope' is one of our five core school values and we have been focussing on reflecting on the current situation in collective worship- many children have been writing their thoughts and prayers on doves for a whole school display, and also making friendship bracelet/bookmarks in red, blue and yellow wool (Symbolising danger, sadness and hope). A big thank you to Greenshutters Garden Centre, who donated the pots, compost and seeds.

Clive Pig

'Clive Pig' - aka 'Mister Storyfella' will be visiting on 14/15 March to lead shows and workshops with all classes. He is a globetrotting storyteller, poet and potato juggler. His dynamic delivery of traditional and original tales appeals to young and old, making him a popular performer in the UK and beyond. This travelling talesman has sung songs on TV in New York City, shared stories in Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan, and spouted poetry at Number 10 Downing Street. Clive is equally at home sharing stories by the fireside with you and your friends, or performing on stage for hundreds of eager ears. HE DOESN'T JUST TELL THE STORY, HE LIVES THE STORY. Order forms have been emailed to all families if you would like to purchase Clive's books. (No obligation).

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PTA

Thank you to all of you who attended the PTA meeting at the Firehouse last night. All the PTA's hard work has paid for new bars in our bark area (Newly installed yesterday), and also Clive Pig. We have a Mother's Day stall to look forward to, and also a warm welcome awaits you on our school 'Volunteer day' on Saturday 2nd April, 10am- 4pm. If you can offer an hour or two for painting, painting, weeding, tidying of the school grounds etc, you will get tea and cake in return. Please let the school office know if you can come so we know how many cakes to make! You will also be receiving information regarding the Queen's Jubilee merchandise and how your child can design personalised products like mugs and teatowels.

Parents' Evenings

You are warmly invited to your child's parents' evening. This term, we are pleased that these meetings will be 'face-to-face' and 'in person'. (Although we politely ask that you wear a mask). Parents' evenings will be held on Monday 4th April and Thursday 7th April (3.30-6.30pm). The timing of the meeting is 10 minutes, and teachers will be providing you with feedback on your child's progress. The teacher will also answer any questions you may have & you will have a chance to look at your child's work. During the parents' evenings, the school's parent-teacher association (PTA) will be providing free refreshments in the hall where you can also view your child's books- there will also be doughnuts for sale. The PTA will be selling second hand uniform. Older pupils will be available to take you to your child's classroom for your appointment. Letters will be coming to you on Monday- please return the slip as soon as possible.

Sport relief: Friday 18th March

We will be supporting this charity with a simple 'wear something sporty day' (Optional donation £1). Mr Bridgeman will be leading 'wake 'n' shake' with all the pupils on the day!

Netball Camps this Easter.

Year 2, 3 & 4 (Monday 11th April) 10am-12pm at King's Hall, Taunton TA2 8AA

£15 per player

This session will be a combination of ball skills, footwork skills, as well as attacking and defensive workshops. This will be based on Buzzer and Flier sessions from England Netball's, Bee Netball.

Year 5 & 6 (Monday 11th April) 1pm-3pm at King's Hall, Taunton, TA2 8AA

£15 per player

This session will be a combination of ball skills, footwork skills, as well as attacking and defensive workshops. This will be based on Flier and Stinger sessions from England Netball's, Bee Netball.

Please follow the link below and chose your camp.

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<https://www.kings-taunton.co.uk/school-events/>

Nursery Garden

The nursery garden project is complete, and we are delighted with the results; a huge new canopy, a brand new astroturf surface and fencing. Thank you for your patience with the restricted access at the front of the school. Mr Silver has been working hard to maintain our school Orchard; this area is used by Little Pips Nursery for 'Forest School'. Pupils in Pippin and Maigold have 'Outdoor Learning' lessons in the Orchard with Mrs Langford- these sessions support the Science and Geography curriculum. Outdoor learning opportunities for other classes are built into lessons, where appropriate. We teach thirteen curriculum subjects- if outdoor learning opportunities support a certain area of learning, we are lucky to have amazing outdoor spaces to use. Previous 'Forest School' learning covering social-emotional aspects of learning are now part of our well-planned PSHE Curriculum (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education).

Parent Workshops at Huish Academy

Dyslexia Awareness

Online Safety & Social Media

With Amy Brittan, SCC Education Technology Advisor

14th March 2022 at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/Q+4Dxmbjb4KVME377>

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Isabelle-Faith

Maigold: Owen

Gala: Noah

Discovery: Beth

Camelot: Mia

Blenheim: Luke

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Trixie

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Camelot: Katie

Blenheim: Emily

50 Merits

Pippin: Millie, Rory

Gala: Seb, Noah, Jacob

Camelot: Xander, Zac

100 Merits

Pippin: Ailsa, Edie

Gala: Daisy, Anna, Lily, Ruth

Discovery: Clemmie, Bea, Beth

Camelot: Grace

Accelerated Reader Millionaires (Pupils who have read one million words):

Lottie (Camelot), Harry J (Camelot), Beth (Discovery)

Tesco colouring competition:

Amy Cantle

Well-being tip for the week:

With days lengthening, meaning more travel to and from work in daylight, make the most of extra opportunities to go outside, in the daylight, and to take in the wonders and joy of spring, a consistent gift of the natural world, of God's creation, amidst the chaos of our human world.

Have a restful weekend.

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