

# Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

We are proud to say...

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stars of the week in Dragonfly are: Mollie and Zack</li><li>• Star of the week in Otter is: Nathanael</li><li>• Star of the week in Kingfisher is: Charlie C</li><li>• Headteacher awards: Freya C, Tilda and Devon</li><li>• Best class attendance: Dragonfly (100%!)</li></ul> |
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## A message from Mr Barton

I'd like to start by wishing a slightly belated Happy New Year to all our families. It's good to be back in school and we're pleased that the front playground has now had a 'facelift' thanks to the new tarmac. This has taken some time to achieve, no thanks to some poor weather and the need to arrange traffic lights on the road while the work took place. However, it now completes the first phase of work developing the playground and we are looking forward to the next stage. This will involve the ideas of the Sports Captains, who have met with Mr Miller already to discuss some plans for playground markings that will encourage even more physical activity at breaktimes.



We will also have a pathway marked out to make the entrance more appealing and will shortly be looking at some new equipment for climbing and exercise. Funding has come from a variety of sources: The Pensford, Publow and the Stantons' Community Trust, the Pensford Social Welfare Centre, the PTA and the school's capital development grant. We are very grateful to all the sponsors and look forward to saying a proper 'thank-you' once all the work is complete.

Meanwhile it has been a good start to term and the children have been demonstrating our school values as well as ever. Mrs Rawlinson launched our new focus for the term in her assembly on Wednesday, which is our 'Ambition' value. She has encouraged all children to identify something they want to learn how to do or get better at, and to think about what they need to do to achieve that. Please do take some time at this New Year period to help your child think about how they would like to take on this challenge.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mr Barton

## Janet Gore – a celebration of her life and generosity

The school was well represented at the funeral of Janet Gore in December at a touching and emotional occasion. The ceremony captured and celebrated her generosity and dedication to the school over so many years. Janet's family had recorded the children singing some of the Christmas songs, which they played at the service. Their voices cut through like a ray of sunshine on a solemn occasion and will certainly have sounded as Janet would have wanted. Even in death, Janet has given even more to the school, since over £800 was raised in a collection for us. We are very grateful for this, and even more thankful for the service that Janet gave to the school. We send our thoughts and best wishes to her family.

## Breakfast Club – a new opportunity

We have decided to offer an extra service to parents through our Breakfast Club. Currently the club is open from 7:30am at a cost of £5 and from 8:00am for £4. Some parents have asked about having a further drop-off time for those who just need a brief period of childcare to allow them to get to work promptly. We will therefore also be offering entry to the club from 8:30am for just £1.50 per session. Because of the timing, this will not include breakfast, but we hope that this will be useful to parents nevertheless. There is no need to book ahead but payment should be made promptly through ParentPay.

## Our school is officially 'Sugar Smart'

On Monday, Mr Barton will be launching our school's participation in the

**SUGAR SMART**  
Bath & North East Somerset

In Bath and North East Somerset, we are eating up to **3x** more sugar than we should and it's affecting our health

Three things to do today

- Read the labels
- Swap one sweet snack
- Think before you drink

[www.bathnes.gov.uk/sugarsmart](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sugarsmart)  
#sugarsmartBANES

Bath & North East Somerset Council

Sugar Smart campaign. The New Year is perhaps a good time to address the fact that, in Bath & NE Somerset, we are eating up to 3 times more sugar than we should and it is affecting our health. The children will learn about the recommended amounts of sugar are and how they could make some 'sugar swaps' to support their health. If you

would also like to know more about this as a family, you can visit [www.sugarsmartuk.org](http://www.sugarsmartuk.org) or click the image above.



High Littleton  
Greyfield road  
Monday 10:00-12:00

Westfield  
Westhill club car park  
Tuesday 10:00-12:00

Haydon  
Haydon Cue club  
Wednesday 10:00-12:00

Peasedown st John  
Beacon Hall car park Monday  
13:00-15:00

Paulton  
Paulton village hall car park  
Tuesday 13:00-15:00

Pensford  
Village hall car park  
Thursday 10:00-12:00

Stay and Play for 0-4 year olds Term time only.



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