



# WELLSPRINGS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Harvest

We had our Harvest Assembly with Tiff a couple of weeks ago- thank you to all those who have contributed already so far.

Open Door is a local charity supporting people in Taunton and the surrounding area without homes, rough sleepers, homeless, and those who cannot support themselves.

We have extended the time period to contributions to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November when the week after, we will deliver the items to the charity.

Below is a list of possible donations:

### Food Needs:

- coffee, tea, hot chocolate
- sugar
- squash
- fruit juices
- biscuits
- weetabix, cereals
- tins of fruit/custard/rice pudding
- cooking oil, eggs, cheese
- potatoes, fresh vegetables,
- SR Flour, plain flour
- tinned meats
- cooking sauces e.g curry
- packet mixes e.g shepherds pie
- cheese sauce mix
- baked beans and tinned vegetables
- gravy granules or stock cubes
- sweets & chocolate
- jam, honey, syrup

### Other needs:

- shampoo and conditioner
- shower gel
- shaving foam/gel
- antiperspirant
- toothbrushes
- hair brushes/combs
- wet wipes
- antiseptic cream
- handwash

For more information visit the Open Door website on this link: [www.tauntonopendoor.org.uk/](http://www.tauntonopendoor.org.uk/)

Thank you to 'Barry the Baker' for the baked 'wheatsheaf' we get every harvest- his grandchildren Bella and Sophia particularly enjoyed the tasty bake! As did the rest of the school...!!

## Dates and information about the school

21.10.22 Newsletter out

21.10.22 Last day of half term

31.10.22 School opens after the break



31.10.22 Deadline for Secondary School Applications

04.11.22 Newsletter out

11.11.22 Road Safety workshops

14.11.22 Whole School Flu Immunisations.

15.11.22 School photos

18.11.22 BBC Children in Need

18.11.22 Newsletter out

25.11.22 Pete the Poet in to work with classes

01.12.22 Christmas Fair

02.12.22 Newsletter out

06.12.22 KS2 @ Wellsprings Church (PM)

07.12.22 EYFS Christmas Performance (2.15pm)

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08.12.22 KS1 Christmas Performance (2.15pm)

09.12.22 KS1 Christmas Performance (2.15pm)

09.12.22 PTA Christmas Bingo

16.12.22 Last day of the Autumn term

16.12.22 Newsletter out

02.01.23 Bank Holiday

03.01.23 INSET Day

Please visit our website for key dates across the year:

<https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/events>

We have decided to do this, as the school calendar does get updated regularly throughout the year, and it makes much more sense for parents/carers to refer back to the 'live' events accessible on our school



website. The calendar can apparently be 'subscribed to' by users from the school website which should be able to update your own calendar content (Google, iCalendar or Outlook).

We also have an active blog on our website which mirrors much of the information shared on our Facebook group.

We will not share the photo content on this blog- it is purely information about coming events and changes to planned activities. This can be found here: <https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/blog-template/>

We will also be using the Facebook host page <https://www.facebook.com/wellsprings.school> to share some information about the school. This will mainly be general information (newsletters, letters etc) about the school that can also be found at our school website <https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/>.



**Respiratory infections, including coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**UK GOV guidance (September 2022)**

We shared the full Government guidance for Covid/respiratory infections in previous newsletters. However, the following is crucial in light of an expected upturn in Covid cases in the last couple of weeks:

If a child or young person has a **positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home** and where possible avoid contact with other people **for 3 days after the day, they took the test**. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature. Adults are advised to isolate for 5 days if they have similar symptoms if possible. Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

### **Parent/carer survey November 2022**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who completed the questionnaire sent out last week. We have been really pleased with the number of responses we have had in such a relatively short space of the time. The power of the online form! There were lots of really positive comments shared, so thank you.

We will explain our 'next steps' when we have had a little more time to unpick all the survey answers in the next newsletter. Here are the key areas to develop:

- Improving provision opportunities. Many really lovely observations were shared in relation to this, but there were some suggested areas for improvement, including: **enhanced sporting sessions, more clubs, possible music tuition in school, surveys around breakfast/after school clubs and more possible trips out and visitors in.**
- Improving communication. Although there are many positives comments about how school/home communicate, there were also some specific suggestions we found really helpful. These include: **more newsletters (now to be once a fortnight), KS1/Y3-4/Y5-6 class newsletters, additions to the school website including a 'blog' to share regular updates (for those parents not using Facebook), ensuring we share important information on our school website and ParentMail/Facebook. This way all parent/carer contacts should get the same information.**
- School systems/routines. One area identified was the dropping off/collection point for Y1/2 families. We will not change the collection point to the KS1 playground, mainly because when we have done this it has overloaded the parking on the Taunton Green car park. **We will look to use the patio areas of the KS1 classes to help relieve the burden for parents waiting on the grassed areas/pathways.** Another comment was around the toilet areas and children being reluctant to go as they were scared- **we will talk to the children after half term about any concerns that they have about using them to make sure this is not an ongoing concern.**

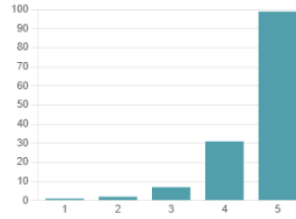
There were a couple areas which we will look at in the next newsletter. Thank you to those who did complete the questionnaire- **well over a 100 contribution which is fantastic!**

The question-by-question responses:

1. My child is happy at school. (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) (0 point)

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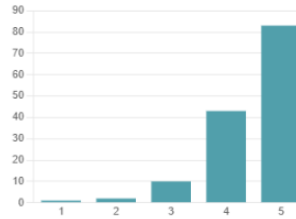
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2. My child feels safe at school. (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) (0 point)

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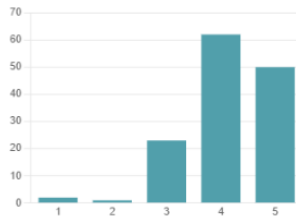
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3. Most children behave well at school. (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) (0 point)

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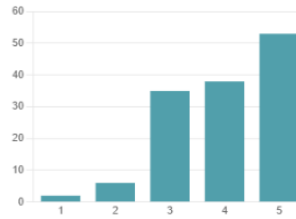
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4. The school deals with bullying effectively. (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) (0 point)

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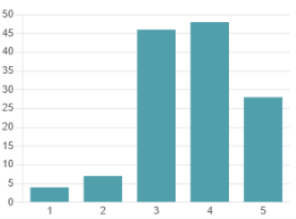
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5. The school keeps me informed about my child's learning. (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) (0 point)

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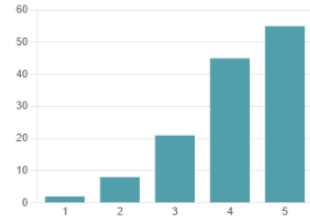
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6. The school deals with my concerns effectively. (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) (0 point)

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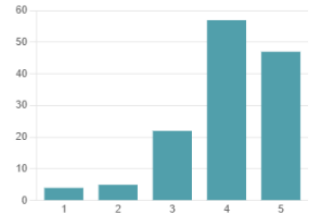
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7. My child's needs are being well met by the school. (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) (0 point)

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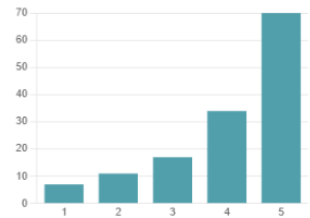
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8. Communication from school to home is effective. (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) (0 point)

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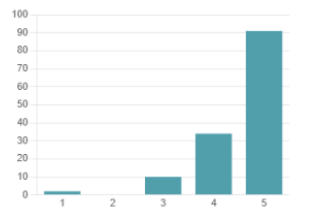
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9. I would recommend Wellsprings to other parents/carers. (1= Strongly disagree, 5= Strongly agree) (0 point)

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Average Rating



10. If there is anything else you wish to add, please add a comment below. (0 point)

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Responses

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22 respondents (37%) answered school for this question.



### KS2 Monkey bars

As we have mentioned previously in the newsletter, the KS2 monkey bars are being decommissioned and we have not used them for a while. Please can

parents/carers ensure their children do not use this equipment at the beginning/end of the day. We will be getting a substantially bigger trim trail this Autumn term as a replacement- not long to go!

### **Secondary school applications**

Applications for secondary school should be completed online or as a paper copy and submitted by 31st October. If you need any more information please speak to Nicky Hatton on 07522237008. Applications can be made online on the Somerset County Council web page 'Starting at a secondary or upper school in September'.

**Next newsletter is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Enjoy the half term break, we will see you back at school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**