



WELLSPRINGS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back!

As I am sure you are aware, we have been busy over the break. The paths have been resurfaced, along with the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.

We have installed fencing around Hares class and the KS1 nature area. The upper KS2 classrooms and corridor have been repainted, and a new learning space has been set up at the ned of the KS2 corridor.



ON TOP OF THAT, the first of our toilet refurbishment has taken place next to Hares class. There are plans to update all the other toilets in the next two years. **It's good to be back!**

We have also had a RAAC survey completed and it is 100% confirmed, we have no RAAC at Wellsprings.



Early arrivers

The school day starts officially at 8.45 am, with the option for KS2 to go up to class a little earlier at 8.40 am. We do not expect families to be on the premises before then unless for Breakfast Club.

Start of the year, 2023-24

We have attached the start of the year routines for parents and carers. We appreciate this has already been shared but we thought you might appreciate a reminder!



Dates and information about the school

08.09.23 Newsletter/Curriculum newsletters out
11.09.23 Art Week starts
11.09.23 Arts week assembly
11.09.23 Magic Lantern workshops start
12.09.23 Berlie Doherty author assembly
15.09.23 Private view exhibition (Art week)
19.09.23 Parent tours 9.15 am (meet in the hall)
22.09.23 Newsletter out
25.09.23 European Languages Day
01.10.23 Black History Month starts
02.10.23 Y6 Kilve residential
06.10.23 Harvest Assembly
06.10.23 Parents Open Day
06.10.23 Newsletter out
17.10.23 Parents consultations
18.10.23 Parents consultations
19.10.23 PTA Halloween disco- tbc
20.10.23 Last day of term
20.10.23 Newsletter out
30.10.23 School starts after break

Please visit our website for key dates across the year: <https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/events>

Wellsprings website school blog is here: <https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/blog-template/>

Wellsprings School open Facebook page is here: <https://www.facebook.com/wellsprings.school>

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If you need to pass on information or you have a query please contact the office email: office@wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk or visit our CONTACT US page and complete an enquiry form: <https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/contact-us/>



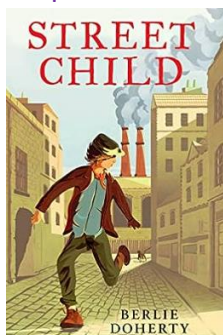
Whole School Focus Week wb 11.9.23:
'Take one picture, take one

poem'

Next week we are launching our poetry-by-heart ladder with an exciting whole school focus week where children will take part in a Magic Lantern Art Workshop, produce their own artwork for a display, meet the poet and author Berlie Doherty in an online assembly and enter a handwriting competition.

To finish the week, on Friday 15th September we would like to invite parents and carers in to our Art Show in the school hall 3pm-3.45pm.

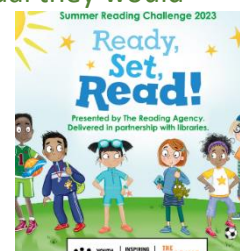
Brendon Books will also have a table selling a range of texts from Berlie Doherty if you would like to buy a copy such as the KS2 classic 'Street Child' for your child.



Somerset Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Did your child take part in the Summer Reading Challenge?

Do they have a certificate or medal they would like to bring in? If so, please send it in with your child next week (any day) and we will take their photo to celebrate on our reading display.



North Taunton Woolaway Project (NTWP)


Message from the Somerset Project Lead (regeneration), James Moore

We are regenerating the North Taunton Woolaway Project site and our Hedgehog highways are being installed in all of our new build properties to enable the hedgehogs to travel freely between the new build properties. We're soon to start a competition for local children to design a picture to go around the signs in gardens.

The signs will have a note requesting that tenants do not block the hedgehog highway as well as the decoration designed by the winner.


We will send out the competition entry form for you to print off, via ParentMail.

NTWP Hedgehog Highway Competition



Did you know Hedgehogs travel around 2km every night through our parks and gardens to find enough food, a mate and nesting sites. To ensure hedgehogs still flourish in North Taunton, we have included Hedgehog Highways in the gardens of our new homes to help them pass through.

To help the hedgehogs find their way, we need your help to design our hedgehog highway sign.



HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete your designs on the template on the next page or on a piece of A4 paper.
2. Post your design through the door of the NTWP office at 27 Rochester Road by 30th November.
3. Don't forget to include your name, age, address and contact number.

The entries will be displayed in the window of our office and winners will be announced in the Winter Newsletter and will be contacted over phone/email.

PRIZES

We have 5 amazing prizes up for grabs below:

- Full Pizza making workshop for a winner and four friends at the Firehouse, Curry Rivel. Design, create, bake and eat your own handmade pizza taught by one of the Firehouse chefs. The experience includes soft drinks and a Graduation Certificate.
- Day of practical nature conservation skills - building or crafting hedgehog homes during a day outdoors, with free transport and lunch. This prize is available for 2 families.
- Free membership for a year courtesy of the Somerset Wildlife Trust.
- A Bird Box for you to keep.

To find more information on hedgehog highways visit www.britisshedgehogs.org.uk

Terms and Conditions

- Entries are limited to one per person
- Entrants must be aged 4-11 years
- The winners will be chosen by a panel comprising of representatives from Equans and the North Taunton Woolaway Project Team on the basis of creativity and relevance to a Hedgehog Highway Sign. Their decision is final.
- There is no cash alternative to the prize and it is non-transferable.
- Winners will receive their prize within a month of the closing date.
- Winners will be notified by telephone or letter within 14 days of the closing date and must respond within 28 days to claim their prize.
- Entries will be published on the NTWP Facebook Page and displayed in the Project Office window.
- Winners' entries will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter.
- Closing date 30th November 2023

Next newsletter: Friday 23rd September 2023