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**Opening Hours**  
 School - 8.45am - 3.15pm  
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 Morning club - 8am  
 Clubs 3.15pm - 4.30pm  
 Toasties 3.15pm - 4.30/5.45pm  
 Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm

## FRIDAY FLYER

Newsletter No 21  
 15th March 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you will have seen from last week's flyer, school funding is at crisis point across the nation. Our school is currently not in dire need, but we are still struggling: last year we had to consider redundancies and we have had to make cuts behind the scenes over the past few years in order to manage. Fortunately, we have the MSA (who continue to do amazing work) and you, our hugely supportive parent body to help us. You may have seen the County Gazette this week: Mr Wedderkopp, our Forest School teacher, wrote an open letter to the paper, councillors and our MP in support of action to increase school funding in Somerset (ours is one of the 40 worst funded local authorities). The article made the front page and we hope this will raise the profile of the crisis in education funding. You can read the article [here](#). Furthermore, Karen Wedlake, Headteacher of Trull Primary is organising a mass, public meeting outside County Hall in Taunton on Thursday 21st March at 4pm, and a petition to try to gain further support. The Liberal Democrats are working with Karen, but I think this is a cross-party issue that affects us all. The petition needs 2000 signatures to gain the attention of parliament and, if you wish, you can sign it here, <https://www.tdld.co.uk/reversefundingcrisis>.

*Mr R Stead*

### Diary Dates

**Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March**  
 Pre-School Parents' Evenings. Sign-up sheets in Pre-school

**Monday 25th March**  
 Milverton Concert Society String Workshop at school

**Mon 25th March to Thurs 29th March**  
 Scholastic Book Fair  
 After school in ICT suite

**Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April**  
 The Big Pedal. Children are encouraged to scoot or cycle to school.

**Monday 1st April**  
 Eco Day for Reception Class to Year 2

**Tuesday 2nd April**  
 Eco Day for Years 3 to 6

**Thursday 4th April**  
 Hobgoblin Theatre  
 History of Science show at school

**Easter Holidays**  
 Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April.  
 Back to school 23rd April

**Weds 24th April to Friday 26th April.**  
 Year 5 Residential Trip to Kilve Court

**Monday 6th May**  
 Bank Holiday

**FOREST SCHOOL**  
**WEDS 20TH MARCH**  
**CLASS 4**



All the children enjoyed our Comic Relief Joke-Off. Well done to all the comedians that entertained us with your jokes! Great delivery and timing!

**RED NOSE DAY**



Thank you very much to Milverton Stores for their kind donation to the MSA. We have used the money to buy a new climbing frame for Class R, which they all love!

# OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Pre-school	<i>Rufus</i> for doing so well with his toilet training.
Class R	<i>Poppy</i> for talking so confidently about Eco Bricks in front of the whole school in assembly!
Class 1	<i>Ezra</i> for his fantastic effort and progress in his writing.
Class 2	<i>Archie I</i> for working really hard on his handwriting, keep it up Archie! <i>Craig</i> for an amazing show and tell which he presented really well. Everyone was engaged and learnt a lot about snakes.
Class 3	<i>Bodhi</i> and <i>Ollie</i> for their super descriptions of a story setting. <i>Tilly</i> for her amazing own learning at home this week. Well done to you all!
Class 4	<i>The whole of Class 4</i> for their enthusiasm, ideas and creativity in English; producing phenomenal 'Tale of Fear' stories. Well done to you all!
Class 5	<i>Freddie</i> for his fantastic French number work. Well done.
Class 6	<i>Tyrone</i> for his mature and hardworking attitude in school this week.

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Year 5 had Forest School with Mr Wedderkopp. We had to use the outdoor classroom as our base, as it was too windy to put up the fire circle canopy. We played a game of 'castles', where you have to split the field in half and put five hoops at each end. Each team had to run across to the other team's side without getting tagged. When you were on the other side you have to get a hoop and you would get a free run back with the hoop. If you got tagged, you have to stand in one of the opposing team's hoops. You can get saved by one of your team members if they tap you. The team with the



most hoops and the biggest number of prisoners wins. After that

we made some picture frames using four twigs and string. We did this in pairs. Finally, we finished off the morning by having a delicious hot chocolate. Class 5 loved our Forest School. A big thanks to Mr Wedderkopp.

*by Tilly, Year 5*

On Monday 11th March, Class 2 had a visit from Sam, a person who works at Taunton Museum. We played with the old toys and dressed up as Victorian children. It was fun and very exciting. My favourite toy was the Noddy cube picture puzzle.

*by Wilf*

Sam taught us all about toys which were over 100 years old! We used a Thaumatrope which turns two pictures into one when you spin it fast. We also tried hobby horses and skipping ropes. We dressed up as Victorian children. My favourite toy was the Thaumatrope. We had a great day!

*by Eleanor*



**HAPPY ECOBRICK**  
Screw top lid  
More straight sided  
Visible contents  
No food residue  
Everything dry inside  
Soft plastic in bottom bumps  
Feels solid when squeezed  
Correct density  
Registered & validated  
Used locally  
- Fulfilled Potential



**SAD ECOBRICK**  
Flip top type lid  
Less straight sided  
Contents hard to see  
Food residue/mould  
Condensation/moisture  
Creased bottom bumps  
Squishy, with air gaps  
Under/over weight  
Not registered/validated  
Unwanted/not used locally  
Unfulfilled potential -

MIN: Vol x 0.33 | DENSITY & WEIGHT | MAX: Vol x 0.7  
330ml-110g | 500ml-167g | 1000ml/1litre-330g | 1.5l-500g | 2litre-660g

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Register at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)