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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for this week

Whilst other schools have struggled to operate due to the weather, my thanks to all my staff and community who have pulled together and continued our normal provision – although extra wet playtimes have not helped. Let's hope there is a let up this weekend!

Look Who's Talking – Finals

Over recent weeks, children have been busy preparing for the **Look Who's Talking Competition**, with 1 child each from Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 progressing to the RHT Finals to be held at West Buckland School on 5th February. Thank you to Mr Upham who organised this initiative really well in our school. All children who took part were outstanding and the standard of presentations was high. **Well done to all and best of luck to Einar and Farrah who will be representing our school.**

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform, with plain black shoes / trainers. For PE, **plain white t-shirt** and black shorts / tracksuit bottoms. Only the jumper / cardigan must have the logo. Our website is very informative if you are in any doubt. Thank you to all those who are fully supportive on this, setting a great example.

Non-Uniform Day Expectations

As a reminder, please only allow your child/ren to wear appropriate clothing and footwear during non-uniform days. **Please do not allow your child** to wear tops baring midriffs, 'short' shorts, pyjamas, wheelies footwear and other inappropriate footwear. If this continues, non-uniform days will stop.

Administering Medication

If your child requires medication to be given at school please request a form from the office to fill out and return it to the office. Alternatively you can download one from our website under Health & Wellbeing (Illness) and email it in. When bringing in the medication please make sure it is labelled clearly and handed to an adult.

PTFA – Needs Your Support

To remind, unless new members join, we cannot continue with our events. The PTFA help fund so many things including technology, play equipment, trip subsidy, gifts, prizes...the list goes on. The next event will be the Easter Bingo towards the end of the Spring Term – details to follow...There is no February disco this year.

Have a lovely weekend

Nick Arnold



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As Headteacher, we have been asked to send this message from our local Member of Parliament.

Message from Gideon Amos, MP for Taunton & Wellington

In light of the flooding so far, many residents will be feeling concerned about the risk of further storms or prolonged rain, which so often cause issues across Taunton, leading to disruption. To help, I have prepared a list of reliable resources available across Somerset that may be useful.

In readiness of flooding:

- Check for flooding - <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/>
- Comprehensive flooding guidance from Somerset Council - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/beaches-ports-and-flooding/flooding-information-and-advice/preparing-for-flooding/>
- Emergency Volunteer Action Group - [WHO WE ARE – EVAG](#)
- Support for households with the highest risk of flooding - [FloodRe](#)
- Sign up for flood warnings - [Flood Warnings](#)
- Prepare for flooding - [Somerset Council](#)
- Somerset Prepared property level flood resilience - [Somerset Prepared](#)

During flooding:

Somerset Council advice during flooding - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/beaches-ports-and-flooding/flooding-information-and-advice/during-flooding/>

- Somerset Council owned or uninsured housing support - 0300 123 2224
- To report flooding to Somerset Council - https://swt-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/Flood_report
- School closures - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/school-closures/>
- [Somerset Council provides essential care and support for flooding situations. They offer guidance on what to do in an emergency, such as turning off gas, electricity, and water supplies, and moving to safety: 01823 331222](#)

After flooding:

- Make a claim (if you feel the council is at fault) - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/insurance-claims/>
- Online tool to report flooding - <https://fort-somerset.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>

IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER - CALL 999



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FOR NON-URGENT FLOODING CONCERNS - CALL 101

Driving advice

- Do not drive through deep water. Cars can stall and be washed away.
- Drive at speeds appropriate to the weather conditions - surface water can cause aquaplaning.
- If you are travelling a long distance, make sure you have clothing, blankets, food and drink in the car in case you are caught up in long delays.

Other advice

- Do not enter moving water. Moving water 18" or 45 cm deep can knock an adult over.
- Be aware of the location of drain and manhole covers. Water pressure can lift them out of place leaving a hidden danger.
- All flood water is potentially contaminated. Do not allow children to play in it and make sure you wash yourself thoroughly if you have been in contact with flood water.
- Make sure drains and screens are clear of debris to allow water to flow away freely.
- Do not approach any power cables that have been brought down by the weather.
- If you are travelling in remote areas, make sure family or friends know when you are leaving and your expected arrival time.
- Make sure mobile phones are fully charged – emergency calls are free even with no credit.
- Check to make sure elderly or vulnerable neighbours are safe.
- Do not put yourself at risk.

With best wishes

Gideon