



'Enjoying Learning Together'

23 September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

This week I have been lucky enough to see lots of children sharing their work. I have been particularly impressed with the Year 5 children who have been upgrading their writing and taking real pride in what they are producing. I am looking forward to seeing their published versions which I aim to display outside my office.

Can I please remind parents that the climbing frame in the top playground must not be used by children before or after school and that children younger than Year 3 are not allowed to use the upper level at anytime. This is part of our insurance and must be followed.

This term our Collective Worship theme is 'Generosity' and we are looking at different ways in which people can be generous to others. This week we looked at being generous with our time. I would really love to have photographs or emails sent in to me showing how our children are being generous to add to our display. Last year we had lots of responses which was wonderful. Hopefully we will get even more this year.

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Stuart

R. It has been great to have all of the children in school together this week. They have already developed many new friendships and have done a great job at learning each other's names. The children have had two very successful lunch times this week and we are very proud of how well they managed with this new addition to their school day.

Next week all children will come to school from 8:45am-1:00pm (including lunch) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. From Thursday onwards all children will be at school full time: 08:45am - 3:15pm

Y1. This week we have been innovating the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' we have written the story 'Jack and the Sunflower' where Jack steals a golden horse from a block of flats in the clouds. In Maths we have been representing numbers in different ways using number lines, pictures and objects.

We went on a walk to Royal Fort gardens to look for living things as part of our Topic – 'I'm Alive'.

Y2. This week we became illustrators and learned how we could use speech bubbles and captions to bring a scene to life. We used watercolours to illustrate a scene involving 'Traction Man' meeting an

evil or good penguin. We then composed and edited our captions so they were exciting and were written in full sentences.

In Maths, we have been looking at patterns in numbers, and are now moving on to learning how to add simple numbers in different ways.

In Topic, we designed toys to interest young children (using all their senses), and in PE we learned to move with grace and precision.

Y3. This week we have been thinking about how we can find out about the lives of our ancestors by looking at artefacts (made by people) and fossils (once living things). We have looked at some real fossils and made some of our own.

We also wrote our own manifestos for our school council class representatives. Children, who wanted to stand as our class representatives, read their speeches to the class and then we all voted. Congratulations to Naz and Omar, our new Year 3 councillors!

We are looking forward to our trip to the Cheddar Caves next Wednesday, please don't forget consent and packed lunch.

Y4. We have spent the week working on our editing skills. We've practised reading through pieces of writing trying to find spelling and punctuation errors. We've also thought about planning our own stories.

In Maths we have looking at numbers up to 10,000. We've also researched daily life in ancient Egypt.

Y5. This week has seen us practising our story planning skills, creating our very own Warning Tales based on the story of 'Daedalus and Icarus'.

In Maths, James has continued to exercise our brains with yet more of his stimulating problems and challenges on the subject of place value.

Our second recorder lesson was a success, we have thoroughly enjoyed the introduction of notes 'G' and 'A' to keep note 'B' company.

Y6. The class has continued with 'Floodland' this week, sending in some amazing home learning projects all about flooding in the UK. It has been fantastic to see how well the children have researched the topic of flooding.

They have also shown great resilience and demonstrated super perseverance when looking at using negative numbers in Maths.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 6 school council representatives: Lina, Daniel, Benjamin and Layla.

Attendance Update**Data: Monday 19 – Friday 23 September 2016**

| Rocky the Attendance Dog | | Punctuality Polar Bear | |
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| Awarded to Y2 who have reached the dizzy heights of 99.52% attendance for the week – Excellent Y2 😊 | | Awarded to Y5 who have recorded ZERO late marks for the week – Brilliant Y5 😊 | |
| Class | % Attendance | Late marks recorded Before close of register (L) | Late marks recorded After close of register (U) |
| R | 94.00% | 2 | 0 |
| 1 | 94.12% | 5 | 1 |
| 2 | 99.52% | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 90.12% | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | 88.89% | 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 95.43% | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 95.06% | 3 | 0 |
| 184 minutes late for school which equals 3 hours of missed learning due solely to lateness this week, with the exception of our Y5 class. | | | |

Hello and Welcome

This week saw Ayaan start school in KS2. We would like to warmly welcome him and his family to our school community.

Communication

Email to and from the school is our preferred method of communication: st.michael.p@bristol-schools.uk. If you would like to receive letters and our weekly newsletter via email, please ensure the school office has a current email address for you. Next week our annual data collection sheet will be sent home with your child. Please check, amend or update if applicable and return them to the school office. Many thanks.

Inhalers

We have recently updated our medical list and with the cooler autumnal weather on the way, please can we remind you to ensure that your child- (if required) has their inhaler in school.

Fire Exit – School Hall

Polite request – the fire exit in the hall must not be used as an exit on a morning after 8:30am as the main school gates are open. Due to our strict child protection procedures, Sue secures the door as the gates open; this means that it cannot be opened from the outside. We have had reports this week of people vacating the school via the fire door after it has been secured which has resulted in people being able to gain access to the school hall. Please use the main school gate. Thank you for your help with this.

Cleaning Vacancy

Glen Cleaning, the schools cleaning contractor, currently have a vacancy on our cleaning team. This vacancy is 2 hours per day 3:30pm-5:30pm at £7.20 per hour; pay is calculated on a pro rata basis. For more details, please contact Mr. Sheridan Leonard 07500 047965 as soon as possible.

Lost Property

We have had reports of a missing coat, two pairs of missing wellington boots and a brand new book bag.

A child in Y3 has lost her Hatleys blue and pink coat with horses on, possibly lost in school or in Broadmead.

Two pairs of wellies boots size 13 have also been reported as missing by a child in Y2. The makes of the wellies: Hunters and Clarks. Both pairs are expensive so please so look and see if you have acquired them accidentally at home.

Finally a book bag was left in Breakfast Club, although not named, books within the bag are named, if you have any of the above please hand in as soon as possible.

Children and adults alike arrive in the school office frequently reporting lost items and yet almost everyone answers "No" to the question – "Does the item have your child's name in it?" We can't stress this enough...please put your child's name in **all** items of clothing and footwear.

Dates for Your Diary

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| Wed 28 Sept | Y3: OUT trip to Cheddar Consent and Packed lunch required. |
| Fri 30 Sept | Y1: OUT trip to the Clifton Suspension Bridge. Consent is required however, packed lunches are not required. |
| Tues 4 Oct | Y4: OUT trip to the Museum. This is a walking trip so consent is not required. Details to follow. |
| Wed 5 Oct | Y5: OUT trip to Caerleon. Consent and Packed lunch required. |
| Wed 12 Oct | Y6: OUT to Central Library for a performance. Back to school for lunch, so normal lunch arrangements apply. |
| Fri 21 Oct | End of Term 1 Usual time: 3:15pm |
| Mon 31 Oct | INSET DAY 1 School closed to all pupils |
| Tues 1 Nov | INSET DAY 2 School closed to all pupils |
| Wed 2 Nov | Start of Term 2 Usual start time: 8:45am |