



'Enjoying Learning Together'

29 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

I hope you have all had a great couple of weeks. There has been lots of exciting learning going on. I have been really impressed with how engaged the pupils have been in their whole class reading of specific texts. High quality texts like 'Street Child' and 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom' really encourage the children to think more deeply.

Can I please remind you again that **nobody is allowed to park in our school car park except staff**. The parking issue continues to be a problem and one I am trying to meet the university to solve. However, we would encourage you to walk to school if you can as there is no parking around the area. You are **not** permitted to park in the University Car Park as it is used by their staff. It is also illegal to park in the road outside the school and does put our children's safety at risk.

Thank you to everyone who attended their children's 'Meet the Teacher' meeting. I know these meetings are really useful in sharing information and expectations. Supporting your child with any home learning is really appreciated and I hope that you are filling in those reading journals when you hear your children read.

Have a great weekend.  
Stuart

**YR.** This week the children have experienced their very first lunch time at school. We were very pleased with how well they coped with this new experience and how good they were at eating their lunch.

They have been busy learning all of our classroom rules and routines and have already developed some great friendships. We are looking forward to most of the children starting full time from next Thursday.

**Y1.** This week, we have received a letter from the giant asking us to write the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have worked hard to remember the different parts, ask them to tell you the story, they are very good.

In Maths, we have looked at numbers to 10 and we can now show a representation for each number. Our next challenge is to use this to help us solve addition and subtraction number sentences.

**Y2.** In English, we've been looking at inventing our own animal superheroes. We have been gathering information from books and looking on the internet to help make notes about what the animals' abilities are.

In Maths we have been focusing on addition and subtraction and being able to use different methods to prove if certain calculations are right or wrong. We have been looking at how the inverse of addition is subtraction and how this can help us check if our calculations are correct or not.

Thank you for those who have already sent in a photo of you reading with your children at home, it would be great if more of you could too so we can start displaying them in our book corner.

**Y3.** Year 3 have been comparing numbers to 1000 in Maths by placing numbers on different numbered number lines. They have enjoyed the challenge of estimating where a number might go on a blank number line too.

In English, the children have planned and written some fun 'trickery stories.' They have been learning how to use inverted commas correctly.

They are enjoying their swimming lessons and have responded very well to the instructors so far.

We are looking forward to our trip next week to @Bristol.

We have started using Mathletics again in school. Please do give your child time to practise at home too. Their passwords are stuck in the back of their reading diaries.

**Y4.** In Science, we've been investigating whether changing the size of an object alters its pitch and also whether the volume of a sound changes when it is further away.

Last week, we had our first chess session with Chris and it was nice to see quite a few keen chess players.

We've been retelling the 'Theseus and the Minotaur Myth' in English, whilst in Maths we've been solving puzzles related to place value.

**Y5.** Another good week in Year 5. We have welcomed our new student teacher, Angela McComb, from Canterbury Christ Church University, who will be with us until the end of November.

In English, we have written reports from the point of view of the characters in our class novel. In Maths, we have worked with rounding to the nearest 1000, 10 000 and 100 000.

**Y6.** Another fortnight has whizzed by in Year 6! The children are starting to get to grips with the demands of Year 6, focusing well in lessons and asking some intelligent questions.

In English, we have been reading 'Street Child' and the children have written some fantastic letters in character convincing the main protagonist to either stay in the workhouse or run away. Some of the best ones are proudly on display outside our classroom!

We have just finished our place value topic in Maths and it has been wonderful to see the progress many of the children have made.

In Science, we are now studying electricity, particularly focusing on circuits.

### **Attendance Update**

**Data: Monday 25 – Friday 29 September 2017**

<b>Rocky the Attendance Dog</b>	<b>Punctuality Polar Bear</b>
<b>Awarded to: Y6 with 96.71% attendance recorded for the week –</b>	<b>Awarded to: YR – our youngest children who have recorded just</b>

Well done Y6 ☺		ONE late mark for the week – Brilliant Reception! ☺	
Class	% Attendance	Late marks recorded <b>Before</b> close of register (L)	Late marks recorded <b>After</b> close of register (U)
<b>R</b>	89.63%	1	0
<b>1</b>	86.34%	2	1
<b>2</b>	82.41%	3	0
<b>3</b>	84.80%	2	0
<b>4</b>	87.96%	3	0
<b>5</b>	89.32%	4	4
<b>6</b>	96.71%	4	0

233 minutes late for school has been recorded this week which is almost 4 hours of missed learning due solely to lateness.

### **Y3 – Trip to @Bristol**

Reminder: The class will be visiting @Bristol on Tuesday 3 October 2017. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform and has a packed lunch with extra (**non fizzy**) drinks with them.

### **Y1 – Trip**

**\*\*Please note: the new time for Thursday's trip is: 10:15am-11:15am\*\*** Y1 are off to the Royal Fort Gardens on an Autumnal walk next week. The children will be back to school in plenty of time for dinner, so normal lunch arrangements apply.

### **Friday 20 October 2017**

Children in KS2 which is everyone in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, will visit the Bristol Hippodrome for 'The Children's Bookshow' by Michael Rosen. His poetry performances have delighted audiences at the book show for many years with their humour, wit and verve. The children will be back to school by lunchtime so normal lunch arrangements apply. There is no charge for this trip.

### **Harvest Festival**

This year's Harvest Festival will take place at St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday 17 October 2017. The start time is yet to be confirmed and will be published as soon as it is known. However, it will be during the morning, with enough time to be back to school for dinner.

Donations will be passed to the North West Foodbank, as in previous years. The foodbank have informed us they are particularly short of:

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Rice Pudding

Biscuits

Shower gels, shampoo and toothbrushes and toothpaste.

But anything, non-perishable and within date is fine and very welcome. Please bring donations in on Harvest morning (17.10.17). As always you are very welcome to join us for our Harvest celebration.

### **Email**

Welcome to the email service! For many of you, today is the first day you will have received the fortnightly newsletter via email. If you haven't and would like to receive all notifications from school this way, please email [st.michael.p@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:st.michael.p@bristol-schools.uk) to let us know!

Email is the preferred method of communication. Newsletters are also published on our school web site and can be located in the noticeboard by the main entrance in the main playground.

### **Flu Vaccine**

Children in YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 recently brought home consent forms for the Flu vaccine. The date the vaccine will take place is: Wednesday 15 November 2017 during the afternoon session. If you are yet to complete the consent form, please can you do so, ASAP, as all forms are now overdue for collection from us.

### **INSET Days**

Schools have 5 INSET days per academic year. Ours have been confirmed for this year as:

INSET 1: Monday 4 September 2017

INSET 2: Monday 30 October 2017

INSET 3: Tuesday 2 January 2018

INSET 4: Friday 9 February 2018

INSET 5: Friday 23 March 2018

### **Wet Weather in the Morning – Before School**

In the case of inclement weather at the start of the day, you will notice the playgrounds are empty as the children remain in Breakfast Club, as do the staff who are supervising the children.

All children must be supervised once they are on school premises. If you are not staying in the playground, please send your child to the school hall. There is not an expectation for your child to eat breakfast, it's simply so they are safe and supervised. Thank you.

### **Bike Shed**

There are 2 scooters and a skateboard that have been left for a couple of months in the bike shed. Please claim them and remove them if they are yours or we will have to remove them. Many thanks.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Tues 3 Oct	<b>Y3: OUT</b> - @Bristol
Thur 5 Oct	<b>Y1: OUT</b> – to The Royal Fort Gardens for an Autumnal Walk 10:15am - 11:15am
Tues 17 Oct	<b>Whole School: Harvest Festival</b> – at St. Stephens Church: time to be confirmed.
Fri 20 Oct	<b>KS2 – Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6: OUT</b> – visit to the Bristol Hippodrome – Michael Rosen – all back to school for dinner.
Fri 20 Oct	End of Term 1 – normal time: 3:15pm
Mon 30 Oct	INSET DAY 2 School closed to ALL pupils
Mon 30 Oct	<b>Y6: OUT</b> Culmington Manor for the week. Y6 children who are <b>not</b> going to Culmington Manor, school is closed until

	tomorrow – classes will apply as normal for the week.
Tues 31 Oct	Start of Term 2 – 8:45am
Wed 15 Nov	<b>YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 &amp; Y4:</b> Flu Vaccine for those children who have given consent – during the afternoon session in school.