



NEWSLETTER

29th March 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Please see below for this week's news and information.

News from around the Classrooms

EYFS & KS1

KS1 Project



Next week the children in KS1 will be making their own Chinese Dragons. Please can you bring in a few items of junk modelling (small boxes, yogurt pots etc) to help with this. Many thanks.

Year 1 Parents

Thank you to all of you who attended parent's evening. Many of you asked for guidance on the end of year expectations in English and Math as well as a list of words which the children are expected to be able to read and write. Please find this information, as well as PowerPoints from any parent sessions we have held, on the class pages on the school website.

KS2

THE PARAGON YEAR 5 MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

Yesterday four children from Year 5 took part in the Paragon Year 5 Maths Challenge. The young mathematicians participated in six different mathematical tasks. At each of the six stations, they were solving a variety of puzzles using logical thinking and reasoning skills, using everything from playing cards to tangrams. The final round brought all the young mathematicians together where they were tasked with lateral thinking questions which brought the event to an exciting conclusion.



We are delighted that out of the 28 teams taking part our two St John's teams placed 2nd and 4th, fending off tough competition from many prestigious schools. Daniel K and Natasza W won calculators for their second place and Gracjan and Natalia did a fabulous job, being just one point away from third place. We are so proud of their wonderful maths skills and their great attitude to challenge. Congratulations!

News from the Library

The Book Fair

Our annual book fair will be taking place on Tuesday 2nd April in the main hall after school. There will be hundreds of high quality books to choose from. As always we are generously supported in this event by The Oldfield Park Bookshop. The book fair will run until clubs finish at 4.15pm. We can only accept cash and cheques and are unable to take card payments.

Sponsored Read

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the sponsored read. All sponsorship money now needs to be submitted either via <https://readforgood.org/sponsor-a-pupil-taking-part-in-readathon/> or by a cheque made out to Read for Good which can be handed into school. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any sponsorship money in cash. Please can you also return your completed sponsorship cards so we can award a prize to the child who has raised the most money and the class who raised the most money.

End of Term Lent Mass

You are all warmly welcome to join us for Mass at 9.30am next Friday at St Alphege's Church.

Notices

Mobile Phones

Please note that mobile phones are NOT allowed in school, unless they are needed at home time. If this is the case your child must bring their phone to the office first thing in the morning, before registration, where it will be kept safe until they come and collect it at home time. Children are absolutely not allowed to have their phones with them in the playground or anywhere else around school.

Y6 Parents

There is a SATs information meeting for parents on Thursday 4th April at 3.30pm in Robins Class, in preparation for the forthcoming SATs assessments taking place next term.

Easter Lunch

If your child has a school meal on Wednesdays next week will be an Easter roast – menu is attached for your information.

Celebration Assembly EYFS & KS1

The following children in EYFS & KS1 will be receiving certificates in assembly next Thursday 28th March at 9.10-9.35am in the hall:

- **Dragonflies** – Maria B, Erin D
- **Kingfishers** – Jude T, Dominik R
- **Owls** – Clara A, Oliver H
- **Ducklings** – Nela T, Noah T
- **Hedgehogs** – Ronnie O, Oscar R

Celebration Assembly KS2

There will be no Celebration assembly next Friday 5th April due to the whole school Mass.

News from St Alphege's

Please see attached for this week's Church Bulletin from St Alphege's.

Also attached is information about an Easter Trail telling the Easter story, which is open to children from 8th – 18th April (they must be accompanied).

Food Allergies

Please remember we are a fish free school. We respectfully ask that children do not have fish of any description in their packed lunches as we have some children with severe allergies.

Lost Property

The lost property bin is overflowing again! Any lost property not claimed by the end of term will be donated to charity, so please do check in there if your child has lost anything.

Parking

There have again been reports of dangerous parking outside school. Please note that parking is not allowed where there are zigzags or yellow lines on the road.

Sports News

Sport Bath Holiday Camp – Football

Please see the attached poster from Mr Gough regarding a football camp that he is running over the Easter holiday.

Girls Football Match v WASPS

St John's girls played really well this week against a very strong team from WASPS, unfortunately the result did not go in our favour but the girls played a hard fought game displaying excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Dance Umbrella Tickets

There are still Dance Umbrella tickets available for Monday 1st April at the Forum if anyone would like to see dance performances from 10+ schools including all our Year 2s. For more information please visit www.bathforum.co.uk or Tel: 0844 888 9991.

Staff News

Goodbye and Good Luck

Mr Allsop will sadly be leaving us at the end of this academic year. He is leaving to enter into the family business. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him every happiness for the future.

We will shortly be advertising for a new teacher to join our team from September 2019.

Dates for Your Diary

1 st April	Y2 Dance Umbrella performance at The Forum, 6.30pm
2 nd April	Dance Umbrella Club performance at The Forum, 6.30pm
2 nd April	Book Fair, main hall after school
4 th April	SATs information evening for parents 3.30pm, Robins Class
4 th April	Choir performance to parents, 4pm
5 th April	Whole School Mass at St Alphege's 9:30am
5 th April	End of Term 4
23 rd April	Start of Term 5
23 rd April	Presentation on Worries and Anxiety in children, 2.15pm
24 th Apr	Class photographs
w/c 13 th May	KS2 SATs week
14 th May	EYFS trip to Woodland Adventurers (more info to follow)
22 nd May	Y5/6 trip to Westonbirt (info to follow)
3 rd May	Half Term
24 th May	Inset Day
3 rd June	Start of Term 6
13/14 th June	Y1 Phonics screening
14 th June	Y5 Taster day at St Gregory's
25 th June	Sports Day at St Gregory's (more details to follow)
4 th July	Transfer day
8 th July	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
11 th July	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
12 th July	Mrs Hull's Leaving Mass 2pm, Leaving Party 3.30-5.30pm
17 th July	Y5/6 Play 6pm (info to follow)
18 th July	Y5/6 Play 6pm (info to follow)
19 th July	Leavers' Disco (timings to be confirmed)
23 rd July	End of Term 6

The remaining inset day for this academic year is:

- Friday 24th May 2019

Best wishes

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