



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and to the last two terms of the school year. The children have settled back into school life really well and seem rested and energised after the break. This is a short term but a busy one, full of learning and fun. You should have received your year group newsletter which gives you more details about activities specific to your child's class but you can always check our website for diary dates. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office. Please see over for some key dates for your diaries.

We had a great day yesterday in school during our '**Switch Off Thursday**'. Lights, smart boards and computers were switched off as we experienced our school day aiming to 'use less' in many ways. 'Switch Off Thursday' was originally the idea of Gwendolen, Lila, Trudi, Imogen and Daisy from Year 5 – we're lucky to have such environmentally aware pupils at Hotwells who are committed to making a change. Some quotes from the children:

'It felt weird not having the screens because that's not what we normally do. But I think it was a really good idea to do it'

'It was a great idea because it will save nature!'

'I think it was a really good idea and the Year 5s obviously put a lot of effort into planning it!'

'I think it was good not having the IWBs on and having no worksheets printed because we actually did more work than we normally would! We were helping the planet and helping ourselves!'

Well done to the entire school community for also embracing the day!

Straight back into school life, Year 6 were off to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye last week. Whilst there, the children learned about how Parliament runs the country and were able to watch debates in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Class Four have also enjoyed a visit to the Royal West of England Academy this week to take part in a workshop which is focused on Gaudier-Brzeska's range of animal-inspired artworks and the Open Sculpture Exhibition.

Whilst on the subject of art, your child will have brought home a canvas this week. This is for a whole-school art project in readiness for our school **Arts' Week** which will take place in the last week of term, beginning 20th May. We are asking every child to produce an artistic masterpiece around the theme of **Oceans**. This will link to the work we will be doing in Term 6 around **World Ocean's Day**. **We are asking for a £2 donation per canvas towards this project, a letter was sent out with the canvas.**

Staff News:

It is exciting to announce the news that Miss. Rushton will be taking maternity leave from the end of the summer term. We wish her all the very best in the coming year.

With best wishes,

Mrs. Delor

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Please let us know if you change your contact details so that we can update our system.

Letters out this week:

Nursery Visit to Wildplace

Clubs

All clubs have now started back, we still have a place in KS1 Football Club, and there are also spaces in Fencing club and Judo and Dance Clubs. Please contact Martine in the school office for details.

School Dinners next week

Please note, on Tuesday 7th May we will be offering Monday's menu instead

Parking around school.

Journey to and from school Please consider if you are able to leave your car at home for your journey to and from school. It is healthier for everybody. If you need to use a car please be considerate of where you park especially avoiding our school entrances and turn off your engine as you wait.

Reminder, Reception will be going to Forest School next Wednesday, if you can help please let the school office know, thanks.

Attendance

We are continuing our drive to embed our Attendance Policy. Please remember to book, when possible, medical appointments out of school hours and to ask for an appointment card or form of evidence of the appointment. Term time holiday requests have reduced which is very positive as these are

unauthorised and could lead to issue of penalty notice or prosecution. Our Attendance policy is on our school website or available from the school office.

Attendance – up to week ending 3rdMay 2019	
Reception	93.0%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	96.7%
Total	96.5%

DATES FOR CAKE SALES	
TERM 5	
Friday 10 th May	Garden for Life
Friday 24 th May	Savoury Bake Sale
TERM 6	
Friday 8 th June – Friday 6 th July	Fun Fridays & Ice Cream Sales

Don't forget Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday, see you all on Tuesday 7th May!

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