



Hotwells Primary School

Learning to bring out the best in everyone

Issue 8 – 25th October 2013 - Term 1

SHOW YOU CARE – PARK ELSEWHERE

Hotwells Christmas Fair



Donations needed! This might be a good opportunity to have a clear out and get rid of toys that are no longer played with / unwanted gifts that you've had hanging around for ages and don't know what to do with!!! We are looking for donations of: teddies, small items for the lucky dip, DVDs, console games, 2nd hand toys, books and presents for grown-ups (including things for Dads!). Boxes for donations are outside the staffroom.

We are also looking for a few helpers for various jobs and for some items which we need to borrow. **Please have a look at the list on the PTA notice board (outside Class 6).** If you can help, Elana (Michaela Y1, Kieran Nursery) elana_kriel@hotmail.com or Krissie (details above) would be pleased to hear from you.

Remember Remember: School reopens on Tuesday 5th November! Monday 4th November is an INSET day and the school is closed to pupils.

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to Year 6 on a fantastic week at Osmington Bay. The staff and PGL instructors have all commented on your brilliant behaviour, fantastic teamwork and positive attitude. We are very proud of you all!

A letter from the Chair of Governors was sent out this week with information about the governors' decision on whether or not Hotwells School should become an academy. A copy of the letter is available on our school website:

<http://www.hotwells.bristol.sch.uk/academy-letter-oct-13>

CLUBS & MUSIC

Monday	Piano 1.00-3.30 Fiona Prescott KS2 Football 3.45 – 4.45 Spanish club KS1 3.45-4.45
Tuesday	Guitar 9.00-12.00 Piano 1.00-3.00 Julia Daynes Art Club 3.45-4.45 (KS2) Tennis Cub 3.45-4.30 (Yr 3,4,5)
Wednesday	Judo Club 8.00-8.45am Flute/recorder 9.00-12.00 Piano 1.00-3.00 Cello 1.00-3.00pm Yoga Stars 3.45 – 4.45 Years 4 – 6 KS1 Football 3.45 – 4.45
Thursday	Violin 9.00-12.00 Cornet 9.30-10.30 Double bass – 2.00pm Yoga Stars 3.45 - 4.45 Years 1 – 3 Netball club 3.45-4.30pm Code club 3.45 – 4.45 (Y5/6)
Friday	Recorder 13.00-14.45 Piano 1.00-3.30 Fiona Prescott Cello 3.00-3.30 Tegan

PTA fundraiser: Pulse cooking evening, **Thursday 14th November.** We need volunteers to help run a bar on the evening. If you can help, please contact Elana (Michaela Y1, Kieran Nur) for more formation on: 07917 204834 email: elana_kriel@hotmail.com

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Congratulations to Class 1 who made Fantastic Fruit Kebabs this week. We know you enjoyed making them as much as you enjoyed eating them!

DATES FOR TERMS 1 & 2

Term 1 ends	Friday 25th October
INSET DAY	Monday 4th Nov School closed to pupils
Term 2 starts	Tuesday 5th Nov
Parents Consultation Evening	Tuesday 19 th November 3.45-6.30pm
Parents Consultation Evening	Wednesday 20th November
Year 1 visit to Playspace	Weds 20 th November
PTA Meeting	Thurs 28 th November 8pm
Y6 visit to Gloucester Folk Museum	Thursday 21 st November
INSET DAYS 2013/2014	
Monday	4th Nov 2013
Monday	6th Jan 2014

HOTSPOTS

Just to let you know that HOTSPOTS will be running on Monday 28th October and Monday 4th November (INSET Day). We still have a few places left on both days. Many thanks, Julie



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DATES FOR CAKE SALES

Friday 8 th November	Reception
Friday 15 th November	Nursery
Friday 22 nd November	Hotspots

Secondary Transfer Applications Deadline is 31st October!

Admission leaflets have been given to Y6 pupils transferring to secondary schools in September 2014. The closing date for on-line applications is 31st October 2013. Paper applications postmarked after this date and time will be treated as late applications and a school place will NOT be allocated in the first round of offers. If you have any questions about secondary choices you can contact the Family Information Service on 08451297217.

OTHER MESSAGES

Holiday Activities at Cotham School

For 8 - 13 year olds - fun, challenging Drama and Sports Holiday Activities on October 31st and November 1st. These are held at Cotham School and cost £12.00 per day (enquire about concessions). Contact Mrs Millett on 0117 919 8077 or email holidayactivities@cotham.bristol.sch.uk to book your place.

Windmill Hill City Farm: There are lots of kid's activities happening throughout half term. To find out more information call us on: 0117 9633252 or visit our website: www.windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk

NEW DRAMA GROUP FOR 5-8 YEAR OLDS

This is an exciting new drama group for children between 5 and 8 years of age. In a fun-filled atmosphere, students learn to use and develop their imaginations taking them on journeys- from princes and princesses to wizards and sorcery! All students are fully involved in all aspects of learning - from creating new and exciting characters to performing their own small plays - we even make our own costumes! Interpretation through dance and singing are also explored making it an innovative and exciting class - where every student is made to feel important and valued - building their self confidence, self esteem and helping them make new friends.

For more information or to book a free taster session contact Julia Mulligan on 07771 634060 or email julia@standanddeliverdramaschools.co.uk

Bristol Drawing School new courses and workshops for adults, children & families.

Brochure available from outside the office or visit www.drawingschool.org.uk

Below are some of the wonderful poems Class 5 have written about the heroic rescue at Dunkirk.

The bobbing boats of Dunkirk

Chaos

Stinging seawater and salty sand spraying into weary sore eyes

Planes crash, bombs smash and bullets splash, ruining the once sapphire sea lined by golden sands

Icy water tugs cruelly, laps strongly and wickedly tosses boats that have bravely come over the English Channel to rescue

Bobbing boats of all shapes and sizes battle the tides and struggle against the waves and guns and save and rescue thousands

Smoke

Thickening rapidly like a great whirlwind of black that covers all

Stuka planes glide effortlessly downwards, that drop down horror and exasperate the brave men


Flaming, smoky, shattered ships sink into the bubbling cauldron of teal waves

Long snakes of desperate but brave men and grimy trucks, slide into the dark waters forever deepening and meeting many unwelcoming waves but they cling onto valuable hope


Dunkirk is now a mess of navy blue, smoke blackened sand and orange, red and yellow dancing flames

Destruction

by Natalie



Dunkirk




Killing rain fell down
Fire blazing in the distance
Thick, black, smoke everywhere
Mad horses and dogs running across the beach
Deafening sound of bullets
Men lying dead on the ground
Sand flying every where
Ships getting bombed and shot at

Ringing cries
Diving bombing Stuka planes
Big, black, bombs falling
Lines of men leading into the sea
Men queuing patiently
Cold waves coming in
Fishing boats and navy boats waiting
Men being pulled up into boats
For some it's too late
Helmets floating
Tanks and trucks left behind
skeletons of Stuka planes
Blood stained beach

By Elliot

The Evacuation



Desperate
Loud shouts of dying men
Burning fires like a blacksmiths forge
Patient
Men snaking across the beach like marching ants
Deafening gunfire
Bombs dropping like great big drumbeats
Burning planes tumble from the sky in a complex dance
Smoke billowing like a dragon's breath
Solemn
Hundreds of little ships like flies swarming a carcass
Cold waves lap up patient soldiers chests
Wailing Stuka sirens
Orange flames lick the belly of the smoke
Skeleton of a Stuka plane dumped upon the beach

COURAGE...

By Rufus

