



Please see the school website for Term Dates and Inset Days for 2019/20

Coming Up Next Week

Monday	Parents' Evening
Tuesday	Sports Day
Wednesday	
Thursday	Transfer day
Friday	Mrs Hull's leaving Mass and Retirement

Sports Day

Don't forget Sports Day is on Tuesday!



Please keep to the same arrangements with regard to packed lunches and travel to and from St

Gregorys. Fingers crossed for sunshine this time!

Enterprise Fair Today! Please come along!

Please come along and support the Enterprise Fair straight after school next **today**. The children have worked so hard on their projects and will need customers for the fair to work! Please remember to bring cash for purchases and change wherever possible.

Mrs Hull's Retirement Celebrations

Please come along next Friday 12th July, and celebrate with Mrs Hull as she celebrates her retirement. There is a Mass at 2pm at St Alphege's church, followed by Cake and Ceilidh in the school hall from 3.30-5.30pm. Please come along and enjoy the fun!

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents,

This week we had our RE Inspection, the children were a credit to the school. Thank you all for your support.

Today is our Enterprise Fair, I want to say thank you to Mrs Young for organising this and to the PTA for loaning the children their start-up costs. Please do come along after school today to support the children.

There is so much to look forward to next week with Sports Day on Tuesday and Transfer Day on Thursday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Bennett.

Food Tasters

On Monday from 3.30pm – 5.30pm there will be tasters from the Autumn Term menu for you to sample. Currently, over 200 children have a school meal every day. Our meals are hugely popular and of excellent quality. All our meals are freshly prepared on site by Mrs Cook and our Catering Team. The tasters will be served in our entrance foyer. We look forward to seeing you!

Email

We have a new school email address for general enquiries:
office@stjohns.bathnes.sch.uk

Library News

All library books now need to be returned to the library for the summer holidays. This enables me to do a stock check and an assessment of the books. Children will not be able to borrow any more books until September. Please encourage your child to return their books as soon as possible.

School Uniform—Promotion Extended!

As the 20% promotion has now officially finished, M&S would like to extend it for our school because we are still waiting for several accessories to arrive. You will need to enter this code **2019Promo20%** in the promo code box if you are buying any stock. This code is valid for another 4 weeks.

Celebration Assembly KS2

There is no celebration assembly for the next 2 weeks due to the EYFS induction and the Y3/4 Carnival, however the following children in KS2 will be receiving certificates in assembly on **Friday 12th July** at 8.55-9.25 am in the hall:

Otters — Verity A, Oskar D
Badgers — Lillie M, Harrison D
Foxes— Cara K, Alex L
Blackbirds — Oliver B-B, Amelia Z
Robins — Natasza W, Daniella C
Kestrels—Tommy H, Luna A

Celebration Assembly KS1

The following children in EYFS and KS1 will be receiving certificates in assembly on **Thursday 18th July** at 9.10-9.35 am in the hall:

Dragonflies - Erin D, Daisy D
Kingfishers - Jeremy K, Adam A
Owls - Nadia S, Lennon W
Ducklings - Hudson D, Ivy D
Hedgehogs - Elena G, Agata K

Governor Spotlight on ...

A regular feature each month will be a profile of one of our governors, allowing you to know them and their roles a little better. It may help you approach them with your thoughts, questions or concerns, and hopefully encourage you to join the governing body when the time is right. This 'spotlight on' focuses on Dr Giles Mercer, one of our Foundation Governors



I'm a retired secondary school history teacher and head of two Catholic secondary schools for twenty-four years. I was a trustee of the Clifton Diocese from 2009 to 2016. My wife and I moved to Bath in 1996. I love music (which includes re-learning the piano), foreign languages and tennis. I've been a governor at St John's since March 2012, chairing the curriculum committee from

2012 to 2014 and being elected chair of governors for 2014 to 2018. I'm still on the governing body as a foundation governor, appointed by the Bishop of Clifton. I was delighted that Michele Tayler took over as Chair of Governors last September. She is already leading us exceptionally well. In agreeing to be a governor, I was attracted by the challenge of governing a Catholic primary school, having been largely involved in secondary education. I am a parishioner at Our Lady and St Alphege and got to know enough about the school to make me agree readily to put myself forward as a governor when approached. Also, I have two grandchildren of primary age and had naturally become fascinated with that age group.

I found out how important it is to keep up with national developments and take advantage of regular professional training run by the Clifton Diocese and the Local Authority. I have also learned a huge amount being the link governor for English and joint-link governor for RE, as well as being on the Finance and Premises Committee and on the Admissions Committee. It's fascinating to see the school from so many different angles.

I'm most proud of being involved in the appointment of Mrs Bennett to the headship. I'm also very pleased to have been involved in the appointment of several members of staff. The biggest challenge facing St John's is to give the Headteacher and all our staff maximum support for the benefit of all the children, whatever their gifts and needs. This means careful thought about what is most needed and how best to respond to those needs. These are exceptionally challenging times financially and in terms of developing our core mission as a Catholic school, which reaches out to all our families. This challenge is also what excites me most about the year ahead and every year. I am filled with confidence, given the wonderfully dedicated and talented teaching and support staff, the love our children have for the school, the support of parents, and working with the best group of governors of the six boards I've served over forty years. The governors are a very effective and happy group, though never complacent. We want only the best for the whole community of St John's, especially the children.

The governors are engaged in a thorough skills audit and we'll soon see clearly from that what the priorities are in terms of additional skills or talents. While the skills and talents across the board are strong at present, we need to interest potential new governors with the right skill-set and commitment. Serving as a governor is completely worthwhile and always interesting.

News from St Alphege's

Please click on the following link for this week's Church Bulletin from St Alphege's,:

[file:///C:/Users/whitems/Downloads/StsPeterand%20Paul19%20\(2\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/whitems/Downloads/StsPeterand%20Paul19%20(2).pdf)

Staff Vacancy

We are currently advertising for 2 Teaching Assistants, if this is something you might be interested in please find further details on the school website, and on the school job website www.eteach.com

Dates for Your Diary



8 th July	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
9 th July	Sports Day
11 th July	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
12 th July	Mrs Hull's Leaving Mass 2pm, Leaving Party 3.30-5.30pm
14 th July	Glastonbury Pilgrimage, please see attached poster
16 th July	Top Up Swimming session
16 th July	Y5/6 Play 6pm
18 th July	Choir End of Term Concert 4pm
18 th July	Y5/6 Play 6pm
19 th July	Leavers' Disco (timings to be confirmed)
22 nd July	Y6 Trip to Avon Valley Adventure Park
23 rd July	End of Term Mass, 9.30am
23 rd July	End of Term 6