



Reception 2020 visits: Please pass this information on to anyone looking for a school place from September:

Tuesday 22nd October

9.30am to 11.00am

Thursday 24th October

5.30pm to 6.30pm

Friday 25th October

9.30am to 11.00am

Monday 11th November

9.30am to 11.00am

Wednesday 13th November

1.00pm to 3.00pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

*** Wednesday 23rd October ~ DEADLINE for School Photo orders**

*** Wednesday 23rd October, 5.30 to 7.30pm. PTFA Halloween Disco**

No Friday after-school Football Club on 25th October.

No Dodgeball on Thursday 7th November

*** Friday 25th October, MCC 50th Anniversary celebration. Details TBC**

*** Half-term 28th October to 1st November**

*** 31st October 2019 ~ Closing date for Secondary School applications.**

Christmas Events

Palladian Trust Carol Service

*** Tuesday 10th December at 6pm at Bath Abbey** Further details to follow.

MCC Christmas Play

*** Friday 13th December**

Reception & Keystage One Christmas Performance 1 ~

*** Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am ~ coffee & mince pies from 9.00am**

*** Wednesday 18th December ~ Christmas Lunch.** Further details to follow.

Reception & Keystage One Christmas Performance 2 ~

*** Thursday 19th December at 2.15pm ~ coffee & mince pies from 1.45am.**

Whole school Carol Concert ~

*** Friday 20th December at 2.15pm**

A positive difference, everyday, everyone

Dear Parents and Carers

The sun finally put in an appearance this week and this has allowed the builders on site to catch up with some of the grounds works they needed to finish. The new fencing has been completed and we are just waiting for the final steps to arrive so they can be added to the building.

Unfortunately, the ongoing weather has meant that we are not able to open the classroom next Friday as part of the Margaret Coates 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Many former pupils and staff are coming back to visit us on **Friday 25th October**. The children in Bronze, Silver, Platinum and Gold are cooking up some delicious treats to share with them in our **small hall from 2.30pm**.

This morning we had our **FareShare South West, Big breakfast, launch event with Chris Cleghorn, Michelin Starred Chef**. Miss Mullins and Mrs Spurrell arrived very early to help set up with the FareShare volunteers, Chris and over 57 children attended. They made fruit kebabs and taste tested some exotic fruit, compotes and different types of yoghurt. The children enjoyed their time at Breakfast Club and the FareShare produce we now have delivered each week. A very big thank you to Miss Mullins and Mrs Spurrell for ensuring the event ran smoothly.

Last week our curriculum focus was P.E and this week it is **Science**. Mrs Muckanska has been the Science Leader at St Martin's Garden Primary for the last three years. Each week she writes our Science question of the Week for the newsletter. The children from across the school enjoy answering these and sharing them with her. The winning entries are presented with their certificate and science prize in our Celebration Assembly and their efforts are displayed on our STEM learning board. Last year Mrs Muckanska secured a grant from the British Science Association which meant that the children enjoyed science shows and a spectacular science fair to celebrate the National Science Week. This week Mrs Muckanska launched an exciting project during our Science Assembly. Our school will be taking part in – **The Primary Engineer Leaders Award 2020**. The children will be asked to find a problem, invent a solution to it, draw and annotate their invention and write a short explanation about why it should be manufactured by engineers. We will link up with engineers working for the sponsor companies of this project so the children can interview them and we will also have a Science and Engineering Ambassador as a mentor organised by our local STEM Learning Centre, Graphic Science. Over the year Mrs Muckanska ensures all children across the school take part in our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week and I am already excited by the plans for next year's events.

On a sporting front the rain on Monday didn't stop our **Year 4-6 football team** competing in an exciting friendly match against **St Phillips Primary School and winning (4-2)**. Thank you to all those parents who braved the weather to watch the match. Our **Year 2's** have kicked off a weekend of Rugby excitement and fun by spending the morning improving their **Tag rugby skills** with other schools from the Palladian Trust. They had a fantastic time despite the variable weather. I hope Bath and Bristol will take inspiration from their sportsmanship tonight, as well as England and Wales over the weekend.

I have spent some of the week testing my general knowledge against others members of staff and I do hope this pays off tonight when I attend the FOMCU Anniversary Quiz night. Next week is also the PTFA's Halloween Disco which I am also looking forward to. There are still some tickets available in the school office if you would like to attend this event.

Next week we have our first three **Reception open events** if you do know of anyone looking for a school place then please share our Reception open day events with them. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

I hope the home nations win this weekend, unfortunately loyalties will be split tonight as I have 3 Bristol Bears fans at home. Have a very enjoyable weekend!

Kind regards, Claire Parfitt, Head teacher

INSET days for 2019/2020**School closed for all pupils**Monday 18th November 2019Friday 14th February 2020Monday 9th March 2020Friday 10th July 2020Monday 20th July 2020

DATA AUDIT ~ It's that time of year again where we will, over the coming weeks, send home a copy of your **child's data records** for you to check (PINK form). Please **check telephone numbers, email addresses, medical & dietary information**, amend if necessary, sign and return. Please sign and return even if there are no amendments. Thank you.

Year 6 pupils ~ We still have **three** places available on the **Bikeability**, cycle training course on 5th and 12th November. The course is **FREE** and we can provide bikes if required. Please collect a form from the school office. Thank you Mrs Franklin-Adams

PTFA Halloween Disco ~ Wednesday 23rd October, 5.30pm to 7.30pm in the Keystage Two Hall. Tickets: £1.50 per adult and £1.00 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets now on sale Please put money in an envelope, with your child's name and number of tickets required. Thank you PTFA Committee.

Car seats/Booster seats and seatbelts. Please can we remind parents that all children should be using some form of safety restraint when in cars. Please see below the advice from the Government.

From 0 to 12 years old ~ In vehicles where seat belts are fitted, children from 0 years to 12 years and up to 135cm in height (about 4ft 5in) must use the right child car seat/booster seat. A child taller than 135cm must wear a seat belt.

Attendance Stars:

This week ~ Our **overall school attendance was 96.24%**, This is a huge improvement from last week. Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time, as this affects their attendance and learning.

Silver	98.33%
Oak	97.92%
Pine	97.60%
Platinum	97.50%
Willow	96.67%
Bronze	96.67%
Gold	96.25%
Walnut	96.15%
Peach	96.00%

Well Done!

Science Question of the Week

Congratulations

Alfie Sullivan for a great poster and

Sebi who brought an experiment to school and demonstrated static electricity to his peers.

Special **WELL DONE**

to **Fareeda and Deva** for bringing in their home experiments.



New question



Why does the Moon change its shape?

Present your ideas as an annotated drawing, photos or any other way you choose and hand your posters to the office or to Mrs M. Winners announced in Friday's Celebration Assembly and displayed on our STEM board. Have a look at the cool main prizes...



KS1 prize



KS2 prize