

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We are delighted to welcome Paul Armitage as your newly elected parent governor. Thanks to the candidates and to all who voted - it is a very important role for our school.

### RECEPTION CHILDREN COMING INTO SCHOOL

Now that the Reception children are settled well into school, we ask that you now say goodbye to your child at the classroom door, rather than coming into the classroom. It is good for the children to have the responsibility to hang up their coat, put away their book bag etc. You will still have the chance to talk to the staff if you need to, but if you need a word please come a few minutes before the 9 o'clock bell.

### START OF THE SCHOOL DAY FROM JANUARY

Before the end of this term, you will have the chance to see our new building, and where to drop off your children in the mornings. There is a path round to the back of the building, for Reception and Year 1 children to be taken to their classroom doors. Please take Year 2 children to their classroom doors at the front of the school. Junior children can be dropped in the playground as now.



For advance information, timings will be:

- 8.40 The playground gate will be open, with a member of staff on duty
- 8.50 Bell rings: infant classroom doors open / junior teachers will be in the playground, available to parents
- 8.50 – 9.00 Classroom doors open to infants
- 8.55 Hand bell or whistle for junior children to line up, and then be taken into class by the teachers
- 8.55 Breakfast club children will be taken to classes, where Teaching Assistants will receive them.
- 9.00 Playground gate closes

Please do not allow your junior children to arrive unaccompanied at school before 8.40am.

### MESSAGES ABOUT SICKNESS ABSENCE

If you phone in and tell us your child is unwell, please leave your child's full name and class, as we have had some messages that we are not sure who they are about! Please also let us know what is wrong with your child, as we have to keep a record of types of sickness absence.

### WALKING TO SCHOOL

As you will all have seen, we are taking part in the Walk to School scheme led by the Local Authority. We hope that the children have all been trying to persuade you to help them travel sustainably to school, whether that be through walking, cycling or scooting. Remember, if you live far away, to use the Park and Stride map to help support your children work their way to getting a monthly badge. Anyone parking outside the Park and Stride circle and walking the rest of the way will be eligible for a badge! Children who walk to school three times a week for a month earn a Strider badge. We appreciate that the roads around the school are extremely busy while the contractors work to finish the new building on time, and thank you to everyone for putting up with the disruption when it has been busy.



Here is another link to a resource that will help you to keep your child safe online.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of tips, advice and links for parents. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>



Advance notice - there will be a safer internet session for parents on the afternoon of Tuesday 28th January - more details to follow after Christmas.

## FOOTBALL SUCCESSES



The boys' team have been busy so far this term. On Friday 18th October, Watermore played Frampton Cotterell C of E in the first football match of the season. The team played well and won, with the full time score 3-1.

The team played in the South Gloucestershire Schools PE Association / English Schools Football Tournament at Oakland's Park Almondsbury on 24th October, and were semi-finalists.

This week the team played Elm Park and won 6-2. What a fantastic start to the season! Thanks to Mr Hathway for all his work with them.

Miss Day and Mr Mathias have been running a girls' football club, and they have their first competition in a couple of weeks. We'll let you know how they get on.

The next Bag2School collection is on Monday 2nd December. Bags will be sent home Soon. Please don't send them in before 2nd December, or they will get in the way of the Christmas Fayre on Friday 29th November.



We only need a few more stickers to win some sports kit. Please send any you have in as soon as you can.

## MRS NAISH

We held a lovely assembly on Monday to share the sad news of Mrs Naish with the junior children. The children have since written some beautiful messages about Mrs Naish, and we will deliver these to her family. If you would like to contribute to the family's collection for the oncology unit at the BRI, please send these in to Meadow office next week.

## PARKING AT SCHOOL

We know that parking outside Meadow Site is particularly difficult at the moment. The next week will be tricky, because there are so many trades working in the new building at the moment. Things should ease up in a couple of weeks, so thank you for your patience.

We have had some complaints about parking near Orchard Site, of parents parking right on the road junction in particular. Please be thoughtful and help to keep our children safe.

Although we ask parents not to use the staff car parks, if you have a Blue Badge, please use our disabled spots. They are there for anyone with a badge, not just staff.

## CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

You should have received proof copies of the Christmas cards made by the children. If you haven't seen this, search in the book bags!



Orders must be made online by mid-night on Thursday 14th November. Thanks to Catherine Pritchard for master-minding this for the PTFA.

**STAND WITH US  
AGAINST BULLYING!**

In collaboration

WITH  
**this morning**



Message from Mrs King -

Grab a free anti-bullying key ring from any Smiggle store!

## Club 4 School

Our breakfast club, Club4School, will transfer to the new building next term. They will send details of the drop-off point to parents in due course.

They are also taking bookings for their new after school club. This will run from the new school building starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

If you require a space please contact 07551 736030 or email [club4school@yahoo.com](mailto:club4school@yahoo.com)

Their website is <http://www.club4school.co.uk>

## MOVING TO OUR NEW BUILDING

It's all getting very exciting now! The new building is a hive of activity at the moment and will be handed over to the school on Monday 18th November.

We won't be able to use the building initially, as there are still several things still to be installed, both outside and inside, and staff training to take place.

We have lots of plans for everyone being able to visit the new building, and for the transfer of all our equipment into it. It's great to see the light at the end of the tunnel now, and we are immensely grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to

get us to this point. Particular appreciation goes to Dan Tapscott, a governor who has worked tirelessly for us and whose expertise has been so vital. Also to Andy Blake, Midas project manager, who has always been focussed on achieving everything he can to make sure that we get what we need and the work is of good quality.

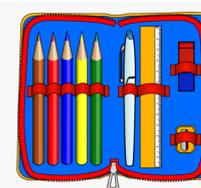
In the next few weeks we have the following planned:

- Classes will visit the new building on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December.
- Some children with SEN who would benefit from an additional visit will do this as well on a different date.
- On Monday 9th December parents can visit the new building between 2.30pm and 4.00pm. Either go along between 2.30 and the end of the school day on your own, or take your child after school.
- On Tuesday 10th December, the existing school buildings will be open for members of the community to come and have a last look inside. Please tell family members and neighbours who might like to visit for old times sake.
- The new building will also be open to parents on Wednesday 11th December between 8.15am and 9.30am. Come along early with your child if you would like, but please get them into school at the usual time. Or come along after drop-off on your own.



Our new building is lovely, but space is at a premium. We do not have separate cloakrooms - coat pegs are in the classroom. This means that there will not be room for the large rucksacks that some children bring. Please don't let your child bring a rucksack that is any larger than they need to carry their belongings. Some children have a huge bag, with nothing inside but a book bag! We thought we'd give you advance warning, so you don't buy your child a large bag for Christmas.

We ask the same regarding pencil cases. Children in Years 4 to 6 need to bring ONE pencil case to school, but this should not be so large that it won't fit in the trays that will be stored under their tables. Again - please tell kindly grandparents who may buy huge ones for Christmas!



Lastly, we have a lot of furniture and equipment that we will not be taking to our new site. This includes a piano, gym equipment, tables and chairs, bookcases, cupboards, tray units, projectors, office furniture, a stepladder, wheelbarrow and much more. If there is something you'd like to request, please let us know. We don't want anything to go to waste.

School will be open for collection of items at these times—come along and take a look!

Friday 13th December in the afternoon (for most items)

Saturday 14th December 10.30 am to 2.30pm



## CHILDREN IN NEED

Next Friday is Children in Need day. We invite children to come to school in non-uniform clothes, for a donation to the charity (minimum £1).



## CERTIFICATE WINNERS

The certificate winners for recent weeks will be included in the next newsletter - don't worry, we have not forgotten!

TERM 1 HOUSE POINT WINNERS WERE THE **GREEN** HOUSE. They will have a non-uniform day to celebrate on Friday 6th December.

## *What's on in Term 2?*

11th to 15th Nov	Anti-bullying week
Mon 11th Nov	Anti-bullying assemblies at both sites
Wed 13th Nov	Parents' Consultations 1.30 - 4.00pm
Thurs 14th Nov	Parents' consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm
Fri 15th Nov	Children in Need Fire fighter visit to Reception classes
18th - 20th Nov	Pedestrian training for Year 5 classes
Wed 20th Nov	Meeting for parents of Reception 2020 9.15am Year 6 road safety worksho[
Thurs 21st Nov	Viking workshop for Year 4 classes Year 5/6 girls football competition 5.00 - 6.30pm PTFA Infant Disco
Fri 22nd Nov	Non-uniform day for the Christmas Fayre
Tues 26th Nov	Hockey festival at Colston's School
Wed 27th Nov	Year 4 Ukulele performance for parents Full Governing Body 6.15pm
Thurs 28th Nov	Medieval Christmas workshops for Year 1 classes
Fri 29th Nov	PTFA Christmas Fayre 4.30 - 7.30pm
Mon 2nd Dec	Year 1/2 nativity dress rehearsal (morning)
Tues 3rd Dec	Reception nativity dress rehearsal (morning)
Wed 4th Dec	Year 1/2 nativity (morning) Reception nativity (afternoon)
Thurs 5th Dec	Reception nativity (morning)
Mon 9th Dec	'Stay & Play' for Reception parents 1.30 - 2.30pm New building open for parents 2.30 - 4.00pm Junior Christmas Concert 6pm
Tues 10th Dec	Anti-bullying focus group 10.0am Christmas lunch at Orchard Site Existing buildings open 5.00 - 6.30pm for members of the community to have a last look inside
Wed 11th Dec	New building open for parents 8.15 - 9.30am Medieval Christmas workshops for Year 2 classes
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas lunch at Meadow Site
Fri 13th Dec	School closes for the children
16th - 20th Dec	Removal into the new building and staff training