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DATES COMING UP

November

Fri 29th INSET DAY: school closed

December

3rd-5th Y2 Parent lunches

Sat 7th PTFA Christmas Event

Mon 9th Tue 10th PTFA Secret Room

(see next page for details of Christmas performances))

Fri 20th End of Term

Tue 7th Jan: Term 3 starts

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Newsletter 4



Movember

You may have spotted certain members of staff sporting moustaches or even beards... It's all in a good cause: supporting Movember, raising funds for Prostate cancer. If you would like to support this excellent cause, please click on the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-michaels-does-movember>

Dear parents,

We are now four weeks into another long term: and a very busy time it has been. In the first week we had parent evenings, and at the end of the week we had various Poppy-related activities. On the Saturday we held the fireworks event, and this was another fantastic display, despite potentially poor weather. See Page 2 for more details.

In week 2 Year 5 were on camp (see next page) and had a great time. Lots of Year 1 parents came in to lunch with their children, and on the Friday the whole school celebrated Children in Need Day. As usual the children (and staff) rose to the occasion, dressed up, and together we raised a superb £1219 for this very worthwhile cause.

Last week Year 6 visited the Aerospace museum in Charlton Hayes, and had an excellent time, whilst Year 4 went to Caerleon to find out more about the Romans. See later in the newsletter for reports from the children.

This week started off with a bang, with Y4-Y6 enjoying a wonderful theatre performance about the meaning of Christmas. Thanks to the Church Centre for hosting this event. The school continues to hum with activity as various year groups work on the Christmas performances: not far off now! And of course we had a super class assembly from 2.3 putting on a great show for their parents about the Fire of London.

Don't forget tomorrow is an Inset Day: time to catch breath before the Christmas fun starts!

Mark Freeman, Headteacher

Christmas Shoeboxes

Many thanks for all your shoebox donations: nearly 100 were sent off last week to help make someone's Christmas more special.



Staff update: Mrs Stewart (Family Link worker) will be off until the end of term: please contact Mrs Abbott or Mr Freeman if you need any family support.

CHRISTMAS DATES

All in December

Y3 Performance

Wed 11th 2.30pm

Thur 12th 2.30pm

Reception

Performances

Wed 11th 10 am

Thur 12th 10 am

Christmas Dinner

Fri 13th all children

Y2 Service in Church Centre

Tue 17th 10am

Christmas Concert:

Sat 7th 7.30pm at
Christchurch Downend

Class Parties

Week beginning 16th

PTFA News

Fireworks fun!

Well done to Gary Locke and all his team for organizing another excellent firework display. Thanks to all staff and parents for helping on the day - and for tidying up on Sunday! We had around 1500 people attending, resulting in a profit of over £4000. This will go towards improving the outdoor play equipment for KS1

Sports News

Our boys' football team played more excellent football in the South Glos finals, and didn't lose a single game. However, they were unlucky not to win their last game, meaning they just missed out on going through to the regional finals. 30 seconds from glory!

However, our good league and cup form continue, and we recently beat Holy Trinity 3-1 to progress to the next round of the Cup competition.

This week saw the first swimming gala of the year: we came 4th of the 6 schools taking part. Well done to everyone - we need a few more boys next time!

Camp Roundup

Year 6

Before half term Year 6 went away to a PGL Centre near Swindon. Within the huge grounds there are all sorts of different activities to try out, including: archery; ambush; lots of climbing challenges; zipwire; problem solving; bounce ball. The children had a fantastic time as usual.

Year 5

Year 5 spent 2 ½ days last week at the Dean Field Studies Centre. The focus for Year 5 is more geography/science based, and includes a water walk and stream study, as well as climbing canoeing and problem solving. The weather started well, but ended up with the wettest Thursday ever! (or so it seemed) Despite that, the children showed great resilience and had huge amounts of fun!



Parking

PLEASE don't use the school car park for dropping off/picking up, UNLESS you need to use the disabled access area.

We have recently had two minor accidents and some near misses of children walking across the car park. It is worse in the dark. Thank you!

Y6 Aerospace visit

We had a great time visiting the Aerospace museum last week. We learnt about rockets and made our own to launch with an air booster.

We went on board Concorde to see what the world's first supersonic passenger plane was like. It was much smaller than we thought it would be. We watched a film about how Concorde was built, which was projected onto the outside of the plane.

There were lots of other exhibits, mostly about aeroplanes, including a virtual flying experience which made you feel like you were actually in a plane. We really enjoyed the whole trip, especially because there were lots of interactive things to do.

Jess, Bethany and April Y6

Year 4 Caerleon visit

It was amazing. We went to the Roman baths, they were really large with a cold room and a hot room. Women and children had to go at different times to men, and the toilets were all together in one big room and you had to clean your bottom with a sponge on a stick (and then share it)!

We also went to the barracks to see where they lived, and found out that they had wooden beds with straw mattresses and NO pillows. We also dressed up in Roman armour which was like a metal dress and really heavy. It was a really good trip because we learnt a lot.

Rose and Grace (mainly) Y4

LIVING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

St Michael's Church
Stoke Gifford

Carols on the Green

Saturday 7 December 2019
6.15pm

The Green, Stoke Gifford

Brass Band Mulled Wine

Hot Dogs Festive Fun

stmichaelsbristol.org

A collection will be taken for
Caring at Christmas and Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter
Registered Charities 1151645 & 298528



Congratulations to Zane!
A huge well done to Zane D in Year 3,
who has carried out his own fundraising
challenge all year: wearing shorts every
day (whatever the weather! Respect due!)
To read more about this, please visit the
Bristol Post website:

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/bristol-schoolboy-worn-shorts-every-3578438>

And here he is: (brrrr!!!)



Don't forget to use the school website for all information about the school: dates; menus; payments etc: the APP is now also working: see website for how to download this.



Baby Sitting Service
Saturday 30th November 7-11pm
Saturday 14th December 7-11 pm
Holy Trinity Church Rooms
see www.wiseowlsclub.com for details

Other local Christmas Fairs

Sat 30th November
St Michael's Church Old School Rooms
2-5pm

Thur 5th December
Abbeywood Community School
3-5.30pm