



Reception 2020 visits: If you know anyone looking for a school place from September

* Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am

* Thursday 12th December at 1.30 pm

* Thursday 9th January 2020 at 5.30pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

* **General Election. Polling Station in the Children's Centre Building. School is open as normal ~ Thursday 12th December**

Christmas Events

* **MCC Christmas Fayre**
~ Saturday 7th December

* **Palladian Trust Carol Service**
~ Tuesday 10th December at 6pm at Bath Abbey Further details to follow.

* **MCC Christmas Play**
~ Friday 13th December at 1.30pm

**** ADDITIONAL DATE ****

Reception & Keystage One Christmas Performance 1
~ Monday 16th December at 2.15pm ~ coffee & mince pies from 1.45pm

* **Reception & Keystage One Christmas Performance 2**
~ Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am ~ coffee & mince pies from 9.00am

* **Christmas Lunch**
~ Wednesday 18th December

* **Reception & Keystage One Christmas Performance 2** ~
Thursday 19th December at 2.15pm ~ coffee & mince pies from 1.45pm.

* **Whole school Carol Concert**
~ Friday 20th December at 2.15pm.

* **Term 2 ends (break up for Christmas holidays)** ~
Friday 20th December at 3.15pm

* **Children Return to School for Term 3** ~ Monday 6th January

A positive difference, everyday, everyone

Dear Parents/Carers

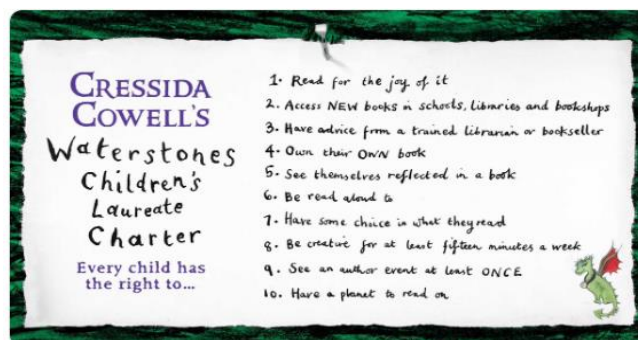
As we are moving into December this weekend, I can finally say that rehearsals are now well under way for our Christmas Nativity. Next week we have our Christmas Tree delivery and the first Christmas cards will have arrived via our internal Christmas Postal Service. Children can post their cards in the box by the office and our postal workers will ensure they are delivered. Please remember to add the Class Name to the front of your cards as well as the person you are sending them to.

Continuing with the festive theme, we have added in an **additional afternoon performance on Monday 16th December at 2.15pm with mince pies and coffee from 1.45pm**. We look forward to seeing you there and please remember to book your tickets from the Box Office (School office).

With the temperatures dropping over the last few weeks, it certainly feels like winter is upon us. We have such extensive outdoor grounds and a number of outsider sports providers in each week, that I just want to request that all children have a **warm coat and full PE kit (with tracksuit/jogging trousers)** in school every day; we do not want children to miss out or get too cold.

Thank you to all those who have completed their **Values voting form**. If you could please return your form to school by **Tuesday 3rd December** at the latest, we would very much appreciate it. If you need an additional copy please let the office know. Year 5 and Year 6 children are looking forward to counting the votes and announcing the results before the end of term. Remember to vote for five values that you would wish our children, parents and the wider community to live by day to day.

So far this year we have shared information about the P.E, Science and Maths curriculum at St Martin's Garden Primary School. This week the focus is **Reading** and I am the **Reading Lead (Mrs Parfitt)**. At St Martin's Garden we aim to develop enthusiastic, passionate and curious readers who develop a lifelong love of reading. Success in reading has a direct effect upon progress in all other areas of the Curriculum and is crucial in developing children's self-confidence and motivation. As a school we believe that the author **Cressida Cowell** (How to Train a Dragon) summed up the reading entitlement all schools should provide.



As a school we already ensure that many of the Laureate's requests are taking place e.g. accessing new books, be read aloud to, have access to a library and advice from a librarian.

Message from Mrs Parfitt continued

Mrs Barrow, our trained Librarian, ensures the Library is open at lunchtimes and classes can book slots after lunch with her. This means the children can browse our varied collection and choose a book which excites them. Mrs Barrow, the staff, and I are passionate about ensuring the children have access to the latest books and we are always recommending new books to the children. As a school we have lots of exciting events planned for next year around World Book Day – Thursday 5th March and our Reading Matters Week from 2nd -6th March. Information to follow in the New Year.

Excitingly, our **new non-fiction Learning Enquiry room** is taking shape and we will be officially opening this room next term. Over the next few weeks the children will be discussing in classes the different types of books they would like to see in our new non-fiction Learning Enquiry library. Mrs Barrow, our trained librarian, and Miss Warren, our Pupil Voice Leader, will then meet with our newly elected School Councillors to decide which non-fiction books we will add to the library. You will be invited in to view our new library in the New Year.

As a school we are always keen to hear from any parents, carers or family members who could volunteer any of their time to support the school. This could be supporting trips, reading with children, gardening etc. Please let the office know and Mr Bogg, our **Community, Inclusion and Enterprise Lead**, will get back to you.

Have a lovely Weekend. Mrs Parfitt, Head teacher

Christmas Performances

MCC Christmas Play ~ Friday 13th December at 1.30pm

'Everyone Loves a Baby' Reception & Keystage One Play

Performance One ~ Monday 16th December at 2.15pm

Performance Two ~ Tuesday 17th December at 9.30 am

Performance Three ~ Thursday 19th December at 2.15pm

Tickets now on sale for 'Everyone Loves a Baby' performances, only £1 each, Book early to avoid disappointment.

DON'T FORGET ~ Parents Netball, Wednesdays 2.00 -3.00 pm in the Small Hall please sign in at the office. I will be joining in some of the sessions next week so please come along and join Serena, Hailey and myself. We look forward to seeing you there. Mrs Parfitt.

INSET days for 2019/2020 School closed for all pupils

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 9th March 2020

Friday 10th July 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

GENERAL ELECTION 2019 ~ Thursday 12th December 2019.

The Children's Centre Building will be used as a Polling Station on this day.

The School will remain open.

Please note there will be no access to the Polling Station from the Lympsham Green side. Thank you.

Attendance Stars:

This week ~

Gold 99.38%

Platinum 97.22%

Walnut 96.58%

Well Done!

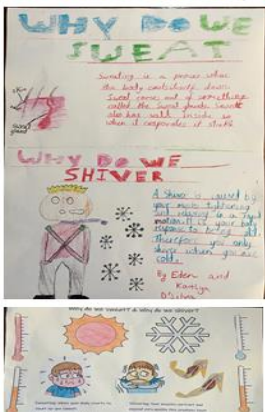
AFTER SCHOOL AND LUNCHTIME CLUBS FOR TERMS 3 AND 4 (January to Easter 2020).

Look out for the **NEW** Lunchtime and After-school clubs letter coming home. **PLEASE** return by **THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER** and mark your clubs in order of preference. Thank you.

Science Question of the Week

Congratulations to our winners:

Another brother-sister duo, Eden and Kaitlyn who had combined their research and presentation skills; Harvey for a brilliant poster.



New question:



How do airplanes fly?

Hand your posters to the office or to Mrs Mucunski **by Wednesday 4th Dec** before morning assembly when we will announce the winners.

Choice of great new prizes to be won!

Ask any school staff if you need A3 paper.

Community News

Quiet Spaces

Bath Central Library drop in sessions for children with additional needs and/or a Disability

During the Christmas Market Bath Central Library are offering a separate relaxed, safe space for families of young people with SEND and/or additional needs who need a break from the 'hustle and bustle'.

Drop in between 11:00am - 4:00 pm

Saturday 30th November

Saturday 7th December

Saturday 14th December



Ask one of the Library staff to point you in the right direction. Disabled toilets available. Waitrose Café across the hall for refreshments.

Bath Central Library, 19-23 The Podium, Bath BA1 5AN

Library opening times 9:30am – 5:00 pm

We'll have:

- ∞ sensory toys ∞ bag books
- ∞ story sacks ∞ black out tent



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KICK OFF YOUR OWN TRADITION



FA TROPHY

Sat 23 Nov v GOSPORT BOROUGH • 3pm

Sat 30 Nov v DARTFORD • 3pm

Sat 7 Dec v WEALDSTONE • 3pm



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