

2019-20 Newsletter number 7

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Happy new year!

We are so delighted to be in our new building, and the children have been fantastic. One of the main things both adults and children have noticed (apart from how lovely everything looks!) is how quite and calm everything is. Even in the lunch hall, it never seems really noisy. We are delighted that the higher spec acoustics are really making a difference.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

Thank you for your understanding of the current situation with limited space.

Here are a few things to try to make things easier:

- If you are dropping off / collecting children at the front and the back of the school, please go around the field end of the building, rather than having to go out into the road and back in again.
- Year 3 and 4 children will be taken to the old playground in the afternoons, so that we can be sure to hand them over safely.
- Junior teachers are available to you to speak to at 8.50am in the playground. The children should line up at 8.55 when a hand bell is rung.
- There will always be at least one member of the leadership team (Mrs Hoyle, Mr Hotchin or Mrs Powell) outside in the morning, so please do find them if you need to speak to someone.
- The path to the Reception/ Yr 1 areas will be locked other than pick up and drop off times. At other times, please come to the front door.
- Please do not allow your junior children to arrive unaccompanied at school before 8.40am.

HEALTHY BREAKTIME SNACKS

Infant children have fruit or toast snacks at morning break, and we would like to remind you that the junior children should also either buy toast and/or fruit juice or bring a fresh fruit or vegetable snack. They should not bring cereal bars, fruit winders etc or take items from their packed lunch box.

ROAD SAFETY



We are continuing to ask the council to put zig-zag lines in the right places, and move the crossing table. In the meantime, please help in these ways:

- Please don't park near to the gates (even where there are no zig-zags yet) as it is dangerous.
- Please be thoughtful towards our neighbours. We have had complaints this week about parents parking across driveways.
- Please do not park right on the junction, stopping visibility for other drivers and pedestrians.
- Even though it is a little inconvenient if you come from the Church Road direction, please always cross with the crossing patrol, and remind your children to do so if they walk alone.

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

For parents who have concerns about any aspect of your child's behaviour, at home or at school, we hold informal 30 minute drop in sessions with Vicky Borel, a Behaviour Support specialist. We have a slot remaining during her next visit on Thursday 16th January at 2.45pm. If you would like to take advantage of this, please let the school office know. If you'd like to see her the next time she visits, please get in touch with Mrs Powell, who can organise this for you.



Well done to the first special award winners in the new building:

Rebecca, Elodie, Amelia, Albie, George, Ronni, Gabriel, Ellie, Harris, Francesca, George, Ruby, Amelie, Joshua, Matthew, Harrison, Lily, Harry, Ethan, Lucy, Sienna, Kara, Thomas, Amelia, Joe and Alfie.

Headteacher's award winners:

Emi, Lily, Hensie, Tom, Rudi, Gethin.

We raised £607 for the BRI Oncology Unit in memory of Mrs Naish. Thank you for your generosity.

NEWS ABOUT MRS KING

We have happy news to tell you - Mrs King is having a baby later in the spring. She will be leaving us for her maternity leave on Friday 13th March. From Monday 16th March, Mrs Conroy will be teaching Heron Class on Tuesdays to Fridays, and on Mondays (and most Wednesday afternoons) they will be taught by Mrs Vicky Williams. As she knows the children well already, from having taught them as a supply teacher since Reception, this should be a smooth transition for the children. We all offer our congratulations to Mrs King and her family.

Spring Term dates 2020

Friday 17th Jan	Pantomime performances paid for by the PTFA - Cinderella
Monday 20th Jan	Year 2 visit to the Life Skills Centre
Wednesday 22nd Jan	Year 2 trip to the Living Rainforest
Friday 24th Jan	Macmillan Great Coffee Morning 9.00 - 11.30am
Monday 27th Jan	Reception classes Chinese New Year workshops
Tuesday 28th Jan	Online safety session for parents (afternoon time to be confirmed)
Wednesday 29th Jan	PTFA Committee 7.30pm The Rising Sun
Wednesday 5th Feb	Year 1 Space Dome in school Year 1 Home Learning Showcase Football match v Holy Trinity (away) 430 - 7.30pm New building Welcome Evening: invite your neighbours and families to come and see inside our building
Friday 7th Feb	Macbeth performance in school for Years 5 and 6
10th & 11th Feb	Reception screening
10th - 14th Feb	Book Fair week
Tuesday 11th Feb	Anti-bullying focus group 9.10am
Wednesday 12th Feb	Governing Body meeting 6.15pm
Friday 14th Feb	Staff Training Day (school closed to children)
17th - 21st Feb	Half term holiday
Monday 24th Feb	Year 3 swimming begins (10 weeks)
Wednesday 26th Feb	Celebration parties with disco for the children: 3.30 - 4.45pm for infants 5.00 - 6.30pm for juniors
Thursday 27th Feb	Netball festival at Colston's School
Saturday 29th Feb	Swimming Gala (Year 5 & 6)
Tuesday 3rd Mar	Bags2School collection Parents Consultation meetings 1.30 - 4.00pm
Wednesday 4th Mar	Parents Consultation meetings 4.00 - 7.30pm
Thursday 5th Mar	World Book Day
9th - 13th Mar	Art Week
Fri 13th Mar	Year 6 trip to the Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 17th Mar	Year 3 / 4 production 1.45pm
Wednesday 18th Mar	Year 3 / 4 production 6.00pm
Wednesday 1st Apr	Choir concert at Winterbourne Academy
Friday 3rd Apr	Staff training Day (school closed to children)
6th - 17th April	Easter holiday

ARE YOU HANDY
WITH AN ALLEN KEY?

HAVE YOU AN HOUR
OR TWO TO SPARE?

If so, please get in touch,
as we have several items
to make up - wellie racks,
lunchbox trolleys etc.



We'd be most grateful for
some help.

ART WEEK

If you have a particular
skill to offer us for our art
week, in particular if you
could offer to run a ses-
sion for a group of chil-
dren, please get in touch
with Mrs MacSorley via
the school office.

We will ask for people
who'd like to help out in a
more general way in a
couple of weeks.

