

# Newsletter No 7: Term 3

## January 2020

Principal: Mrs Debbie Coker

Chair of Local Board: Mrs Trish Dodds

Dear Parent / Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I trust that you and your families have had a good break and that the children have been eager to get back into school and start their learning. I have been dropping into see learning throughout the school this week and I have been really pleased with the calm and purposeful engaged learning I have seen. It has been especially great to see the smiles and satisfaction from our team of Y4/5 children returning from the Inclusion Sports Competition this week. Thankyou to them for representing our school so well!

### Y3 /4 donations from Carol Service

I wanted to say a big thankyou to everyone who came along to the Y3/4 Carol Service at St Mary's at the end of last term. At the end of the service donations were collected to support Nazareth House in the Dominican Republic. Sister Mercedes (pictured below) has taken in 15 children 0-18 years who have been orphaned due to their additional needs ( see below). These children have a lot of needs, some need medications, special equipment to help them walk, move about, toilet etc. It costs £3000 a month to run the house and Sister Mercedes relies on charitable donations to support this. I am really pleased to say that we received a total of £100 in donations that have been sent to ' Go Mad', the charity supporting Nazareth House. Thank you yet again for your generosity towards those who need it!



### News from the Multi- Academy Trust.

As many of you know, we are part of a multi- academy Trust called DBAT (Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust). One of our partner schools Easton CE Academy received their Ofsted inspection at the end of November and we wish to join them in celebrating their great result.' Easton has been on a bit of a journey from Special Measures 5 years ago to Requires Improvement 2 years ago and now to 'Good'. Congratulations!

### Trips and Experiences

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic trip to the Bristol Museum this week to learn all about the Egyptians. Thanks to the staff and volunteers who enabled this to take place.

On Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 we will be celebrating World faiths as part of our RE day. The day will start off with an assembly led by Mrs Watts ( our RE lead). We will be welcoming visitors from a variety of faiths to share why their faith is special to them and talk about some of the special festivals and practices they follow.

Our Y5/6 Dodgeball team and Athletics team will be competing at the County competitions at the end of this month. We wish them every success!

### Staffing News

Sadly next week we have to say goodbye to Mrs Mehe, one of our SEND Ta's who supported a Reception child 1:1. Mrs Mehe is reluctantly leaving us to return to Chile. We wish her every success with her next steps. We are actively seeking to appoint for this role.



### Value of the Term : Justice

We will be focussing on a question each week linked to our term's theme. These are introduced in Monday's Collective Worship and then discussed again during Class based Collective Worship on Wednesday.

**Week 1:** How would you describe justice?

**Week 2:** What are the qualities needed to make wise decisions?

**Week3:** Have you ever jumped to a conclusion without waiting to hear the full story? What was the impact of this?

**Week 4:** What would you make your 10 rules for living well today?

**Week 5:** What can you do to make the world a fairer place?

**Week 6:** How should we behave towards others?

### World Faith Theme Day

We welcome people of all faiths to come in and share their knowledge and experiences of taking part in the major festivals. We will be celebrating all faiths on our RE day on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2020. We are hoping to have a visitor from a each of the world faiths to talk about their beliefs and how they live their lives according to them.

Please let the office know if you or anyone on house or changed their mobile number.

It is important that our records are kept up-to-date in case your child is sick or we need to contact you.

**Don't forget, school begins at 8.45am!**

Did you know you can text us as well as ring us about your child's absence before 9.30am? Please state the full name of your child, their class name or teacher and reason for absence in your text.

Our text number is 07786 208896

## **A letter from the Chair of the Local Board.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2020. I hope you all had a happy and peaceful holiday!

So far this this academic year has been very busy for the school and the Local Board (Governors).

The main achievement so far has been the outcome of the SIAMS inspection - a judgement of Good. This is an excellent outcome against the new criteria which are far more challenging. A theme running through the report is the inclusiveness of the school. The Communities and Values Committee of the Local Board worked closely with the RE Leader and Inclusion Team so that all the evidence required was available. Thank you and congratulations to all.

In September two members of the Board resigned due to relocation. Both are greatly missed. Elaine Jones had been a member for many years and supported the school and Local Board in so many ways. Andrew Baille chaired the Finance and Resources Committee. His background in finance and business is a loss. We are in the process of recruiting. Meanwhile all members have been proactive in taking on extra activities including Chairing and monitoring.

As a positive we were joined by Zoe Faullhurst as a new Foundation Governor. She brings a wealth of experience of Special Needs and Disability.

Currently we are monitoring the curriculum, particularly subjects other than English and mathematics, as well as our annual statutory duties.

As you have been informed Ms Culver will be leaving her Assistant Headteacher post in February. We thank her for her contribution to school development during a time of change for the school. We wish her every success in her new job.

Members of the Local Board will attend the Parent Meetings in March - so please come and chat to us.

Trish Dodds  
Chair of Local Board

## Dates for your diaries , with best wishes from Debbie Coker ( Principal)

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                            | INSET Day for staff ( School Closed to children)                      |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January                           | Term 3 begins. Doors open at 8.40am.                                  |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> , Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> January  | Y3 and 4 trip   |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January                        | Whole School RE day   |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February                        | Y5 helping with Tree Planting   |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February                          | Nursery Stay and Play   |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                         | Y3 Sharing Learning   |
| Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> February                            | Y4 Sharing Learning.  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February                        | Reception Parent Phonic Meeting. ( After school in Minnows Classroom) |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February                          | End of Term 3   |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February | Half Term Break ( School Closed)                                      |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February                          | Term 4 begins ( 8.40am)<br>Fairtrade Day.                             |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February                         | KS2 Sats meeting for Parent /carers of Year 6 children.               |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February                       | KS1 Sats meeting for Parent/ Carers of Year 2                         |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                            | World Book Day ( info to follow shortly)                              |