

Hotwells Primary School

Learning to bring out the best in everyone

Issue 18 – 24th January 2014

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Next week is 'SOLVE IT' WEEK!

Thank you to the parents who have already offered to visit a class this week... But we still need more volunteers! Could talk to some children, perhaps just for 10-15 minutes about how you use maths and other problem solving skills in any work or home activity (e.g. DIY or cooking)? The children would love to have a visit from you! Please talk to Mrs Lambert or the class teacher if you can help.

Congratulations to Jazlyn Pinckney, who has a new job with Circomedia! Jaz currently supports in Class 2. We will all be very sorry to see Jaz go when she leaves us at half term, but we wish her good luck and every success in her new role.

Hotwells School Calendars

There are still some school calendars available. They are on sale from the office – now at the reduced price of £5!

CLUBS & MUSIC	
Monday	Piano 9.00-11.50 (Rachel) Piano 1.00-3.30 (Fiona) KS2 Football 3.45 – 4.45 Spanish Club KS1 3.45 – 4.45pm
Tuesday	Judo Club 8.00-8.45am Guitar 9.00-12.00 Piano 1.00-3.00 (Julia) Art Club 3.45-4.45 Multi Skills Club (Y1/2) 3.45-4.30
Wednesday	Flute/recorder 9.00-12.20 (Violeta) Cello 1.00-3.30pm (Tegan) Yoga Stars 3.45 – 4.45 Years 4 – 6 KS1 Football 3.45 – 4.45
Thursday	Brass 9.00-10.00 (Paul) Violin 10.00-11.30 (Anne) Double bass – 2.00-3.30 (Ben) Yoga Stars 3.45 - 4.45 Years 1 – 3 Netball Club (KS2) 3.45-4.30pm
Friday	Piano 1.00-3.30 (Fiona) Cello 3.00-3.30

Please remember that double parking outside school makes the road dangerous and puts all our children at risk.

Culture Club is back!

Weds 5th February, 12.30pm

Karima Kouskous (Isaac Reception, Zac Year 1) will be talking about life in Holland. All children from Reception Class to Year 6 are welcome.

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to our football team who played in the first of a series of matches at South Bristol Sports Centre.

You all played really well and showed great determination and fighting spirit!

Academy Conversion Update

The process of Hotwells Primary School converting to an Academy is now well underway and is so far, proceeding smoothly. We have set a provisional conversion date of the beginning of April and all being well we should meet that target. Annie Butler and the teaching staff have been working on formulating the all important school charter which encapsulates the Hotwells school vision, ethos and values and we are hoping to be able to share it with all parents shortly so watch this space!

Dinner Money Please remember that dinner money should be brought in on Monday morning in a named envelope & handed in to the class teacher – NOT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. £2.25 a day, £11.25 per week. It is quick and easy to pay online. If you would like more information about how to do this, please ask in the office.

Sports Update

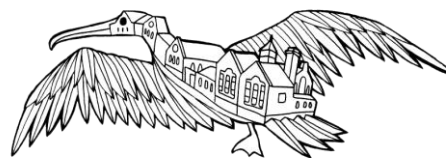
Thurs 30 th January 4.00-5.30pm	Y5 & 6 Football Tournament
Saturday 1 st February (evening)	Y4 Stages performance at Colston Hall
Thurs 6 th February 4.00-5.30pm	Y5 & 6 Football Tournament
Thurs 13 th February	Y5 & 6 Football Tournament

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DATES FOR TERM 3/4

Monday 27 th January	'Solve It' Week
Saturday 1 st February	Stages - Year 4 performing at the Colston Hall
Wednesday 5 th February	Bristol Old Vic performance of Comedy of Errors at school 1.30-2.30 Years 2-6
Thursday 6 th February	Reception Forest School a.m.
Friday 7 th February	Year 6 Lifeskills @ Create Centre 1.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 12 th February	Year 1 Dance Festival @ Ashton Park 10.00-11.30am
End of Term 3	Friday 14th February
Term 4 starts	Monday 24th February 2014
5 th and 6 th March	Parent consultation evenings
INSET DAYS 2013/2014	
Monday	2nd June 2014

Charterhouse Residential Camp Y4/5 April 2014

Thank you to those of you who have paid their £25 deposit, the next instalment of £40 is due by Friday 7th February. Cheques should be made out to 'Hotwells Primary school', or you can pay online.

DATES FOR CAKE SALES

Friday 31 st January	Year 6
Friday 7 th February	Reception
Friday 14 th February	Hotspots

Sickness/absence from school

Please remember that if your child is unable to come to school because they are ill or have a medical appointment, you need to let us know at the start of the day. You can call the school office to speak to a member of staff or leave a message on the answer machine.

On your child's return to school please bring in a letter confirming your child's illness, thank you.

Who is entitled to a free school meal?

Parents do not have to pay for school meals for their child if they receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.

Parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working fewer than 16 hours per week. Children who receive Income Support or income-based Job Seeker's Allowance in their own right qualify as well.

Please speak to the School Office if you would like more information about Free School Meals, if you need help applying.

First Response Bristol Safeguarding Children Board's have launched a new First Response service. If you are worried about a child or young person; or if you need some help with parenting or your child needs some help from children's services in Bristol, you can phone First Response on 0117 9036444.