

Newsletter No 6: Term 2

November 2020

Dear Parent / Carers,

Firstly, let me begin with a big thank you to those of you who have sent messages of support and thanks over the last couple of weeks. It has been a tough time in school recently as Covid has hit our local area. There have been a number of days when up to 22 members of staff were out for reasons related to Covid. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 5 back this week after their period of isolation. This will mean that Mr Simons will be back to support sports sessions in school again. Hurrah !!

Please could I remind all parent /carers to wear face masks on site to pick up and drop off unless exempt. If you are exempt and you have a special exempt lanyard please wear it so that we don't remind you to wear your face mask. As I've already mentioned, our local area is facing an increase in positive cases so we ask that where possible only one parent /carer enters site to pick up the children. As before we are unable to have parent /carers waiting on site so please arrive at the later bubble time for your children in order to pick up all of them at once. Thanks again for your ongoing support with this.

New Reading Assistants!

We have some great news. We have appointed two fantastic Reading Assistants to work in the afternoons to help our children catch up the lost momentum with reading during Lockdown. They will join our existing team of brilliant Reading Assistants. We look forward to welcoming Bethany Lamonte and Caroline Galvin in January 2021 when they join the team.

Anti Bullying Week



Last week we kicked off Anti-bullying week with a special assembly led by Miss Sutherland our PSHE lead and we all wore our odd socks to remind us that everyone is a bit different. All of the children worked on their Jigsaw units 'Celebrating Difference' and revisited what to do if they see bullying behaviours. I am pleased to say that we rarely have to deal with bullying incidents in school. If you want to read more about how we deal with these kinds of incidents please see our website – Safeguarding Tab – Say no to Bullying!

Reminder INSET day 30th November

Just a reminder that Monday the school is closed to children due to our planned inset training. The staff will be getting together over Zoom to focus on further developing our behaviour system through positive relationships and we will be focussed on developing our curriculum during the afternoon. Children will return on Tuesday 1st December.

Friends of Fishponds AGM

Advance notice of the Friends (PTA) AGM. This will take place 8pm on Weds 16th December over Zoom. See advert later in newsletter for details.

Golden Time changes

As you are aware there has been a temporary change to our school week to enable PPA to take place whilst we are experiencing staff shortages due to Covid. This has provided us with the opportunity to try out a different way of giving positive rewards for being on green. We are going to extend our class Celebration Assembly time on a Friday morning into a whole class relationship building session. This will be a time where the class can play a game together have a bit of fun and build the 'Team spirit'. All children will be encouraged to take part in this. When things go wrong e.g. a child breaks a rule, they will be given a fitting consequence instead of missing time from this special time. This may be tidying up if they made a mess, fixing the issue with a friend if they have fallen out, talking about what went wrong and thinking of how to play better etc. Making these changes will enable everyone to join in this special 'Building Relationships' session which is so important and beneficial to our children's mental health. These temporary changes will be in place until PPA is reviewed for T3.



Church of England Academy

Principal: Mrs Debbie Coker

Chair of Local Board: Mrs Trish Dodds



Value of the Term : Love

Our Whole School Collective Worship sessions will take place on Tuesdays on Zoom as even though we are all back in school we are unable to gather together physically. Each week we will focus on one of the questions below.

Questions of the Week:

Week 4: What will you secretly do to make someone's day this week?

Week 5: Advent: How do you help yourself be ready and prepared for big events in your life? Rev Lizzie will be joining us for our Collective Worship today.

Week 6: How does the Christmas story show Christians of God's love for humans?

Week 7: How can we be welcoming and show love to all in our community at this time?

Term 3

Value of the Term: Respect

Learning to learn behaviour: Creative

Reminder of PE Slots again due to staff changes!

(Please send your children in PE kit on days below)

Monday – Year 2 Surgeonfish

Tuesday – Year 4

Wednesday – Year 1 and Year 3 and Year 5

Thursday – Year 6 and Year 2 Parrot fish



Mr Simons will be distanced teaching the classes above from next week. This means that he will not be personally dealing with any children in the class and will direct PE learning from a safe distance outside. The class will still be led by the class team and all transitions will be managed by the class team thus keeping Mr Simons safe by not breaking any bubbles. We hope that this allows our children to keep fit and benefit from Mr Simons' skills whilst keeping everyone safe.

Wednesday, Dec 16 at 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Dear all,
As most of you know, our AGM which was supposed to have happen back in April was cancelled due to lockdown.
We have had a few uncertain months, the new school started and due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we have decided to have the AGM meeting via Zoom. ([zoom link](#) will be shared closer to the date)

It will be in the evening, at 8pm, so we hope that the time will allow more parents to join in from their own home.

Please join us, listen to what we have to say, share your thoughts.

All Welcome!

PS.: Hope you like our brand new Logo!
([created](#) by a lovely and talented parent)

The poster is for 'Winter Wonder Bags' and is set against a red background with white snowflake icons. At the top right is the EBCC logo (East Bristol Children's Centres). A white banner with a red border contains the title 'Winter Wonder Bags' in a red, cursive font. Below the banner, the text reads: 'Help us make Christmas a little brighter for local families in need this winter. Can you help by donating any new...'. A list of items to donate is provided, including socks, toys, gloves, chocolates, games, toiletries, stationery, and Christmas treats. A note states: '** All items must be new, not gift wrapped and put in a tied bag **'. At the bottom, it says 'Drop off or get donations delivered direct by 10th December 4pm to:' followed by a table of donation locations and contact numbers.

Broomhill Children's Centre, Fermaine Avenue, BS4 4UY	0117 3534276
Oldbury Court Children's Centre, Frenchay Road, BS16 2QS	0117 3532899
Speedwell Children's Centre, Speedwell Road, BS5 7SY	0117 3532899
St Anne's park Children's Centre, Lichfield Road, BS4 4BJ	0117 3773189

Interested in becoming a teacher?

School Direct PGCE Initial Teacher Training



At our school we recognise that part of our role is in training the teachers of the future and so are very proud to say that we work with Pickwick Learning to provide a school-centred training route into teaching. Our school is one of a growing number of partnership schools working with Pickwick to provide placements for trainee teachers in 2021-2022.

If you would like to train to become a teacher and would like to do so through Pickwick Learning, please use their [website](#) to find out all about our School Direct programme.

To be eligible you will need a degree and English, Maths and Science GCSEs at grade C (level 4) or above.

Find: <https://find-postgraduate-teacher-training.education.gov.uk/>

Apply: <https://www.apply-for-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/candidate>

For more information on Initial Teacher Training (ITT) please visit the Pickwick Learning website www.pltisa.co.uk/school-direct-itt, come along to a Pickwick Introduction Meet and Greet sessions or contact:

Amy Tapscott (Director, Pickwick Learning and School Direct PGCE ITT Lead):

e: atapscott@pickwickacademytrust.co.uk t: 01249 712387

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

Monday 30 th November	INSET training School Closed to children.
Tuesday 1 st December	RSE parent working party to review RSE curriculum 4.30pm with Miss Sutherland.
Tuesday 8 th December	EYFS prospective parent Zoom information evening for intake Sept 21
Week beginning Monday 14 th December	Virtual Christmas Events This week the various year groups that would normally perform Rec / Y1 nativity and the Y3/4 Carol Service will upload their offerings to their online platforms. Visit your child's Tapestry account for Reception. Visit your child's See Saw account for Y1 and Y3/4.
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner Day Deadline for class Christmas Tree Decorating
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term. Wear something festive day and donate £1 towards our Exploration Zone.
Monday 4 th January	INSET DAY School closed to children
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of Term 3 school

Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 15th December 2020

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**Roasted British Turkey**  
**Sage and Onion Stuffing**  
**Roasted Potatoes**  
**Seasonal Vegetables**  
**Gravy & Cranberry Sauce**

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Roasted British Turkey - Halal
Sage and Onion Stuffing
Roasted Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

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**Roasted Quorn Fillet**  
**Sage and Onion Stuffing**  
**Roasted Potatoes**  
**Seasonal Vegetables**  
**Gravy & Cranberry Sauce**

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Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna

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**Chocolate Rice Krispy Christmas Pudding**

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