

Newsletter 19th March 2021

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COMPASSION COMMUNITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

Dear Parents,

Red Nose Day today was yet another wonderful opportunity to unite the school community once again and reconnect its members. The children and staff certainly filled the building with fun and laughter and I do not think I have ever learnt so many new jokes in one day! Please ask your child to share their favourite jokes from the day with you. It is hard to believe that we have only been back in school for two weeks now as there is a real sense of calm and productivity in our classrooms. This is real testament to the work the teachers have put in to planning meaningful and appropriate activities for their children. We continue to prioritise the well-being of every member of our school community and children are continuing to receive additional support as and when this is needed. Some children can be very good at hiding their true emotions, so please do contact your class teacher directly if you are concerned about anything.

We are much looking forward to meeting many of you next week at parent/teacher meetings. This will be different from our usual face-to-face experience, but we hope they provide you with a good understanding of how your child has settled back into school, their strengths and areas for development. We very much need your contributions in these meetings, so please come with any comments, questions or concerns. We need to keep strictly to an 8 minute meeting time for each family so the teacher has enough time to start the meeting for the next parent. If more time is needed for discussion, then your class teacher will book a further meeting with you.

Have a lovely week end and enjoy some quality time with your family.

Best wishes,

Sophie Westerwijk



I was sorry to hear that many of our children have not been enjoying our school lunches recently. Lunch time needs to be an enjoyable time for all our children and our kitchen team strive to provide and cook creative and delicious menus. There have been some real challenges recently due to our Covid-19 Risk Assessment and the timings of our two sittings, but Kerry is determined to make this work and serve the children with food that they really enjoy. Myself and the School Council will meet with Kerry next week to work together on making our lunches the 'best they can be.' I would like to thank Kerry for her hard work, care and positive attitude.

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE – JUSTICE



Time to Talk:

Why are justice and fairness important? Can you see examples of fairness around you?



SOME
WONDERFUL
NEWS TO SHARE

We are delighted to tell you that Sinead Cope and her husband are expecting a baby in August 2021. Sinead will continue teaching Bluebell until the end of term 6 and will then take her maternity leave. Once we have plans confirmed, we will introduce you to the staff member who will be stepping into Sinead's role in September 2021.



*Monday – Gymnastics
Tuesday – Dodgeball
Wednesday – Multi Sports
Thursday – Football
Friday – Hockey or Cricket*

As well as offering a range of sports for our children to take part in every day, our after school club also offer a range of other activities including craft, reading, games and free-play...

If you have any questions relating to the financial side of our Wrap Around Provision then please contact our school office on: admin@stmarysprimaryportbury.org

If your questions relate to any other matter then please contact Lynne Giles, St Mary's Wrap Around Care Leader on: Lynne.giles@bristol-sport.co.uk