



# Hotwells Primary School

Issue 8 – 24th October 2014 - Term 1

Hello Everyone,

Please find enclosed with today's newsletter an orange leaflet mapping out five minute walking distances to school for our families who do need to drive to or from school. I do hope you will be interested in exploring possible alternative options of parking safely and enjoying a few minutes' walk built in to your journey to or from our school.

This week, even without Class 6, school has been a hive of activity. Class One enjoyed making fruit salads yesterday which were delicious! Class Three sang wonderfully as part of the chorus in a song about being unique and feeling 'Good to be Me!' More to come about this later in the year.

Meanwhile Class Six have been enjoying a wonderful time at Osmington Bay; you may well have seen the super photos on our website (Y6 class camp link). Mrs Lambert and I have both visited the children at different points during the week. On Tuesday I enjoyed a bracing morning walk across fields and through woodland and spent the afternoon puzzling over team building, problem solving and riddle making! Enormous thanks go to all of the staff who have spent the week at Weymouth with our children enabling them to experience an incredible week that, I am sure, will remain with them as one of the high points of their primary school experience.

It just remains for me to wish you all a wonderful half term week and special family time together. Please stay safe as the evenings draw in and if you are attending firework celebrations do remember the firework code.

[http://www.fireworks.co.uk/safety/Firework Code Kids leaflet.pdf](http://www.fireworks.co.uk/safety/Firework_Code_Kids_leaflet.pdf)

Mrs Delor

## ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to our Year 3 cyclists who gained their Level 1 Bikeability certificates last week, well done to you all!

**Hotwells Sports Kit:** We are still looking for sponsorship or funding for new Hotwells Team sports kit. Having a whole team kit really makes the children feel proud to represent their school as well as giving them a team identity. If you can help please come to the office, or speak to Matt Leach (Nursery teacher)

**REMEMBER, REMEMBER:** School reopens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is an INSET day and the school is closed to pupils.

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Congratulations to Year 6 on a fantastic week at Osmington Bay. The staff and PGL instructors have all commented on your brilliant, fantastic teamwork and positive attitude.  
We are very proud of you all!

**Do you double park outside our school?**

Double parking is inconsiderate for our neighbours and makes the road unsafe for all our children. If you have been double parking, please think and make a change. (leaflet attached re 5 minute walking zone).

Thank you for supporting our five minute walk zone.

## DATES FOR TERMS 1 & 2

Friday 24th October	Term 1 ends
<b>Monday 3rd November - INSET DAY</b> School closed to pupils	
Tuesday 4th November	Term 2 starts
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Meeting
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Toy Sale
Tuesday 18th November 3.45-6.30pm	Parents Consultation Evening
Wednesday 19th November	Parents Consultation Evening
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	PTA Tapas & Music Night
<b>INSET DAYS in Terms 2 and 3</b> School closed to pupils	
Monday	3rd Nov 2014
Monday	5th Jan 2015
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2015
One more INSET day to be confirmed	



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## DATES FOR TEA AND CAKE SALES

### Half Term

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery

### Sports Update

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 Bristol City Kids Cup @ South Bristol Sports Centre 3.30-5.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Swimming Gala
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/Y4 Sportshall Athletics

### Calendar Sponsorship

We are looking for sponsors for this year's school calendar, thank you to those who have shown an interest and booked your spaces - but we still have space available if anyone would like to advertise this year. Prices start at £20 for a third share of a page, £30 for a half share and £50 for exclusive space. This is the last week that parents and carers have priority booking before space is made available externally and if you are interested please contact Michaela Norris - (Reception class rep) or leave your details with Martine in the office to pass on to me.

### The Toy Sale still needs volunteers to

#### HOST A POST

The Toy Sale has secured some sponsorship, and is looking for 10 volunteers to host an estate agent post. For full details please refer to you class rep email from earlier in the week.

Areas of **Bristol** where you can HOST A POST are BS1, BS2, BS3, BS7, BS8, BS9. If you or other family members could HOST A POST, please email the PTA at: [TheToySale@gmail.com](mailto:TheToySale@gmail.com)

Many thanks, Luise and Kirsty

### Hotspots after school club have permanent staff team

Many of you will have already met the new team; but we are pleased to announce that George Haskins has started as play leader, and Shula Lloyd as play worker at Hotspots after school club. Please welcome them, as we know you will, in the coming weeks.

Don't forget, Hotspots will **NOT** be running on inset day, but will reopen on Tuesday 4th November. George and Shula have already been busy planning the new activities for the autumn term; we look forward to seeing you after the holiday.

Hotspots management committee.

### **Secondary Transfer Applications Deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October!**

Admission leaflets have been given to Y6 pupils transferring to secondary schools in September 2015. The closing date for on-line applications is 31st October 2014. Paper applications postmarked after this date and time will be treated as late applications and a school place will NOT be allocated in the first round of offers.

### PTA News

A huge thank you to everybody who baked cakes or helped at the Arts Trail Café last week. We raised a decent £214 towards PTA funds. The cakes were delicious!

**The half marathon donation site has now closed.** The runners raised a massive £3480 which will be put towards the Green resurfacing fund. Thank you to everybody who ran, donated or cheered them on on the day. It was a brilliant event and a great success. The PTA is committed to raising at least another £5000 this year towards the Green fund. Look out for upcoming events – The Tapas and Music Night on 22<sup>nd</sup> November looks like it will be a great night – or you can donate to the PTA at anytime using the secure mydonate website:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/>

(Just search for Hotwells PTA and then click 'Donate Now'). If you are an employee and can persuade your Company to donate that would be great too!

### Bar Manager

We would like to thank Duncan and Elana Howard for taking on the role of PTA bar managers. The cupboard is already stocked for the tapas night, which is fantastic.

If you would like to know more or get involved please speak to any of the committee members, your class rep, leave a note in the office or come to the next PTA meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov or following morning - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.

### VOTE BRISTOL

The national Grow Wild vote is now open!

Vote for Bristol to win £120k to transform dull, abandoned areas, like the Cumberland Piazza into vibrant, colourful wild flower spaces that communities across our wonderful city can enjoy.

Picture - artist's impression of the Cumberland Piazza.

**You can vote by calling 0808 228 7704 or online at [vote.growwilduk.com](http://vote.growwilduk.com). It's easy to do and only takes a few seconds. The deadline is 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

By voting for Bristol - The Peoples Plant Collection, you will be supporting the world's first community plant project which will rejuvenate the Bristol landscape - a legacy created for the people by the people.