

Hotwells Primary School

Issue 14 – 12th December 2014 - Term 2

Dear Parents

The end of term is looming and School is alive with glitter, Christmas jumpers and happy voices singing festive songs! Our KS2 Carol Concert in the Hope Chapel raised £105 for the local charity Caring at Christmas. We chose this organisation because several children in KS2 have been to see me asking to raise money to help people in need especially those who are homeless at this time of year.

This week has also seen Y6 embrace their Victorian Day with huge enthusiasm, Y5 explore the excitement as well as the hardships of life during World War II and Y4 have visited the Watershed to take part in some prototype story telling cinematic research. Meanwhile Year 3 may remember taking part in singing a song about 'Being Unique' with Andy Day (of Andy's Dinosaur Adventures fame) last term. The album is available for sale, through the school office, for £7 during the last week of term.

This week our School Improvement Adviser paid his first thrice yearly visit to school. All schools take advantage of this sort of outside support and the Autumn visit always focuses upon pupil's achievement. I am very pleased to say that our adviser has verified our own judgements of last year's data showing that Hotwells is providing an outstanding environment for progress and achievement at our school.

You may be aware, through local media that there have been several reports of 'stranger danger' alerts in north Bristol in recent weeks. We are a small and close knit community school who know our children and families well, a real bonus I feel, but please always be vigilant at pick up and drop off times. I would also like to remind parents to avoid using the main school front door unless absolutely necessary, i.e. visiting the school office, and to arrive and leave via the playground gate; this helps us to know who is in the school building at all times and to have less traffic in and out of the school door.

With many thanks for your support as always.

Mrs. Delor

Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 17th December

If your child does not normally have a lunch, why not get festive and try a delicious Christmas meal? It costs the same as a normal lunch: just £2.25.

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to Year 6 who came dressed as Victorian children as part of a Victorian Christmas day. They had a busy day making old fashioned paper chains, Christmas crackers, Christmas cake, and decoupage Christmas cards. They also experienced writing with fountain pens!
You all did really well and had great fun!

Class 1 and Class 2 performance of 'Gnome Alone' is on Tuesday at 2.30pm and Wednesday at 6.00pm. Entry is by ticket only. There are still some tickets available.

Nursery Sing-a-long

Wednesday 17th December, Nursery parents are all invited, 11am and 2.45pm

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to Year 5 who had a great Home Front Day. The children made biscuits, did some knitting, darning and played some old fashioned games!

**INSET DAYS MONDAY 5TH & TUESDAY 6TH
JANUARY 2015
SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
SCHOOL REOPENS ON WEDNESDAY 7TH
JANUARY**

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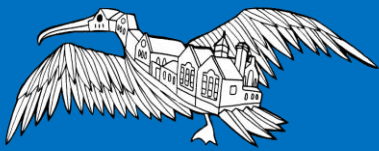
Clubs update:

Breaking News..... Two new clubs will be starting up in January for KS2:

Multisports club which will take place on Tuesdays, 3.45-4.45 and

Musical Theatre club, which will take place on Thursday mornings from 8.00-8.45am

PLEASE RETURN REPLY SLIPS BY MONDAY LATEST, THANKS.



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More Clubs will be on offer to the children from January, including Harmonica Club, Photography Club, The Outdoors Club and Fencing! Details to follow in the New Year.



After School Club – BOOKING NOW FOR JANUARY 2015!

STARTS THURSDAY 8TH

SPACES LIMITED. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

£4.50 per session. To reserve your child's place please contact Alex Franklin:

Email hello@yoga-stars.co.uk or call 07930 822424.

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Scooters

Please collect all scooters at the end of the day on Friday 19th December, thanks.

DATES FOR TERM 2

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| Friday 12 th December | Christmas Cracker Grotto from 3.15 onwards |
| Tuesday 16 th December | KS1 performance to parents 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 17 th December | |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 17 th December | KS1 evening performance to parents 6.00pm |
| Friday 19 th December | End of Term 2 |

INSET DAYS in Term 3 School closed to pupils

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| Monday | 5th Jan 2015 |
| Tuesday | 6 th Jan 2015 |
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DATES FOR TEA AND CAKE SALES

| Friday 19 th December | Year 5 |
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| Sports Update | |
| 23rd January 2015 | Year 1 dance festival @ Ashton Park |
| 26 th February 2015 | Year 5/6 Dodgeball competition @ Ashton park |
| 6 th March 2015 | Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby competition |

LOST PROPERTY

There is STILL a mountain of lost property in school! Please check and collect all your children's lost property before the end of term. Any items left will be donated to charity.

Wool donations needed!

As part of a community initiative in the Southville area, the length of North Street will be turned into a woolly rainbow of colours using pom-poms in Spring next year.

During the colder weather we would like to run some pom-pom making workshops during part of the lunchtime and wet weather play.

Any donations of single colour wool (colours of the rainbow) to help run these workshops would be gratefully received in the office, thanks.

CLUBS & MUSIC

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| Monday | KS2 Football 3.45 – 4.45 Piano |
| Tuesday | Piano 1.00-3.00 |
| Wednesday | Flute/recorder 9.00-12.00 Piano 1.00-3.00 Cello 1.00-3.00pm KS1 Football 3.45 – 4.45 |
| Thursday | Violin 9.00-12.00 Yoga Stars 3.45 - 4.45 Years 1 – 6 |
| Friday | Recorder 13.00-14.45 |

Primary School admissions September 2014

If your child was born between **September 1st 2010 and August 31, 2011** you must make an application for a primary reception school place.

You [can apply online](#) for a **reception** class until midnight January 15, 2015. Before making an application you should read the available information: the new [Primary Guide for Parents and Carers \(pdf, 4.0 MB\)\(opens new window\)](#) provides essential information on the different types of school and how to apply.