



Hotwells Primary School

Issue 17 – 23rd January 2015 - Term 3

Dear Parents

The Spring Term is in full swing now and every class has settled well into the rhythm of the new year. We extend a warm welcome to Mr James Cawley, Class 5's new teacher, who has settled well into Hotwells life.

You may have noticed that there was no newsletter last week! Newsletters are now produced fortnightly but I hope you will find them packed with a useful mix of information, news and achievements. A dates list will accompany the first newsletter of every term giving a comprehensive list of dates for the coming two terms. The newsletters and dates lists are also downloadable from the school website and can be emailed directly to you if you request this via the school office.

In two weeks time we will be holding our annual Art Week – the children are already excited about our Shaun the Sheep design competition in preparation for decorating our very own school Shaun!

Each fortnight I welcome half a dozen children from across the year groups to 'Tea with Mrs Delor'. The children are nominated for all sorts of reasons – their attitude, behaviour, enthusiasm for school life and learning. This week **Liam and Jon from Class 2, Jack and Mathilde from Class 4 and Ella and Natalie from Class 6** joined me for Tea. Congratulations to you all!

A short mention about walking home from school. As your children grow older and approach the end of their primary school years you may wish for them to walk home without an accompanying adult. You will decide for yourself if you feel this is appropriate considering the age and maturity of your own children but please do always talk to your children about 'stranger danger' and the importance of not stopping or engaging in conversation with people they do not know. We are lucky to live in a close knit community with a real sense of support and neighbourliness however there have been incidents in the past two months of strangers in vehicles approaching pupils from secondary schools in the north of the city on their way home from school. On each occasion the pupils did not engage in conversation and either returned to school or contacted the police.

In school we address issues of safety in a variety of contexts and this includes Year Six's annual visit, taking place next week, to the Create Centre's Life Skills course – a brilliant resource for learning about issues of personal safety. We know our Year Six pupils will gain much from this visit.

And finally... a reminder that the school day does begin at ten to nine! Please be on time!

Mrs Delor

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to **Alec, Esme, Emily and Mohammed** from Year 4, who did fantastically well in the Maths Challenge at Red Maids School. They came 5th overall out of 23 teams! Well done to you all!

Letters this week:

KS2 Outdoors Project Club
Bristol Old Vic performance of Julius Caesar
Reminder to return your Shaun the Sheep works of art by Monday!

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Charterhouse Residential Camp Y4/5

Reminder that the deposit of £25 is due Friday 23rd January, cheques should be made out to Hotwells Primary School or you can pay online.

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Congratulations to Bene in Year 6 who has made his first animation film The Mean Brain (ft. the song Fish & Peas from Mars) who was awarded a place at Bristol's Handmade Film Festival! The film was screened on Wednesday 21st January at the Grain Barge, where Bene completed a question and answer session about his work! Well done, Bene!

Sports Update

Jan 29th, Feb 5th	7 a side football
11 th February	KS1 Dance Festival @ Ashton Park
26 th February	Year 5/6 Dodgeball competition @ Ashton park
6 th March	Year 3 / 4 and Y5/6 Tag Rugby competition
13 th March	Year 4 football tournament @ Clifton High

CLUBS & MUSIC

Monday	KS2 Football 3.45 – 4.45 Piano KS1 Outdoors Club 3.45-4.45
Tuesday	Judo Club 8.00-8.45am Guitar 9.00-12.00 Piano 1.00-3.00 KS2 Multisports Club 3.45-4.45
Wednesday	Flute/recorder 9.00-12.00 Piano 1.00-3.00 Cello 1.00-3.00pm KS1 Football 3.45 – 4.45 KS2 Photography Club 3.45-4.45
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club 8.00-8.45am Violin 9.00-12.00 Cornet 9.30-10.30 Double bass – 2.00pm Yoga Stars 3.45 - 4.45 Years 1 – 6
Friday	Recorder 13.00-14.45 KS2 Outdoors Project 3.45-4.45

Tea with Mrs. Delor

Congratulations to Liam and Jon from Class 2, Jack and Mathilde from Class 4 and Ella and Natalie from Class 6 who joined Mrs Delor for tea!

Clubs update.....

KS2 Photography Club will start on Wednesday 28th January , if you signed up please bring payment of £24 by Wednesday

KS2 Outdoors Club starting Friday 30th January, 3.30-4.30
Harmonica club, date to be confirmed

PTA News

PTA Fundraiser **TONIGHT** at the HOPE CENTRE, film night, 5.30-7.00pm, Matilda, PG, and it's FREE! All proceeds from refreshments will go towards the Green. **ALL WELCOME**

We are looking to put a team of people together to take part in the **Bristol Harbourside Triathlon** on Sunday June 14th. There are two distances to choose from and this year there are also team events so if you can't quite face swimming, cycling and running on the same day, get together with some friends and enter as a team. We would like to get 10-15 people or teams to represent Hotwells School and raise some sponsorship money for the refurbishment of the Green. You can find more information here: <http://www.tribristol.org/>

If you fancy joining the team please contact Liz Vickery: elizabethfildes@yahoo.co.uk or Benita DeHavilland: benitadehavilland@gmail.com or come and find us in the playground for a chat.

PTA Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 12th Feb – Quiz Night
Friday 13th Feb – Dress in green for Green Day
Friday 14th March – School Disco

HOTSPOTS Survey

The PTA is conducting a survey, and your response would be greatly appreciated.

For every survey completed Hotspots After School Club will donate some money to the school green refurbishment. Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PJWCRHR>

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