



Hotwells Primary School

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Dear Parents

Spring finally seems to be upon us and as you may have noticed the work on our Green has begun in earnest. Although this means the Green is out of action for a few weeks, in the long term we will have a great new space for our children to play and exercise.

Our **Celebration of Work** assembly on Monday was a lovely event and included superb examples of work from the following children; Year 1 – Nate and Maya, Year 2 – Joseph and Sophie, Year 3 Louie and Lettie, Year 4 – Charlotte, Catherine and Harvey, Year 5 – Sylvie and Phoebe, Year 6 – Charlie and Ellie.

Next Tuesday evening (3rd March) our **Parent Workshops** take place and we welcome everyone to come along. The teachers have put much thought and planning into the sort of information we hope will be useful and interesting to you as parents and we hope you will enjoy the time to 'look behind the scenes' in the teaching and learning of Maths and of Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. The evening begins at 6pm and will consist of two workshops (at 6pm and repeated at 6.45pm) so that you can move around different year groups if you have different aged children or just attend one if you have one child. There will be useful information to take away too.

Next Thursday (5th March) is **World Book Day!** We encourage the children to come to school dressed as a book character on that day. Children will also be given a World Book Day book voucher to spend in participating bookshops in the coming month.

Please remember to return your Parent's Evening reply slips by Tuesday of next week so that we can allocate times to you with plenty of notice.

A reminder – the yellow zigzag lines outside our school are for the safety and protection of our children and families; they are not reserved parking spaces for cars coming to the school to pick up or drop off. I know that almost everyone respects this but please do park considerately when collecting from school.

From Mrs Delor

Congratulations to our Dodgeball team who played in some great matches yesterday at Ashton Park School, you showed great team spirit, well done to you all!

Letters out this week:

Bikeability Y 3/4 and Y5
Maths & GPS workshop
Parent evening request
Stages Info, Y4

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Big Pedal Fortnight 2nd -14th March

Enjoy cycling & scooting to school as much as you can!

Wednesday 4th March: BIG PEDAL BREAKFAST

Enjoy a pre-school breakfast once you've cycled or scooted in. If your child has any problems with their bike, **DR BIKE** and 'Active Travel' **Joe** will be here to fix and service you wheels from 8.15am!

PE Kit

Please make sure children have their PE kit in school every week. Our PE kit is blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms, a polo shirt either in white or in your child's house colour, and trainers.

Dates for Cake Sales	
Friday 27 th February	Year 5
Friday 6 th March	Year 6
Friday 13 th March	Nursery
Friday 20 th March	HOTSPOTS

Sports Update	
5 th , 12 & 19 th March	Y5/6 Football League
6 th March	Year 3 / 4 and Y5/6 Tag Rugby competition
10 th March	Swimming Gala, Horfield Leisure Centre
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 Harmonica Club, 3.40 - 4.10
Friday	Recorder 13.00-14.45 KS2 Outdoors Project 3.45-4.45

Hotwells PTA

PTA toy sale, Sunday 26th April, 11am-1pm

Need a good clear out? Kids growing up and asking for pocket money all the time? Label your toys and let us sell them for you, for 25% commission and no registration fee. What easier way could there be to get rid of your good quality second hand toys?

The Bounceathon

We had a fantastic time bouncing to raise money for the Green before half term. Each child (and some staff) wore a pedometer and some kangaroo boots and bounced, skipped and danced their way to an incredible 284,551 bounces, smashing our original target of 75,000! A huge thank you to Katie Griffiths (Freya-Rowan and Reuben's mum) of Persist 365 personal training who bounced on kangaroo boots from 9am until 2.45pm and must have the strongest leg muscles in Bristol. Also an enormous thank you to Mary Barnes who baked 250 green biscuits and the many parents who helped buckle and unbuckle boots, hold up wobbly bouncers, clip on pedometers and add up bounces. It was a really fun day and so far we have raised a fantastic **£918.38** with money still being counted! There are some great photos of the bounceathon on the school website. And finally a massive thank you to everybody who sponsored the children.

A message from Katie:

Jumpfit and Persist365 would like to thank all the children for their excellent bouncing, you were all awesome!

We have 10pairs of children's boots for sale, £80 each - if you are interested in purchasing a pair please contact us!

We also run adult Jumpfit classes, so don't just leave it to the children to have all the fun, come and join us! - information on classes can be found by contacting us at Jumpfit or myself Katie Griffiths at persist365@hotmail.com

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The School Disco

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for that crazy, fun-packed, manic evening the children adore on Friday 13th March at 5.30pm.

We would like Reception and KS1 parents to donate chopped fruit and KS2 parents to donate pizza to maintain the energy levels. Drinks, glowsticks, ice-pops, tattoos will all be available to increase the excitement. We will be asking for help running the bar and stalls so please do sign up - we can't do it without you!

Bristol triathlon

Several people have told us that they don't fancy doing the whole triathlon but would like to do part of it - the swim, the cycle or the run. If this is you, or you do want to do the whole thing but want to have a chat about it first, please come along to 8 Glentworth Road BS8 4TB at 8pm on Tuesday 10th March and we'll try and put some teams together. If you can't make the meeting please email us at hotwellspta@gmail.com to let us know which part and distance you would like to do.

PTA Meeting

There will be a **PTA meeting next Tuesday, immediately after the parent workshop at school.** Tea, coffee and brownies will be on offer to sustain you so please come and join us. We are looking for ideas for a summer event to mark the opening of the green and to raise the remaining funds needed. If you can't make Tuesday a second meeting will be held at 9.30 am on Wednesday 4th at 6 Goldney Road - children very welcome.

And finally - we are now on Facebook. Search for 'Hotwells Primary PTA'

Closure of Clifton Library

You may have heard that Clifton Library is under threat of closure. If you are interested in saving it please follow the link below to sign the petition to save it. Thank you!

<http://www.stephenwilliams.org.uk/savecliftonlibrary>

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