



Hotwells Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the second newsletter of the Autumn Term.

We have had a wonderful reply to our collection for children in refugee camps in the north of France. Thank you for your generosity.

Nest Wednesday will be our Harvest Festival assembly. We will be making a collection for the North Bristol food bank and children are warmly encouraged to bring in an item of food to add to our Harvest display in assembly. A member of the food bank will be coming in to talk to the children about their work. Children are also welcome to bring in donations from gardens and allotments for the assembly which can be used in school afterwards.

Next week is also the week of our **Book Fair**, running after school every day until 4pm, in the School Hall. Do come and browse for new books and exciting authors! We also earn money back for each book we sell, which we can then use to buy new books and resources for our classrooms.

On 29th September Bristol will experience its highest tide for 18 years! It's a phenomenon called syzygy. In school we are working with a project called Bristol Loves Tides and will be incorporating this work into our Geography and Science projects in KS2 this year.

This week saw the first of our Tea with Mrs Delor afternoons. Children are nominated for this for a wide variety of reasons, all of which link with our school values; responsibility, kindness, courage, honesty, compassion and aspiration. This week Xing Kai in Year 4, Imogen and William in Year 3 and Rosa and Afonso in Year 6 enjoyed their visit.

Our first Celebration of Work assembly of the year celebrated children's work across the school. This week the following children shared their exemplary learning; Stella and Amy in Y6, Niamh and Bram in Y5, Brooke and Cosmo in Y4, Jing Ying and Fraya-Rowan in Y3, Jemimah in Y2 and Magnus and Gabriel in Y1.

Today the children will have brought home a small canvas which will be a part of the West Bristol Arts Trail Exhibition on Saturday 17th October. This is a special community event of which the school has long been a valued part. The finished canvases form a part of the school's exhibition. An accompanying letter explains what to do! Enjoy your children's artistic endeavours!

With best wishes, from Mrs Delor

New Online Payment System:

You can pay online for your child's lunches, music lessons, trips, camps and swimming. Online payments are our preferred method of payment for school activities and it's completely free of charge for you to use.

Please speak to someone in the school office if you require help setting up your account or any further information.

Further information and a link to the online payment site can also be found on our school website: www.hotwells.bristol.sch.uk

Letters out this week:

- Visit to Bristol Museum, Y3
- Harvest Festival
- Data Collection sheets
- Clubs information letter
- Art canvas letter
- Camp info letter, Y6
- Letter re donations for refugees in Calais

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Please would parents hand in their dinner money/trip money to the class teacher in a sealed envelope with their child's name and class, **NOT THE SCHOOL OFFICE**, thank you.

If your child brings a packed lunch please remember that no nuts are allowed in school.

Osmington Bay Residential camp for Year 6 12th – 16th October 2015

There will be a meeting for parents of children going to school camp on **Thursday, 1st October** at 3.45 in Class 6. Essential information forms have been sent out today, please return them to the office as soon as possible, thanks.

Secondary Transfer Applications Deadline is 31st October!

Admission leaflets have been given to Y6 pupils transferring to secondary schools in September 2016. 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.

Primary School Admissions September 2016

If your child was born between **September 1st 2011 and August 31, 2012** you must make an application for a primary **reception** school place.

You [can apply online](#) for a **reception** class until midnight January 15, 2016. 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.

Our school PTA AGM is on Thursday 1st October from 8.00-9.00pm at school.

CLUBS & MUSIC

Monday	Dance Y1-4 8.00-8.45am KS2 Football 3.45 – 4.45 Piano 9.00-3.30 KS1 Outdoors Club 3.30-4.30
Tuesday	Judo Club 8.00-8.45am Guitar 9.00-12.00 Piano 12.00-3.30 KS1 Multiskills Club 3.45-4.45
Wednesday	Flute/recorder 10.00-11.45am Cornet 12.00-12.20 Cello 1.00-3.30pm KS1 Football 3.45 – 4.45
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club 8.00-8.45am Violin 9.00-11.30 Ukelele Club 12.00-12.30 Double bass – 2.00-3.00pm Yoga Stars 3.45 - 4.45 Harmonica Club, 3.40 – 4.10
Friday	Fencing Club Y5/6 8.00-8.45am Piano 13.00-13.30pm Cello 12.45-3.30pm KS2 Outdoors Project 3.30-4.30 KS2 Global Club 3.40-4.30pm

A separate letter with a club timetable has also been sent home this week. If you have any questions about extra-curricular clubs on offer at Hotwells, please speak to Martine in the Office.

Dates for Cake Sales

Friday 2 nd October	Year 3
Friday 9 th October	Year 4
Friday 16 th	Year 5
HALF TERM 22ND October – Friday 30th October	
Friday 6 th November	Year 6
Friday 13 th November	Reception
Friday 20 th November	ELASC

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Sylvie's (Y6) mum, Tuppence Stone, wanted to let you know that her new Wildlife series '**Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise**' begins at 9pm BBC2 on Friday, September 25.

Almost two years in the making, this first episode features pumas, condors, exploding volcanoes and Patagonian cowboys, or gauchos, taming wild horses.



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