

Hotwells Primary School

Issue 3 – 16th October 2015 – Term 1

Dear Parents

This week has been a busy one in school. The children have been working hard to create their class art work for the Art Exhibition which will be open at school on Saturday 17th October between 11am and 3pm. Thank you to all families who also sent in an individual canvas – we have some incredible creations! This week saw the arrival of Perform Theatre Company who delivered a great performance on the theme of 'Castles, Knights and Princesses' to all of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Years 3 and 4 meanwhile have been busy on the Downs enjoying workshops linked to local nature and our environment.

Last Friday the children enjoyed our first theme day of the year - Democracy Day! We elected in our new School Council and also learnt about democracy in various different ways. This ranged from creating political parties and electing them to power in Year 4 to democratically planning and choosing 'changes of use' to different areas of school in Year 6.

Congratulations to the Y4 children who were part of the primary school Maths challenge this term. The event took place at Red Maids School this year and Hotwells was one of thirty-six primary schools taking part three different highly competitive events. Well done to Daisy McKeown, Grace Knowles, Torin Mott and Frankie Smith; what a great experience!

Congratulations go to Alpha and Fabio in Year 5, Ben and Joe in Year 3 and Phoebe and Dylan in Year 1 were welcomed to Tea with Mrs Delor last week, in recognition of their individual input to school life.

And finally, today we welcome Year 6 and their teachers back to school after a wonderful week away at Osmington Bay. We look forward to hearing stories and anecdotes from their time at Camp!

With best wishes, from Mrs Delor

Secondary Transfer Applications Deadline is 31st October!

The closing date for on-line applications is 31st October 2015 for Y6 pupils transferring to secondary schools in September 2016. . 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.

Letters out this week:

KS1 Dodgeball Form
PSF Clubs Form KS1/KS2
New Autumn/Winter menu

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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.

Art Trail Cafe will be taking place in school this Saturday. The school is open to visitors to view the children's art work as part of the trail and to take a break with a coffee and piece of cake. It's a lovely event and great to see the children's art work on display. If you are able to help serve tea and coffee for an hour or two please sign up on the board outside Class 6.

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to all the children who have created outstanding works of art for the Art Trail on Saturday!

Refugee Collection

We just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to all of you and your children who took the time to give and wrap a present or other Aid items for the collection by People to People Solidarity, who are driving over to France next week.

We boxed up everything and delivered them on Monday to the drop off point. The organisers were really touched by seeing them all and some of the messages children had written on them.

Thank you so much for all your kindness, I'm sure it will bring lots of smiles to children who really need it.

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

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!

Warm Clothing

As the weather is getting colder, please provide your child with a coat and jumper as they do go out in all weathers!

School Council

School Council Reps	
Class 1	Florence and Rafa
Class 2	Jessica and Phoenix
Class 3	Matilda and Orhan
Class 4	Lettie and Adam
Class 5	Catherine and Harrison
Class 6	Fergus and Amy

Congratulations to these children and all other candidates. Election photos will soon be uploaded onto the school website.

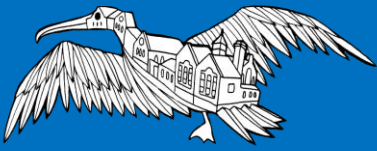
Dates for Cake Sales

Friday 16th	Year 5
HALF TERM 22 ND October – Friday 30 th October	
Friday 6th November	Year 6
Friday 13th November	Reception
Friday 20 th November	ELASC

Clubs update.....

New forms for various clubs starting next term have been sent out this week, also fencing letter for Y5/6 will be sent out next Monday. Most clubs will restart the first week back after half term, please check your forms for dates.

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