

Dear Parents

With the Christmas holidays almost upon us this will be the final newsletter for the Autumn Term. Firstly my thanks go to everyone for the support and enthusiasm for school life that the community gives to our school. From the support of our PTA events such as the Christmas Cracker to the Gardening Group's input to our school garden and the PTA's hard work during our royal visit, your support to school life is what builds such a vibrant school community.

School Improvement Adviser Visit

In November our School Improvement Adviser paid his first visit of the academic year to Hotwells. All schools take advantage of this sort of support and the autumn term visit focuses upon pupil achievement. I am very pleased to tell you that our Adviser has verified our judgements of last year's data, showing that Hotwells School is providing an outstanding environment for progress and achievement at our school.

Women and Maths

Are you a carpenter, quilter, architect, games designer, doctor, animator, interior designer, fashion designer?! Are you a woman?!

We are looking for women who use Maths in their jobs/lives/careers who would like to come into school during Maths Day in the Spring Term and talk to Y5 and Y6 girls about how fun, interesting and important Maths can be! The aim of the session is to show the girls lots of examples of real life women using maths in different ways in their lives and to have time for the children to ask the visitors questions.

Maths Day is Wednesday 13th January and the workshops will run between 11-12 or 1.30-2.30pm. Please contact Mr Jones (Class 2 teacher and Maths leader) via the School office if you are interested in helping! The more the merrier!

Theatre Productions

This term every class has had the opportunity to see a theatre production; Years 5 and 6 watched Mary Poppins at the Hippodrome, Years 3 and 4 experienced The Wind in the Willows at the Redgrave Theatre, Years 1 and 2 saw Snow White at the Hippodrome and Reception and Nursery enjoyed a magical theatre performance put on for them in school.

Christmas Cracker

A big well done to Class Six whose entrepreneurial skills came to the fore last week during their Christmas Cracker 'Year Six Bazaar' at which they sold waffles, fruit, Indian meals, ran a human fruit machine and much more. All their stalls were designed and created using a pre-planned budget and the profits of their bazaar will go back into Year Six activities during the year.

Our Christmas Productions

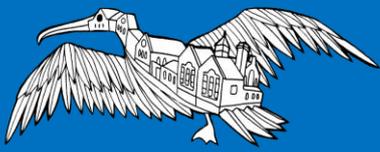
Our Christmas productions are giving school an extra sparkle this week! Today's Reception Nativity play was a heart-warming production and it was a delight to see our youngest children perform with such confidence to parents and friends. Their dress rehearsal to the whole school this morning was equally impressive and it was lovely to see all the children joining in, including Class 6 with huge enthusiasm, to the accompanying songs! KS2's Carol Concert at the Hope Chapel was well attended and enjoyed by all; each class did a great job of choosing and practising their own choice of song to add to the performance.

Next week will see Class 1 and 2's production of Baboushka which will round off the year's festivities.

It simply remains for me to wish you all a joyful and peaceful festive time with family and friends and much happiness in the New Year.

Best Wishes, Mrs. Delor

'The future depends on what we do in the present' – Mahatma Gandhi



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Please note: We have a Staff INSET on Monday, 4th January.

School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 5th January



Nursery Sing-a-long

Wednesday 16th December, 11am and 2.45 pm. All Nursery parents welcome.

Achievement Board

High Tea this term; Daisy and Iris in Y2 for their confidence and enthusiasm, Louis and Brooke in Y4 for their responsibility and kindness and Gus and Jaime in Y6 for their considerate nature and ability to put others first.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December

Everyone is welcome to book a school Christmas meal, even if you don't normally have a school dinner. It costs the same as a normal lunch, £2.25 – and is delicious!



INSET DAYS 2015/2016

Monday	4th Jan 2016 INSET DAY School Closed to pupils
Tuesday	5th Jan 2016 SCHOOL STARTS
Monday	6 th June School closed to pupils
Friday	22 nd July 2016 End of Term

Tickets for our KS1 performance are for sale next week before and after school outside Class 2

Achievement Board

Congratulations to all our Reception children who took part in their fantastic Christmas Play! Your singing, dancing and acting were brilliant and you have brought the spirit and joy of Christmas alive for us all! Well done!

Lost Property

There is a huge amount of lost property waiting to be claimed by its owners! Any items left will be taken to the charity shop.

PTA News:

Our next PTA meeting will be on **Tuesday, 19th January**. All welcome.

Writing Competition:

A reminder that the closing date for Mr. Small's 'Just So Stories' competition is **Monday 14th December**. We are looking forward to seeing all of your brilliant and creative pieces of writing to compile our own collection of Hotwells Just So Stories.


Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year