

# Hotwells Primary School

Issue 8 – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - Term 3

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to school and a very happy New Year to you all! An especially warm welcome to the new families and children joining us across the school, including Noah in Class 5 and Rufus and Avery in Nursery.

The new term has started in earnest and classes are excited about the new projects and units of work beginning. Look out for curriculum newsletter coming home soon that will tell you more about your child's learning this term.

Next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, will be MATHS DAY at Hotwells! The day will be packed with activities and ideas focusing on Maths. Each class will take part in their own big investigation and children will also be part of a mixed age workshop. The girls in Years 5 and 6 will be meeting with women who use maths in their lives or careers, to listen to them talk, ask them questions and gain inspiration.

Another curriculum event coming up soon, the last week of this term, 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> February, will be MUSIC WEEK at school. We are putting together a great week of events and activities with help from our PTA. A letter will also be sent home asking for offers of help from all our musically minded parents. We'd love you to take part in the week!

Weather forecasts predict that we are in for a cold snap this month, please ensure that your children come to school adequately dressed for playtime and lunchtimes, and check that clothing is named!

Thank you and best wishes,

Mrs Delor

#### Letters out this week:

- Charterhouse Residential Camps Y5/6

#### Clubs letters:

- Fencing Y5/6
- KS2 Tag Rugby
- KS2 Jailbreak
- KS1/2 Football/dance/musical theatre

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### Primary School Admissions September 2016 DEADLINE FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

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.

#### Dinner Money

Please remember that dinner money should be brought in on a Monday morning in a named envelope and handed in to the class teacher - £2.25 a day, £11.25 per week. It is quick and easy to pay online. If you would like more information about how to do this, please ask in the school office.

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

The pupil premium is additional funding for every child who's eligible for free school meals throughout their time at school. But the school can only get it if you apply for free school meals. So even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and automatically gets free school meals, PLEASE still apply for free school meals, this way school also gets the pupil premium. This can be used for your child to benefit from free school visits, subsidised club and instruments lessons.

You can apply for free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

Applying online is the easiest way. You'll get an immediate decision or be told if they need more information.

#### Charterhouse Residential Camp, Year 5, 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April Year 4 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Letters have been sent out this week with details about our booking for Charterhouse Residential and when to pay instalments. Please return your deposit of £26 by next Friday. You can pay online or cheques should be made payable to Hotwells Primary School.

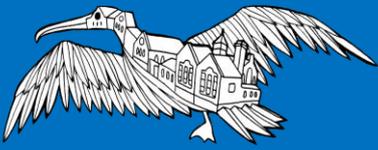
Dates for Cake Sales	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Reception
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2
HALF TERM	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6

#### Coats/Waterproofs

Please make sure your child comes into school with a warm/waterproof coat and appropriate shoes, as the children do go out in all weathers!

**Clubs start next week and we have two exciting new clubs for KS2, Tag Rugby on Tuesdays and Jailbreak on Thursdays! Please return your forms as soon as possible to be sure of a place, thanks.**

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## NEWS FROM THE PTA

Happy New Year! Thanks for all your support last term for PTA events. The Christmas Cracker raised nearly £1000, which is fantastic. Together with the Arts Trail Café and the Toy Sale we had a great start to the year and have a healthy fund to start to support the school. We don't have a big target this year - the Green took up a lot of people's energy and money last year - but the school have a wish list of projects that they would like PTA support with and we are aiming to fund as many of them as possible. These include, amongst others, wet play boxes, books, playground equipment, a mud kitchen and support for the Food Group, DIG and the Garden for Life.

We'd love to see as many of you as possible at the next events so please put them in your diary:

### **Film Night – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in the Hope Centre.**

A night for all the family - This year's film will be Paddington. Entry is free. Drinks and snack will be available to purchase.

### **School Disco – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February** (The highlight of the year!)

We also hope to have an interesting adults evening to tell you about soon...

### **The next PTA meeting is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8pm in school**

Have a great 2016!  
The PTA committee

(you can find us on Facebook or email us at [hotwellspta@gmail.com](mailto:hotwellspta@gmail.com))

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