



Hotwells Primary School

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Dear Parents

We are now half way through the first part of the Spring Term and the children have enjoyed many new curriculum opportunities and events. At the start of February we will be having our Music Theme Week with all sorts of fantastic activities and events for each class to experience. Please do sign up or speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Rees (our music leader) if you would like to offer help in any way.

Today's assembly we welcomed Tom from the One Tree per Child project which you may have heard about in Bristol. The council hopes to plant 36,000 trees across the city; one for every child. Over the next few weeks each child will bring home a leaflet to share with you at home which offers every child a free fruit tree of your choice. Look out for more news about this soon!

Last weeks' Maths Day was a great success. The classes enjoyed a range of big investigations, the afternoon saw a whole school 'dice making' workshop and our Year 5 and 6 girls welcomed nine women visitors to school to talk about the role of Maths in their lives and careers. As one pupil put it, 'Maths is used a lot more than I expected, it has got me thinking about Maths in jobs and how I need to know a lot to have the job I want!'

Congratulations to Ilsa and Abbie in Class 1, Louis and Tuva in Class 3 and Jian Jing and Mohammed from Year 5 who came to 'Tea with Mrs Delor' today, for their great contributions to school life at Hotwells.

You will have noticed that the outside doors of school now have door locks which are used at certain times in the school day when the school gates are open. This is to improve our safeguarding systems within school. Please encourage your child's independence and say goodbye to them in the playground so that they can make their own way inside school with their class and teacher. This also helps the inside corridors to be clear and encourages a calm, safe start to the school day.

Lost property will now be located in the box outside the Year Six classroom and will be easier to access at the beginning and end of the day.

If children attending clubs after school forget a bag or coat or need the toilet they will be able to access school to do so.

The school gates open at 8.40am and the school day starts at 8.50am. The outside playground gates are closed and locked at 9am. If your child is late and arrives after 8.50am you will need to enter through the main school door and drop your child at the office and sign them in late.

Thank you all for your understanding and support in this matter.

Mrs Delor

Letters out this week:

- Letter for Reception class

Clubs letters:

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

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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 is ever eligible for free school meals during their time at school. However, the school will only receive it if you apply for free school meals; so even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and automatically has Universal free school meals, PLEASE still apply for Free School Meals (FSM). This way school also receives the pupil premium which can be used to benefit your child with free school visits, subsidised clubs, camp and musical instrument lessons.

You can apply for free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following 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, 18th – 20th April
Year 4 20th – 22nd April

Please return your deposit of £26 – which were due on Wednesday. You can pay online or cheques should be made payable to Hotwells Primary School.

Dates for Cake Sales	
Friday 22 nd January	Reception
Friday 29 th January	Year 1
Friday 5 th February	Year 2
HALF TERM	
Friday 19 th February	Year 3
Friday 26 th February	Year 4
Friday 4 th March	Year 5
Friday 11 th 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!

CENTRAL LIBRARY – CODE CLUB

Code Club is a really fun way for children to learn how to code, make animations and games using Scratch, HTML and Python. It develops children's creative thinking and problem solving skills. It is most suitable for children aged 9 - 11 years.

For more information www.codeclub.org.uk . Please phone 0117 9037215 to book your place – places are limited so book soon to avoid disappointment.

Reminders:

Year 4 Candlemas Service Thursday 28th January
Year 4 SWIMMING don't forget your kit!

NOW COLLECTING SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS!

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