

# Hotwells Primary School

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Dear Parents

Firstly a **special announcement** and warm welcome to the world to baby Dylan Rees, born on Tuesday evening. Mr. Rees and his partner and Dylan are all doing very well.

A warm school welcome also to Ms. Barnham who is teaching **Reception Class** whilst Ms. Hooper is on maternity leave this year. She has settled very happily into Reception and the children are enjoying welcoming her to school.

Last Thursday we celebrated **World Book Day** in School. The children looked wonderful in their 'book character' themed outfits and we all enjoyed a whole school assembly focused on books and reading as well as spotting the disarmingly large amount of 'Where's Wally' characters popping up all over school! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our first ever **'Book Swap'** last Friday! The event went brilliantly, we received a really good amount of quality books to swap and it was lovely to see the children leaving at the end of the day with a brand new book tucked under their arms!

Thank you everyone for supporting our aim for children to come into their classrooms calmly and independently at the **start of the school day**. I am very aware that by expecting children to come into the school buildings on their own at the start of the day there may be parents who are worried that they are not able to speak to an adult connected to their child's class if they need to. Please be reassured that an adult from each class will be in the playground a couple of minutes before the children come into their classrooms at 8.50am. Teachers are also often available in the playground at the end of the school day and if you need to speak to your child's class teacher in confidence or about a particular issue please make an appointment through Martine in the school office.

On Wednesday of this week we welcomed Richard Hanks, our **School Improvement Officer**, to Hotwells. This was Mr. Hanks' second visit to school. All schools take advantage of this sort of outside support and the Spring Term visit focuses upon teaching and learning, behaviour and safeguarding. I am very pleased to say that our adviser has verified our own evaluations showing that Hotwells is providing an outstanding environment for teaching and learning, behaviour and safety at school.

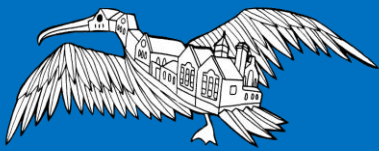
Our **Netball Team** have done wonderfully this term coming second overall, out of twenty-eight teams in the inter-schools netball matches. Thanks must also go to Miss Spurgeon and Miss Payne, our student teachers, who have been coaching the team on Mondays after school. **'University Club'** sessions have started again this term. Our able writers' workshop have entered a short story writing competition and we look forward to hearing their stories over the coming weeks.

Well done to the following children who shared examples of their outstanding work in **Celebration Assembly** last week: Amy and Tom in Year 6, Arianna and Zolana in Year 5, the whole class from Year 4 for Stages, Joseph and Louis in Year 3, Salvador and William in Year 2 and Ellis and Trinity in Year 1.

A huge well done to **Class 4** who performed at this year's Colston Hall **Stages** dance concert on Saturday evening. Their performance was wonderful, alive with energy and enthusiasm, and their behaviour as an audience was to be commended too. Thank you to all the parents and staff who gave up their time to help in this event and to Georgie Johnson who coached the class and choreographed those fabulous dance moves!

Mrs Delor

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## Letters out this week:

Music Instrument Tuition Term 5 & 6  
Year 6 visit to M Shed and the Balmoral  
Year 4,5,6 Orchestra Workshop @ Horfield  
Sport relief  
Summer Term menu

### Achievement Board

Congratulations to our netball team who played some great matches to come second in the inter-schools netball tournament. We are all very proud of their performance and team work, well done!



### Fundraising for Sport Relief

**The Hotwells Hundred!**  
Children and staff will be running collectively one hundred miles around our Green on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March!  
Everyone can come to school dressed in sports clothes or PE kit!

### One Tree Per Child Project

We hope everyone is enjoying their fruit tree from the One Tree per child project!

### Dates for Cake Sales

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery

### Music lessons at Hotwells

We offer piano and cello through private tutors:  
Piano – [prescottf69@hotmail.com](mailto:prescottf69@hotmail.com) 07910034627  
Cello – [tegan74@gmail.com](mailto:tegan74@gmail.com) 07812 104202

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Javotte Flatman (Louis Year 5 and Joe Year 3) has been duly elected unopposed as parent governor for Hotwells Primary School.

### Reminders

Dinner Money to be paid IN ADVANCE. Don't forget it's very easy to set up online payment, just follow the link on the school website

### Charterhouse Residential Camp

There will be a meeting for parents of children going to Charterhouse in April on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3.45 in Class 5. Balances need to be paid by 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### Message from the PTA:

Would anyone like to take over the toy sale before it's removed from various web pages? If anyone is interested please email Luise Holder : [thetoyale@gmail.com](mailto:thetoyale@gmail.com)

### Easter Holiday Activities

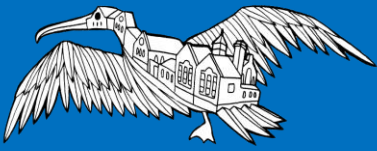
PSF are offering a fun day here at Hotwells on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April 9-3pm – Multisports and Musical Theatre, with Theo (our lunchtime sports coach) and Sophie. Booking is essential on 01179619999 or [www.psfcoaching.weebly.com](http://www.psfcoaching.weebly.com)

**Easter Swim School** with Clifton Swim School for children aged 4.5 and over at Clifton High School pool 28/3-8/4. Call 0117 9737245 or see [www.cliftonswwimschool.com](http://www.cliftonswwimschool.com)

### Ashton Park Sports School Holiday Programme

Holiday Programme now open. A copy of the programme will be available to your child via their book bags. Alternatively the programme is also available on our website [www.ashtonparksports.com](http://www.ashtonparksports.com), Twitter feed – [@ashtonparksport](https://twitter.com/ashtonparksport) and Facebook - [ashtonparksportscentre](http://ashtonparksportscentre)

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