

Hotwells Primary School

Issue 14 – 22nd April 2016 - Term 5

Dear Parents ,

Welcome back to the beginning of the Summer Term! The school year is flying by and the children are enjoying using the school grounds more. Our school garden is springing to life again and the Garden group are looking for more parent volunteers to join their ranks; please see separate information below.

Year Four and Year Five have enjoyed excitement and activities this week at their Charterhouse Camps. The weather has been good for them and they have come back with many wonderful memories of camp fires, night walks, gorge walking and caving!

Congratulations to the following Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who excelled today in the *Inclusive Inter-schools* swimming gala at Hengrove: Niamh, Rachael, Orla, Daisy, Isabella, Grace, Hatty, Phoebe, Safia, Sylvie, Tom, Noah, Bram, Louis, Oliver, Jack and Oscar. Well done!

Congratulations also go to Izzy Barnes who achieved overall sixth position in the city-wide Bristol in Bloom 'design an edible garden' competition. Well done Izzy!

Recognition also goes to the following children who have 100% attendance so far this school year! Frannie, Ross, Zolana, Rachael, Adrianna, Bea, Joseph, Zac S, Freddie, Jemimah, Lachlan, Zac H, Frederick, Rafa and Cole. Congratulations to all of you!

Thank you to the PTA and our talented parents for a great 'Wild Boys' evening event put on by the PTA last night. This was a fun packed evening listening to anecdotal stories of the behind the scenes wildlife filming, with films and slides showing how some of the amazing special effects are created and used in the production of many of our Natural History programmes. The audience were rolling in the aisles from start to finish!

Finally, news about an important Walk to School initiative. Georgie Power (parent of Harry yr5 and Rafa yr1) is building interest in a revolutionary School Walking Bus. Please read the message below:

Walking buses and cycling trains offer a greener and more active way for pupils to get to school safely, by foot or by bike, escorted by adult volunteers. Much like a regular bus or train, there are pick-up times as well as designated stops along the route.

With the [Crocodile app](#), parents can view the walking bus routes nearest to them, book their child into their preferred route, check progress on the day and confirm that their child has arrived at school safely. The team has developed a short film which explains how it works:

<http://techspark.co/bristols-crocodile-school-walking-train-app-scoops-50k-green-capital-prize/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUA4fb3EOIM>

We have a small group of willing parents to trial the Crocodile walking bus app. It would be great if we could get a few more. We are meeting next **Monday 25th April @ 8pm at The Lion pub in Cliftonwood.** Please do come along. Any questions; georgiepower@me.com

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Letters out this week:

Y3 Information letter

Achievement Board

Well done to our wonderful swimmers who took part in the Schools Partnership gala at Hengrove. They had a very successful and enjoyable gala.

Residential Camp

Please can you make sure all outstanding payments are made as soon as possible.

French Club We had a huge response for this club, so we have split the group into two. The second group will be starting in Term 6

Piano Lessons available at school or privately. Please contact Fiona Prescott (07910034627)

Cricket Club U11

Abbots Leigh Cricket Club is looking to create a youth club for training and matches. They need about around ten more 9 or 10 year olds. The club is based on Abbots Leigh Road. If you are interested please email abbotsleighcc@hotmail.co.uk

Garden For Life

Spring is here and the Hotwells garden is beginning to blossom. Every Friday a small team of parents and grandparents help in the garden, showing the children how to grow from seed and care for the gorgeous fruit and veg. We're looking for more helpers to come and join us for a few hours on a Friday once or twice a term. It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon with the children and all are welcome. For more details on how to get involved email Katie on katienicholls.editor@gmail.com

Message from the PTA:

WILD BOYS

A massive thank you to **Rob Hifle and Pete Bassett** who treated us to a night of awe-inspiring creativity, special effects, adventure and penguin poo. We had a great turn out and as usual there was a fabulous selection of food to share. Thank you to everyone who supported the event – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. It made approximately £400 which will be put towards funding of the many projects the PTA is supporting this year including bands for Music Week, Sports Equipment, The Garden for Life, playground equipment, a mud kitchen and wet play boxes.

We are always looking for people to get involved and have two roles which we'd love some help with:

For a September 2016 start

Wanted: Beverages purchaser

We are looking for someone who loves buying drinks – both the adult & child variety – who would like to help the PTA by keeping our drinks cabinet full and ready!

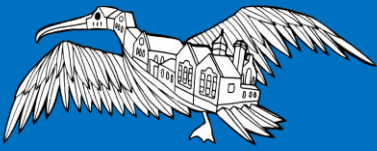
Wanted: Graphic designer/PTA poster person

We are looking for someone to design the posters for the PTA events (nothing fancy – just colourful & eye catching). We have about 6-8 events per year so not an onerous task!

If you can see yourself doing either of these roles (there is no requirement to attend meetings or PTA events), please chat to Mary Barnes/Alice Bond/any member of the committee/class rep or email us on hotwellspta@gmail.com.

Look out for news on Family Rounders coming soon.....

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