



Hotwells Primary School

Issue 15 – 6th May 2016 - Term 5

Dear Parents

The week has flown by and one of the most exciting things for us to report on is Year Four's visit to South Bristol swimming pool on Thursday 28th April.

Celebrating 125 years of swimming being taught in the Primary Curriculum, Class 4 were selected to attend the ASA's 'Big School Swim' event on the 28th April. With the help of five Olympic medallists – including Rebecca Adlington! – they learned how swimming lessons have changed since Victorian times, before having an 'Olympic' coaching session. The morning was covered by BBC Radio Bristol and The Evening Post, and culminated in a chance to race the athletes! It was a true celebration of swimming past, present and future. Look out for some familiar faces in the ASA's videos of the event below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrQKnwDaKyg> The Big School Swim- Celebrating 125 Years
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8nrNCX1MXY> A modern Day Swimming Lesson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QZlue3a99M> Learning to Swim 1890's Style
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2YlkOOjXFY> Rebecca Adlington answers Swimming Q &A

The results of our recent Safeguarding Audit of our school have been received and we have achieved very favourable scores in all areas. Safeguarding our children is a school's top priority and there are always areas in which we can share good practice and improve. Thank you to everyone who has been understanding of our increased vigilance and awareness of adults and volunteers in school and of signing children in and out via the school office.

With best wishes for a sunny weekend.

Mrs Delor

Letters out this week:

Bikeability Level 1 Y3 and 4
PGL Residential Year 6, October 2016
Big Swim, Year 4
Houses of Parliament visit, Year 6 Avon Gorge/Downs visit, Year 3

SATs Reminder

Year 6 will be doing their Key Stage Two Assessments (SATs) Monday to Thursday of this week. They will have an optional breakfast club from 8.15am to have the best possible start to the day!

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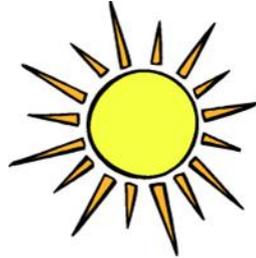


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Safe in the Sun

With spring upon us and summer approaching, it's a good time to remember about keeping your children safe in the sun while at school. Please can you apply sun cream to your child BEFORE they come to school and if a further application is really necessary please supply your child with a NAMED bottle of sun-cream as children cannot share sun-cream with each other, and hand it to their Class Teacher. We would also like your child to have a sun hat (named)



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

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.

Dates for Cake Sales	
Friday 13 th May	Reception
Friday 20 th May	Year 1
Friday 27 th May	Year 2
HALF TERM	
Friday 10 th June	Year 3
Friday 17 th June	Year 4
Friday 24 th June	Year 5
Friday 1 st July	Year 6
Friday 8 th July	Nursery

Lost Property

There is a lot of lost property which has mounted up recently – please come and check if it is yours – there are 2 tables outside Year 6. Any lost property not claimed will be given to charity next week.

School Caretaker Required As Soon As Possible At Hotwells Primary School

20 hours per week, permanent

Bristol Grade 6: £16,054 - £17,161 pro rata

The post involves working 20 hours a week, as split shifts (working mornings and afternoons, Monday - Friday), 7.00-9.00am and 4.30pm-6.30pm.

During school holidays these hours could be flexible

There may also be the opportunity for overtime.

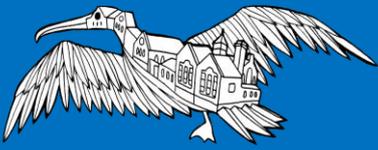
Interviews will take place on week commencing 22nd May 2016.

If you are interested in this post please view www.eteach.com or contact Hotwells Primary School on 01179030044 for an application form.

Message from the PTA:

Rounders event on Saturday has been postponed to July, info to follow.....

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