

Hotwells Primary School

Issue 3 – 7th October 2016 - Term 1

Dear Parents

We are more than half way through the first term and so much has happened already. Our Harvest Festival last week was a lovely occasion and the North Bristol Food Bank were delighted with the wonderful amount of food that the children donated; a big thank you to you all. We measured the tables of food once we had displayed it all in Hope Chapel and discovered that it was the same length as five Year One children lying down head to toe!

Last week, during our Democracy Day, each class held elections for new School Council representatives. The school Ballot Box was installed in the Hall and all the children took part in our democratic elections. This year the following children will be our School Council Reps: **Benj and Evie for Year 1, Freddie and Matilda for Year 2, Gwendolen and Rudy for Year 3, Mimi and Ollie for Year 4, Cherry and Xinkai for Year 5 and Charlotte and Satch for Year 6.** Reception class will also be supported by Louis and Alpha from Year 6.

On Tuesday a group of KS2 children took part in the Bristol Primary Schools' Cross Country Competition. Thank you to Mr Rees and Mr Monk who were there to support the team and an enormous well done to the following children: **Jessica, Iris, Isaac, Lashae, Lila, Phoenix and Zac from Year 3; Brandon, Ethan, Jon and William from Year 4; Daisy, Imi, Heidi, Louis and Xinkai from Year 5 and Harry, Oscar and Zolana from Year 6.**

This week we welcomed Sarah Fear from Ashton Park Sports Partnership into school to work with a group of Year 5 and 6 children to take on the role of Play Leaders. These children are our new ambassadors for happy playtimes and are modelling the skills of supporting younger children in their games.

Our new Play Leaders are **Niamh, Mohamed, Louis Hodgetts, Esme, Daniel Castro from Year 6 and Louis Hifle, Lettie, Imi, Heidi, Felix, Ella, Eleanor, Bea, Avalon and Alma from Year 5.**

We have only been back at school for a month but the Lost Property box is already nearly full! We have 33 un-named tops and jumpers and 10 un-named coats waiting to be claimed. Lost property will be displayed on tables in the playgrounds next week.

Please name items of clothing; if something is named it can be reunited with its owner.

Something to look forward to: next weekend, 15th and 16th October, is the West Bristol Arts Trail. As always School is open on the Saturday with a display of the children's wonderful artwork, including the well-loved individual canvas exhibition! As usual, we have been overwhelmed by the children's enthusiasm for art and we have already started seeing some superb canvases returned to school. If your child is producing a canvas to share in the Art Exhibition, please can you ensure it is returned to school by Thursday, 13th October at the latest. These will be returned to your children to keep afterwards.

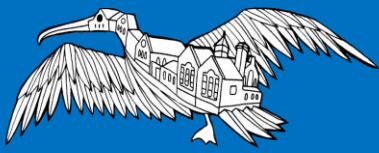
Best Wishes

Mrs Delor

Letters out this week:

- Visits to Forest School, Reception
- ReadWrite Info letter, Reception
- Halal Meals Letter
- Maths Challenge Letter, Y5
- Canvas letter
- Cinderella letter, Y1 & 1
- Parents' Evening Appointments
- Multi Trial Event,
- Indoor Athletics Y5/6
- Cross Country Event, QEH, Y3,4,5

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Osmington Bay Residential camp for Year 6 17th – 21st October 2016

It was great to see so many of you at the camp meeting! A reminder to return your medical and behaviour forms by next Thursday at the latest please, thank you.

Secondary Transfer Applications

Admission leaflets have been given to Y6 pupils transferring to secondary schools in September 2017. The closing date for on-line applications is **31st October 2016**. Paper applications postmarked after this date and time will be treated as late applications and a school place will NOT be allocated in the first round of offers.

Primary School Admissions September 2017

If your child was born between **September 1st 2012 and August 31, 2013** you must make an application for a primary **reception** school place.

You [can apply online](#) for a **reception** class until midnight January 15, 2017. 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.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thanks to everyone for a great turn out to our book fair, we raised an amazing £659.66 which will go towards buying books for school.

KS1/2 Free Cello and Cornet Session!

Please get in touch with Estelle in the school office or Tegan Everett (for Cello) in person if you would like your child to have a go at these instruments. There are a couple of school cellos available to hire at a very reasonable rate!

Recorder and flute sessions also available.

Coats/Waterproofs

Please make sure all the children have a coat with them everyday – they do go out in all weathers!

Clubs News.

We are offering an exciting new **CAPOEIRA Club** starting after half term for Years 3/4/5/6! This will take place **every Wednesday morning, 8.00-8.45am, letter going out today**. Please return reply slips by next Wednesday 12th.

Netball Club, Thursdays 3.45-4.45pm starting after half term for those who returned their forms last week, letter going out on Monday.

Free Fencing try out for Years 5/6! Next Friday morning, 8.00-8.45am, come along and have a go!

PTA News

It is with great pleasure that the parent-volunteer management committee are donating £6300 to the school following the closure of Hotspots After School Club. These funds are the surplus from the ASC after all debts were paid.

The parent volunteers were instrumental in after school childcare for the last 20 years at Hotwells Primary School. I would like to thank everyone who was involved. Especially those who have given so much time in winding the club up. **You are very much appreciated, thank you.** Mrs Delor has some fantastic plans to spend the money on, so please be sure to check for updates in the near future.

Elizabeth's After School Club (ELASC) is the new after school provider, and manager Bryony will be able to answer any questions going forward about the after school child care at the school. Please email her at elasc.hotwells@btinternet.com
Best wishes, Luise Holder, Trudi 3, Lexi R
Hotspots After School Club Chair 2015-16

Sports Update

Thursday 13 th October	Run, Bike, Shoot, Y5/6 New trial event!
HALF TERM 24th October – Friday 28th October	
Thursday 3 rd November	Indoor Athletics Y5/6
Friday 4th November	X Country QEH Y3/4/5
Thursday 24th November	Bristol Penguins Swimming Gala
Wednesday 8 th February	KS1 Dance Festival

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