



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break! This term we have some exciting learning and events coming up in school.

Next week the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) will visit our assemblies, talking to the children about staying safe from harm (see yesterday's separate letter for more details).

World Wildlife Fund Day

Coming up soon, on Wednesday 1st February, we will be having a World Wildlife Fund Dress Up Day – everyone will be encouraged to come to school dressed as an animal – a wild animal if possible! We will be raising awareness of endangered animals and learning about what we can do to help protect our wonderful world. We will be making a collection for the WWF charity on the day. The idea has grown from a Y6 pupil's suggestion and the children will be talking about the WWF in assembly the week before our Wild Animal Dress Up Day. If there are any parents who work in the field of endangered animals or wild animals and would be able to come into share their knowledge with either a class or an assembly during that week we would be delighted. Please contact Mrs Delor or your class teacher. More details about this special day to follow nearer the time.

Outdoor Play Space

We are currently raising money to transform our outdoor spaces. This is a long term project – we will be raising money over the next two years to make big changes to our playgrounds as well as to add resources and play activities for our children's playtimes in the short term too. We would like to form a PTA parents' working group to help explore new playground ideas. This group will meet once or twice a term to share ideas and explore options for our playground plans. Please contact the PTA on their email – hotwellsPTA@gmail.com or their Facebook page – 'Hotwells Primary PTA' or speak to Emily (Liliana Y1) or Alice (Jemimah Y3) if you are interested in being part of it.

Our Fundraising Tree

Our fabulous fundraising tree in the playground is full of green leaves! This week in assembly the children were able to add 40 new leaves! Eight leaves were added for the £800 raised by our Christmas Cracker, 31 leaves were added for over £2800 raised from the Brazilian Carnival Soiree and an additional leaf was very generously donated by a Hotwells family at Christmastime. Thank you to our PTA for their caring commitment to our school.

Term 3 is notorious for its wintry weather; please ensure children remember coats, hats and suitable footwear – we go outside every day in all weathers (a change to outdoor wellies for our youngest children is encouraged) and don't forget to name everything! Our Lost Property Box is located undercover, outside Class 4.

With best wishes,
From Mrs Delor

'The future depends on what we do in the present' – Mahatma Gandhi



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We hope you all received a letter in the book bags last week about the school not accepting cash from Easter.

So activate your School Gateway account today!

If you have a smartphone, download the School Gateway app at your app store, or visit the website at www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. It's so easy to make payments and even consent online you'll wonder why you haven't done it before!

We are happy to help in the school office if there are any problems, just pop in or call on 0117 9030044. There will be office staff around at parents evenings to help you get started.

Parents of Nursery and Reception children – there are free speech and language therapy drop in sessions if you have any concerns around your child's communication skills. The dates and locations for these are displayed on the reception and nursery notice boards. Please see Mrs Lambert if you have any questions or for further information.

Thanks for keeping the Pokémon cards at home, this seems to be working well for now!

Mrs Levison asks if any parents, relatives or friends work for the emergency services – Year 2 would like to meet you and interview you – please let the office know.

If your child receives free school meals then they are entitled to free milk at break time – please let the office know if your child would like this.

INSET DAYS 2016/2017

Monday	13th March School INSET DAY Closed to pupils
Friday	21 st July 2017 End of Term 6

Upcoming Cake Sales

Friday 13 th January	Year 3
Friday 20 th January	Year 2
Friday 27 th January	Year 1
Friday 3 rd February	Reception
Friday 10 th February	Nursery
HALF TERM	

Letters home this week

Parents evenings
NSPCC assemblies
Activate

Please don't forget to keep up your payment of instalments for residential trips in Year 4 and 5 – the trips will soon be upon us!