



Hotwells Primary School

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Dear Parents

Wednesday 1st February is our WWF Day! The idea, championed by Rachael in Class 6, has grown into an exciting Theme Day where we will be focusing on endangered species, wild animals, and the habitats they live in. On Wednesday come to school dressed as an animal! This can be as simple as an animal print hairband, a mask or a tail or as elaborate as an entire endangered animal outfit. Please bring a donation to school (suggestion £1 upwards). We are hoping to raise enough money to be able to sponsor an animal through WWF.

Do contact your class teacher or the school office if you work in this field and can offer a talk or any information to a class or group during the week. We are always keen for parents to share their knowledge and experiences in school.

Class 3 enjoyed a walk around the local environment on Wednesday sketch mapping in the local area. They were drawing their route along Hotwells Road and adding symbols as part of their Geography topic about 'maps'. Thanks also to Zac's dad for bringing in his large scale maps to support this topic work.

With best wishes from

Mrs Delor

Letters out this week:

Year 1 Dance Festival, Ashton Park
Reception letter to parents
Bikeability L1, Year 3, Friday 3rd February.

Sickness/absence from school

Please remember if your child is unable to come to school because they are ill or have a medical appointment, you need to let us know at the start of the day. You can call the school office to speak to a member of staff or leave a message on the answer machine. Thank you.



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Reminder to 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' Evenings

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February are our Parent's Evenings, if you have not yet made an appointment, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Dodgeball team who played in our first match with Luckwell Primary. The children were commended on their exemplary and respectful behaviour. Well done to you all!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

The pupil premium is additional funding for every child who has ever been eligible for free school meals during their time at school. However, the school will only receive it if you apply for free school meals; so even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and automatically has Universal free school meals, PLEASE still apply for Free School Meals (FSM). This way school also receives the pupil premium which can be used to benefit your child with free school visits, subsidised clubs, camp and musical instrument lessons.

You can apply for free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following 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.

Upcoming Cake Sales

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| Friday 3 rd February | Reception |
| Friday 10 th February | Nursery |
| HALF TERM | |

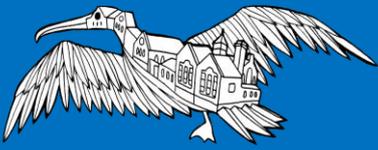
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Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Football team who played in the second of a series of matches at Merchant's Academy. You all played really well and showed great determination and fighting spirit!

PTA NEWS

The PTA are always looking for new ways to raise funds for the school, one easy way is for parents/carers to make a regular donation via the PTA's Mydonate page, we are also able to GiftAid if you're a tax payer giving the school an extra 25%. If you would be interested in making a regular donation, from as little as £2 a month, please go to <https://mydonate.bt.com/charity/charitySearch.html> and search for Hotwells, it's that easy and will make a huge difference to our efforts. Thank you!

You can follow our PTA on Facebook, Hotwells Primary PTA to keep up to date with events, and activities going on around the school. It's also a great way to get in touch with us.



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