



Hotwells Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Miss Hooper, who has returned to her Early Years leader post in school and is leading the Nursery Class as well as covering some other lessons within the school. Congratulations to Ms Bleach on the birth of her baby boy during half term, we wish you and your family all the very best.

Term 4 has begun with a wonderful performance by Class 4 at the annual Stages Dance Festival at Colston Hall – the children danced fantastically, their outfits looked striking and they put their hearts and souls into the performance, showing real team work and courage as well! They will be showing their performance again soon for Class 4 parents who were unable to see Sunday's show.

We all enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day yesterday; it was a treat to see the children and staff come to school as such a wide variety of book characters! You may have spotted the Roald Dahl themed group effort employed by the staff – some very memorable outfits indeed! Our special assembly for World Book Day included teachers each reading an extract from their favourite children's books – copies of these particular books are being added to our school library to build up the variety of books that we have there. Our Book Swap was a lovely way to end the day – thank you to all the families who sent in books to swap and who donated books to school. We hope you all enjoy the 'new' books that the children brought home. Reception and Nursery classes will also have their own time to choose a book and all our surplus books will be donated to schools who are lacking in children's books through Book Aid.

Have you noticed our brilliant new-look website? We hope you are finding it easy to navigate around and fun to explore. A big thank you goes to Mr Edwards who has led the work on redesigning our school website.

Finally we have a special Maths Day coming up next week on Thursday 9th March – look out for some exciting problems to be unravelled with the whole school working together to solve some mathematical puzzles!

With best wishes

From Mrs Delor



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Letters out this week:

Trip to Roman Baths, Y3
Clifton College Year 5 visit
Bikeability Y5
KS2 Penguins Swimming Gala, Easton Leisure

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to our Year 4 dancers for their amazing dance performance at the STAGES event at Colston Hall! Your dance was spectacular!

Reminder to activate your School Gateway account over half term!

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 is quick and easy to make payments and even consent online.

We are happy to help in the school office if there are any problems, just pop in or call on 0117 9030044.

Clubs : We still have spaces in Football club, YogsKids and Capoeira Club. If you are interested please see Martine in the school office.

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.

Cake Sales Term 4

Friday 24 th February	Garden for Life
Friday 3 rd March	Year 6
Friday 10 th March	Year 5
Friday 17 th March	Year 4
Friday 24 th March	Year 3
Friday 31 st March	Year 2
Friday 7 th April	Year 1