



Dear Parents

'Walk a Mile a Day' Week

On Monday all the children from Year One upwards walked up to the Observatory and back before break time - just over a mile! Thank you to Mr. Leach for organising this fun event. Our assembly this week focused on the importance of walking and the incredible journeys that children in some parts of the world make to travel to school. Please help your child to collect sponsors on their Walk A Mile A Day sponsorship form. Remember to send in the completed forms and money by Monday 3rd April please.

'Walk a Mile Week' has been led by the PTA and is linked to the national initiative 'The Daily Mile', walking a mile a day has many benefits including:

- ✓ Improves focus and concentration
- ✓ Improves behaviour in class
- ✓ Raises attainment
- ✓ Improves personal self-efficacy
- ✓ Is 100% inclusive (every child succeeds)
- ✓ Is simple and free
- ✓ Helps maintain healthy weight
- ✓ Supports healthy bone & muscle development
- ✓ Improves children's resilience and cardio-metabolic health

Spring Term Core Visit

This week saw our second School Improvement Advisor visit of the year from Carol Jones, our new SIA. Carol has former links with our school and Bristol and has worked as an Ofsted inspector. All schools take part in a system of self-evaluation and improvement that involves outside visits from education professionals. This was Carol's first visit to our school and she looked at teaching and learning across the school. She was impressed with what she saw and has judged the school to be grade 1 (outstanding) in teaching and learning. As always we value outside professional support, challenge and opinion and are delighted that she has agreed with the school's judgements.

Thangam Debbonaire in School

Last Friday Year 6 welcomed Thangam Debbonaire, our M.P to school. Thangam had been with Class 6 at the Houses of Parliament earlier in the week and was keen to return to our school and talk with the class. She answered all the children's thought provoking and important questions with clarity and integrity.

Mothers' Day Lunch

We enjoyed welcoming mums and even grandmas of children in Class 2 to enjoy a school lunch with us to celebrate Mothers' Day last week. This is the first time we have celebrated school lunchtimes in this way and it was very well received, thank you parents for your positive feedback; we hope to run more special lunch days in the future.

Open Garden 3.30-4.15pm Monday 3rd April

On Monday 3rd after school we will be holding a special Open Garden event for parents and families to come along and take a look at our school garden now that spring has truly sprung! Come and take a peep at the new raised beds for planting, plant a seed, have a drink of elderflower cordial and enjoying finding out more about how your children use the school garden as part of their learning.

Farewells

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Carter (Class 2) and Mr Smith (Class 6) at the end of this term as they complete their student teacher placements in our school. We wish them the very best of luck as they ready themselves to embark on their new careers.

Finally, I am delighted to tell you that Mr Jones has been successful in securing his first Deputy Headship, at Christchurch Infant School in South Gloucestershire, to begin in September. We will miss Gareth tremendously; he has brought a huge amount to Hotwells in the ten years that he has been here and I know that he will miss Hotwells greatly too. However, we wish him many congratulations and very best wishes as he takes this next step in his career.

Best Wishes from Mrs Delor



Letters out this week:

Essential Info pack for Year 4 Camp
Year 2 Girls Football Club
PSF Football/dance/musical theatre letters

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to our cyclists in Year 5 who have achieved their Level 2 Bikeability. Well done to you all!

Reminder to activate your School Gateway account!

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.

Charterhouse Residential

Good luck to Class 4 who are off to camp next week. We know you are all looking forward to an exciting time at Charterhouse! Please remember to return your medical forms by Tuesday as we will be unable to take your child without them.



Thank you everyone for your donations – we raised an amazing £200!

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 5

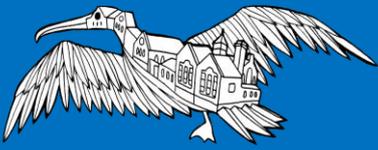
Friday 7 th April	Year 1
EASTER BREAK	
Friday 28 th April	Reception
Friday 5 th May	Nursery
Friday 12 th May	Garden or Life
Friday 19 th May	Year 6
Friday 26 th May	Year 5
HALF TERM	
Friday 9 th June	Year 4
Friday 16 th June	Year 3
Friday 23 rd June	Year 2
Friday 30 th June	Year 1
Friday 7 th July	Reception
Friday 14 th July	Nursery

Life Cycle UK - Easter 2017

On Road Cycle Training, Level 2 Bikeability courses
Clifton high School

Build your cycle skills and confidence and help make the school holidays more fun!

Level 2 is £15 per child, Level 3 £30 per child, you can book online or over the phone on: www.lifecycle.org.uk/childrens-holiday-course or call **0117 3534580**



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