

Hotwells Primary School

Issue 15 – 28th April 2017 - Term 5

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 5 at school. It's a short term with a Bank Holiday next week so the time is bound to fly by! We have many exciting events planned for this term including:

Throughout Term 5 we will be enjoying '**Tuneful Tuesdays!**' You may remember that last year during Music Week we enjoyed listening to some of our musicians playing us into school in the mornings between 8.30 and 8.50am. The fun is back! Each Tuesday morning before school, in the playground, a different group of pupils will add a little sparkle to the start of the day with a tune or two! Please see Mr Rees if you wish to take part.

PTA Stay and Play on Friday 19th May after school until 4.30pm.

Arts Week will take place during the last week of this term – May 22nd to 26th. This year, we are asking for a donation of £3 for each child (from Reception upwards) towards the cost of the materials, resources and extra activities that we are planning for this exciting week. We really value these contributions and they help enormously with enabling us to offer special experiences during our theme weeks. Please see Mr Edwards if you have any skills you would like to offer during the week as we know that many of our parents and school community are talented and enthusiastic artists.

Sports Days – dates for your diaries:

KS2 Sports Day (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) **will be on Thursday 8th June** in the afternoon. This year KS2's Sports Day will be held at Clifton College's Newfields playing fields, just off College Fields Road and Canynge Road. Further details and exact timings will be announced very soon. **KS1 Sports Day** (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) **will be on Wednesday 22nd June** in the afternoon, here at school, on The Green. More details and exact timings will be sent home soon. We haven't forgotten Nursery! They will have their own Sporting Celebration in Term 6 as well, with details to be announced very soon.

Raising Funds

Last term twelve more leaves were added to our **PTA fund raising tree** in the KS1 playground – thanks to the funds raised at the School Disco and Film night last term as well as a donation from Waitrose. Added to this, the PTA have raised £1200 through sponsorship during our '**Walk A Mile A Day**' Week just before Easter – a heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part in this and collected sponsors as well as to the PTA who did a wonderful job in organising the week! Every penny of this money will be going towards enhancing our playgrounds and outdoor spaces.

We have also been successful in winning a grant towards creating a multi-faith space in school – a big thank you to the School Council for their ideas and to Mary Barnes for her support with the bid. We will keep you updated as to how our plans unfold.

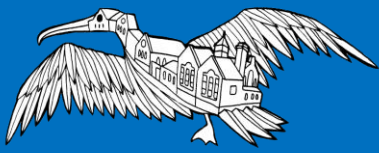
Farewell

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Miss O'Keefe at the end of this term. Ruby has been with us at Hotwells for two and a half years working across Nursery, Reception and Year One as a key part of our Early Years team and she is known well to many of the children and families across the school. She is taking the opportunity to return to study for further qualifications and we wish her the very best of luck as she pursues her next steps. The children will be saying goodbye to Miss O'Keefe at the end of this term.

Wishing you a lovely start to the summer and an enjoyable long weekend!

Best Wishes from Mrs Delor

'The grass is greener where you water it' - Neil Barringham



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Letters out this week: (all available on the school website)

- Online safety workshop
- Year 3 visit to the Downs
- Governor Spring Newsletter
- Club letters

ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to our Year 4 who impressed teachers and instructors with their attitude and excellent behaviour as they enjoyed their first school camp. They enthusiastically enjoyed a wide range of activities including gorge walking, pond dipping, archery, orienteering and team games.
Well done to you all!

Online Payments and School Letters

A reminder that we no longer accept cash or cheques in the school office. It is quick and easy to pay online through the school gateway app which you can download from your app store, or visit the website at www.schoolgateway.com.

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

All **school letters** will now be emailed unless you have requested that you would like a paper copy given to you. They will also be available in the school office, on the school website and on school gateway so you can give consent, offer help on a trip and order free school meals.



Thank you everyone for your donations – we raised an amazing £235!

Clubs

All clubs have now started apart from Judo which will start on Tuesday 9th May and French Club which will start on Wednesday 10th May. If you have registered for a club you will be able to pay online. We also have a brand new Girls Football Club for Years 2/3 on Wednesdays which is free of charge.

For more info please see Martine in the School Office.

CAKE SALES TERM 5

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

PE KIT

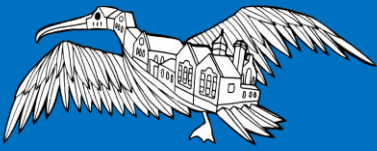
Please remember to bring in PE kit every week. Our PE kit is blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms, a polo shirt either white or in your child's house colour, and trainers.

Upcoming Sports Events

Sports Events Terms 5 & 6

Monday 22 nd May	Y5/6 Celebration of Sport, Ashton Gate
HALF TERM	
Thursday 8 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 9 th June	Yr 5 Bristol Together Championship Final
Thursday 15 th June	Y3/4 Tri-Golf Competition
Friday 16 th June	KS2 Girls Kwik Cricket Festival
Monday 19 th June	Y5/6 Quaddkids Athletics
Wednesday 21 st June	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 22 nd June	KS2 Penguins swimming gala

Attached is news from the PTA and important dates for Terms 5/6



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