



Dear Parents

The end of the school year is fast approaching and with it a wonderful array of celebrations.

Last Tuesday we held our **Eid al-Fitr assembly** to celebrate the end of Ramadan and to learn more about the celebration of Eid. Our parent-led 'Diversity and Inclusion' group, D.I.G., spearheaded the idea and the assembly was led by three of our Muslim parents. The children loved the assembly and comments afterwards included, 'Can we do more assemblies about different religions? Before the assembly I didn't know anything about Eid – now I know lots!' (Class 4 pupils) 'The grandparents in the film looked very happy to see the children' (Class 1 pupil) 'Even though I follow a different faith it's good to hear that we have lots of similarities. We have lots in common and it helps me understand each other (Class 3 pupil). A big thank you to our Muslim families who contributed to fund the Eid gifts which were given to every child in school.

High Tea invitations this term were received by the following children in recognition of the way in which they uphold **our school values** – responsibility, kindness, compassion, honesty, courage and aspiration. Evie and Layla in Class 1 for the courage they have shown in their learning; Tunde and Florence in Class 2 for the aspiration they have shown this year; Trudi and Gabriel in Class 3 for their perseverance and resilience; Camila and Ollie in Class 4 for the responsibility they show as learners; Luca and Amior also in Class 4 for upholding the school value of honesty so well; Bea and Cherry in Class 5 for their responsible kindness and Boe, Oscar and Rachael in Class 6 for their determination.

This term we have taken part in a selection of **inter-school sports activities** including the Penguins Swimming Gala where children from KS2 showed great resilience and determination, with Oscar, Rachael, Izzy and Ben gaining medals; the Celebration of Sport Festival where children from Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic exploration of sporting events; a tri-golf outing for Year 3; our Bristol Together football project in which Tommy, Cass, Heidi, Bea and Cherry built a great relationship with pupils from Hannah More Primary school to form a football team. As Tommy said afterwards, 'They are really nice people, we got to know each other well'.

And Louis Hifle, Lettie and Heidi who were selected take part in an Able Athletes event and came 1st, 4th and 5th in inter-school events which means they will go on to attend a further team day next year. Well done to all of you!

Last week Class 4 put on a lovely **French assembly** to parents depicting the story of the Hungry Caterpillar in French and also showcasing their super French accents and some songs and words they have learnt this year.

This week the performances continued with **Year 3 sharing with us their super drumming skills** in a performance to parents led by our drumming teacher, Dan Clibery. What an incredible team performance after only a term of lessons!

Year 4 again amazed us, this time at Colston Hall as part of the **Bristol Schools Summer Concert**. They sang to a packed and appreciative audience with a wonderful medley of songs.

This week we have **welcomed new and current parents** to our Reception Welcome Evening and our Nursery Open Morning. These events were so well attended and we hope you found them both enjoyable and informative.

And finally, **KS2 Sports Day** took place yesterday. The sun shone down, the rain stayed away and we enjoyed a super afternoon at Clifton College's Newfield grounds. The children all embraced the afternoon with wonderful enthusiasm and enjoyed a great mix of inclusive team games and competitive races.



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The House winners will be announced in assembly next week. A heartfelt thank you to all those parents who helped make this event a smooth running success; from those of you who walked up with the children (which should be an Olympic event in itself!) to those who helped set up and clear up and to those who bought and donated gazebos to school - we are hugely grateful. Thank you also to our ever-present PTA who magically produced ice lollies for all the children at the end! We have had many positive comments about the afternoon.

Along with this week's newsletter please find a leaflet about a fun and informative **parenting course** that will be running at Hope Chapel in the Autumn term. Families in receipt of the pupil premium, or anyone who would like to attend but is concerned about costs, can access this course for half the advertised price and will receive the course book free of charge.

Looking ahead to **the final two weeks of term** – next week your children will bring home their end of year report. On Thursday we will have 'Shuffle Up Morning' when your children will meet their new class teachers and have a taster session in their new class. A date for your diaries – Wednesday 19th July is our PTA World Food Picnic and Games afternoon after school from 3.30 to 5pm.

Last, but by no means least, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings next week, at Hope Chapel, the Year 5 and 6 performance of Aladdin will take place – a much anticipated production to add a sparkle to the end of term.

This will be my last main newsletter of the year. I would like to thank the whole school community for your strong and compassionate support of our wonderful school, your generosity in helping out with practical elements of school life and your generosity of spirit in always wanting the best for our school.

Have a wonderful summer break when it comes!

- Mrs Delor

'You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore'

- Christopher Columbus



ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

Congratulations to pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 who took part in a Jamie Oliver Masterclass last week and made some superb meatballs and spaghetti under instruction from professional chefs!
Well done to you all.

Dinner Money

Please pay all outstanding dinner money before the end of term, thanks.

Lost Property

There is a vast amount of lost property waiting to be claimed by its owners! Please come and have a look outside Class 4 to see if any of it might be yours!

Scooters

There are a large number of scooters in the scooter waiting to be claimed, please collect them before the end of term; any left will be disposed of, thanks.

Academy INSET Days next year, school closed to pupils:
Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th September 2017
Friday 24th November 2017
Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th July 2018

Upcoming Sports Events

Sports Events Term 6	
Monday 10 th July	KS1 Sports Day @ school
Tuesday 11 th July	Nursery Sports Afternoon

CAKE SALES TERM 6	
Friday 14 th July	Nursery

Other news

Cliftonwood Open Air Cinema

Our end of summer community get together will be on Friday 8th September in the Argyle Place Park, next to The Lion pub. But now it's time to choose the film we're going to watch. We'd love your family to vote. To pick your favourite from our shortlist please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5PFFCS2>

Art Malarki

Monday July 10th 3.45pm - 5.00pm
£10 per child, run by artist Anna Vergano in her studio in Hotwells;
Art classes for children now in year 2 for classes starting in September see photo gallery at www.artmalarki.co.uk

Please call Anna on 07957 605 712 if you would like to book a place or find out more.

Lifecycle UK

On road cycle training, Level 2 & 3 bikeability courses, Summer 2017.
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SCHOOL STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

NURSERY AND RECEPTION HAVE STAGGERED STARTING DATES WHICH WERE GIVEN OUT IN THEIR INDUCTION PACKS