



Information Bulletin

Term 1 into Term 2

<p>Diary dates:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Term 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Foundation Stage Reception Parent Tours every Wednesday morning until January. • Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November Anti-Bullying Week (All different, All equal is the theme) Odd Sock Monday (£1 donation) Dress in Blue Friday (No donation) • Monday 27th November – Foundation Stage Reception and Pre-School Winter performance (am performance) • Friday 1st December - Foundation Stage Reception and Pre-School Winter performance (am performance) • Monday 4th December – PTA funded Music Concert (Merrywood and Myrtle) • Wednesday 6th December – Year 1 Winter Production (am performance) • Thursday 7th December – Year 1 Winter performance (pm performance) • Thursday 7th December – Key Stage 2 Open doors event (Myrtle) • Friday 8th December - Key Stage 1 Open doors event (Merrywood) • Monday 11th December – Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas performance at St Pauls church (Yrs 3 and 4) • Tuesday 12th December – Year 6 to the Hippodrome • Wednesday 13th December – Year 1 and 2 to the Tobacco Factory Theatre • Wednesday 13th December – Foundation Stage to watch Aladdin in school • Thursday 14th December – Years 3, 4 and 5 to the Tobacco Factory Theatre • Thursday 14th December – School Christmas dinner • Thursday 14th December – Year 2 Carols in the Playground. Starting at 15.25, the children will sing you home. • Friday 15th December – Non-uniform day • Friday 15th December – whole school Christmas parties • Friday 15th December – Year 5 / 6 Carols in the playground. Starting at 15.10, the children will sing you home.
<p>Attendance information for the school:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%</p> <p>Current attendance figure for the whole school is 96% This is currently lower than our whole school target so we are looking into ways to improve this figure over the coming terms but your support is invaluable to everyone achieving the best outcomes for each and every child.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance under 93%; Parents / Carers will be contacted by the school and their child's attendance will be monitored.

- Attendance under **90%**; Parents / Carers will be contacted again by the school and their child's attendance will be closely monitored.
- Attendance under **88%**; Parents / Carers will have an appointment made with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

The EWO also monitors and meets with Parents / Carers regarding punctuality in the mornings so please ensure children arrive punctually. If you are late please take the children to the school office where they can get access into school building.

Our first Education Welfare Officer Attendance surgery will be in term 3.

Term 1 attendance information:

Year group	Class	Attendance percentage
Foundation Stage - Reception	Jellyfish	94.8
Foundation Stage - Reception	Octopus	94.2
Foundation Stage - Reception	Starfish	96.6
Year 1	Bear	93.5
Year 1	Badger	96.7
Year 1	Butterfly	92.7
Year 2	Flamingo	92.6
Year 2	Fox	96.3
Year 2	Falcon	93.1
Year 3	Hedgehog	96.8
Year 3	Heron	96.9
Year 3	Honey bee	94.5
Year 4	Koala	98.0
Year 5	Leopard	96.5
Year 5	Lion	98.3
Year 6	Pelican	98.6

Leave of Absence forms

If you wish to take your child out of school during term time you must fill out a Leave of Absence form, these can be collected from either school office. This will then be looked at by the Chair of Governors. Attendance figures and holiday circumstances will be looked at resulting in feedback being provided.

Please note: Authorised absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances

Reporting illness

Please can we remind all Parents / Carers to report your child's illness using the school **telephone system** or **email**.

First day absence: If you fail to report your child as ill then the school will call you before 10.00am to find out where your child is. If we fail to make contact with you during this phone call we will follow this up with a text or an email using our up to date contact details. Please can you get in touch with the school as quickly as possible to ensure we all know that your child is safe.

Medical information:

- *Sickness*: Children should not be in school until 48 hours after their last episode.
- *Diahorrea*: Children should not be in school until 48 hours after their last episode.

Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November)

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying week is 'All different, All equal.' The week will start with the children wearing ODD SOCKS to school. This is an opportunity for all children to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness.

There will be a number of different in class activities through the week and it all finishes with the children all wearing blue to school on Friday.

Unique Voice will be carrying out an Anti-Bullying Assembly and Workshop with Key Stage 2 children on Tuesday 7th November. It will consist of a 30 minute assembly that consists of their Triple R anti bullying performance followed by 4 workshops for years 4, 5 and 6.

The performance is based on this year's theme of 'All Different, All Equal' and creatively presents young people with key issues relating to anti-bullying, E-Safety and mental health.

Please be aware that some children may wish to talk about the content and experiences they may go through. If you wish to come in and talk with the school about any of the issues that may arise then please don't hesitate to pop in.

Visiting both the School sites

It is vital that all visitors to the school sites **report** to the **school office** outside of the normal gate opening times. All visitors coming in to the school will be issued with a **visitors badge** and a **safeguarding leaflet**.

Merrywood:

If you wish to gain entry to the playground during playtimes / lunchtimes please make a member of staff, who is patrolling the playground, aware of your presence. The office staff **will not** provide you access through the gate. This is to ensure all children can play safely during their playtimes when the gates are open.

Milford Street entrance and the road

Please can all Parents / Carers ensure they are in charge of their children when exiting the school gate. We continue to work on a solution to create a physical barrier between the road and the school gates. I would also ask all Parents and Carers to avoid, where possible, driving up this road during drop off and pick up times. We will then minimise the risk to our children's and their siblings' safety.

Pre-School

Please note on Wednesday afternoons the **Milford Street** entrance is open and staffed until 13.00. The gate automatically opens at 12.45 and closes at 13.00. Please use this entrance within these times instead of the **Stackpool Road** entrance as it is **safer** for Year 1 and 2 children who are out playing.

Myrtle Street – Dangerous parking

Please can all Parents / Carers refrain from parking on the double yellow and zig-zag lines in Myrtle Street. We are currently experiencing a large volume of traffic within this area that are parked illegally. It makes it difficult for children to get to the school site safely due to having to walk on the roads, difficulties with being seen when crossing roads.

The school have notified our Community Support officer and Bristol City Council Parking Services to increase the number of patrols down Myrtle Street during morning drop off and pick up. They have also reminded us that

the parking bays on North Street don't come into effect until 9am. We understand that it may be inconvenient however each child's safety is of paramount importance to the school.

Both sites

Picking your child up before the end of the school day:

Please can all Parents / Carers report to the school offices where your child will be delivered to you and be signed out formally according to Fire Regulation protocol.

Internet and Computer safety

As part of our computing curriculum the children have been focussing on 'staying safe online' within their computing lessons this term. We have covered topics such as: Cyberbullying, 'Chat' conversations within games and general safety messages.

Top Tips for children!

- **Always ask a grown up** before you use the internet. They can help you find the best thing to do.
- **Don't tell strangers** where you live, your phone number or where you go to school. Only your friends and family need to know that.
- **Don't send pictures** to people you don't know. You don't want strangers looking at photos of you, your friends or your family.
- **Tell a grown up** if you feel scared or unhappy about anything.

You can also call '[Childline](#)' on: **08001111** to talk to someone who can help.

Special diets and allergies

The school recognises that some pupils may require special diets that do not follow the National Food Standards exactly. In this case Parents / Carers are asked to inform the school and if you are providing your child with their own packed lunch to ensure it is as healthy as possible.

Due to the growing number of children with severe allergies in school; the children **are not** permitted to share food and we ask all Parents / Carers to **not** include any **nut or sesame based products** in their lunches e.g. *peanut butter, Nutella, Hummus*

Allergen alerts:

Currently within the school we have children with allergies, and at risk of **anaphylaxis** (possible death), to;

- Nuts (all varieties)
- Sesame (Tahini)
- Raw egg

Please note: there are some *common foods* we need to be aware of due to their ingredients:

- Hummus – tahini (Sesame)
- Pesto – pine nuts

Allergen information will be posted in any outward facing classroom windows informing you of any children at risk within your child's class.

Parent / Carer opportunities

Reading volunteers

If you, or grandparents, have any spare time and wish to listen to some

	<p>children read in school please contact Mrs Mathias (Family Liaison) through the school offices.</p> <p>Cleaning staff The school are looking for cleaning staff to work 16.00 – 18.00 daily on either the Myrtle or Merrywood site. If you are interested please contact the school office and David Thomas (Site manager) will get back to you.</p>
<p>Lost Property</p>	<p>Please can you take the time to visit the lost property boxes to ensure any items that have been misplaced are recovered.</p> <p>All lost property boxes will be cleared at the end of each term with the contents being donated to a local charity.</p>
<p>Governing Body information</p>	<p>The Governing Body currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you would like any more information please contact chairsouthvillep@bristol-schools.uk</p>
<p>Thanks</p>	<p>Thank you to all the PTA members who continue to give up their time to run fund raising activities from which all our children benefit.</p> <p>Well done to all those Parents / Carers who continue to record in their child's reading record about how reading is going at home. If you have any time and wish to offer yourself as a reading parent / grandparent then please contact Mrs Mathias through either school office.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone for their support during term 1. There was a lot packed in to it. OFSTED, Tag rugby events, Open doors afternoon, Parents / Carers evening, swimming gala, House captain elections to name but a few.</p>