

Hotwells Primary School

Issue 8 – 5th January 2018 - Term 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to you all! An especially warm welcome to the new families and children joining us this term.

The new year has started in earnest and classes are excited about the new topics and projects beginning. Look out for curriculum newsletters on the Class Pages of our website to see what each class is focusing on this term.

For Key Stage Two our exciting 'Times Tables Olympics' starts this term – look out for a separate letter from Ms. Barnham coming home today.

There are some great music and singing opportunities in the pipeline too including Mr Rees's Singing Club – more details to follow.

Our first assembly of the year focused on Celebrating Difference – 'we are all different, all equal and all special'. Ask your children if they enjoyed finding out what the teachers' favourite cups of tea were!

Charity work - we raised over £150 for 'Caring at Christmas' from our Christmas performances and Carol Concert last term as well as the wonderful 'Shoebox Collection' we sent to schools, special schools and nursing homes in Bulgaria .

We are also very appreciative of the donations given by parents using the School Gateway which amounted to £260 in the last month. This money is highly valued and last term's donation helped to fund the recent purchase of Maths games and resources used across the school.

Thank you and best wishes,
Mrs Delor

'All different, all equal, all special'

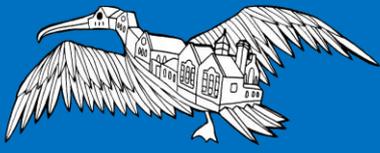
Letters out this week:

- Letter to Y4 re staff changes
- KS2 Times Tables Olympics
- Clubs letters (also in school office)

Reminder – please let the office know if you change your telephone number or address as we do need up to date information on our system

Please note all letters etc will be emailed unless you have requested otherwise.

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Attached to this newsletter is a summary of the dates for Terms 3 & 4 and a list of the clubs running this term.

Clubs: All clubs start back next week

Coats/Waterproofs

With winter now really upon us please ensure children remember coats, hats and suitable footwear – we go outside every day in all weathers (a change to outdoor wellies for our youngest children is encouraged) and don't forget to name everything! Our Lost Property Box is located undercover, outside Class 4.

Sickness/absence from school

Please remember if your child is unable to come to school because they are ill or have a medical appointment, you need to let us know at the start of the day. You can call the school office to speak to a member of staff or leave a message on the answer machine. Thank you.

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
- Please contact the school office for more information.

Free School Milk

If your child receives free school meals then they are entitled to free milk at break time – please let the office know if your child would like this.

DATES FOR CAKE SALES

TERM 3	
Friday 19 th January	Year 4
Friday 9 th February	Year 3
TERM 4	
Friday 2 nd March	Year 2
Friday 23 rd March	Year 1
TERM 5	
Friday 27 th April	Reception

Piano lessons for Reception students upwards

available with Fiona Prescott, call 07910034627 to make enquiries.

Love Singing?

Mini Singers is a free choir for boys and girls currently in Year 1 and 2, at the Colston Hall on Mondays. No auditions just bring a smile!

To book contact laurie.stewart@bristolplaysmusic.org or call 0117 2047140

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