



The Red Squirrel



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Dear Parents and Carers

As we seem to hurtle through the term and as I am getting to know the school further, please look out for a letter that will be sent out before the end of the week regarding some developments and proposed changes regarding school family life. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and views.

This week our Year 2 class families have been involved in some important assessments and have been an absolute credit to themselves and us all. We are all very proud of you Year 2! Thank you to our parents, families, friends, staff and volunteers who have supported them. Next week, our Year 6s will be involved in their KS2 SATs. Please could I ask you to keep them and our Year 2s in your thoughts and prayers. As I also said to Year 2 this week, 'Remember Year 6, your best will always be good enough!'

Keeping your children safe out of school

Bristol Safeguarding Board has produced a leaflet with advice for parents and carers on keeping children safe when using clubs, activities and tutors out of school. You can find the leaflet on the school website, or pick up a copy from the leaflet box outside the school office.

Paralympian visit

We're very excited to be welcoming GB Paralympic Sprinter Katrina Hart to the

school on **Wednesday, 23rd May**. Katrina has cerebral palsy and competes in the T37 category, winning a Bronze Medal at the 2012 London Paralympic Games in the 4x100m relay. Katrina will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, and will follow with a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event is to inspire the pupils to take up sport generally, but, just as importantly, to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life. In a few days, your child will be bringing home a letter and a sponsorship form in order to help raise money for the event. You can also sponsor your child by following the link below:

www.sportsforschools.org/eventBS930

As the sponsorship form and online sponsorship page explain, much of the money that is raised will be used to buy sports equipment for the school, and also supporting GB athletes, (including Paralympic athletes). Please ensure that sponsorship forms and monies are returned to the school office on, or before, **Wednesday 30th May** at the latest. **Please also make sure that your child/children come to school on the event day with their PE kits!** Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event.

For the keystone sports days, the gates will open for parents/carers at 1.15pm. Ks2 sports day is on Wednesday 23rd May and KS1 on Thursday 24th. The events will begin at 1.30pm.

Reminder

May I remind parents/carers that, if you are watching sport on the field after school, other children and siblings must be supervised at all times. Thank you.

Gala news

Many congratulations to both the boys relay teams and the girls medley team who took part in the South West Region swimming championships at Millfield School in Somerset last week and qualified for the National Championships in Sheffield on 16th June. They will be swimming against school teams from all over the country. Good luck to all of them.

WOT team came 2nd in the Percy Smith swimming gala held last night at Horfield Leisure Centre. Our overall lead in the league is now just 11 points, which will make the final gala of the year on **13th June** very nerve-racking and exciting. A particular well done to Jemima who swam in her first individual race, and to Arthur who swam in his first Percy Smith gala.

Chess News

Seven children from Year 3 took part in the Delancey UK School's Chess Challenge Megafinal at BGS last Saturday. Lloyd, Alex Elle, Nathaniel, Libby, Kofi and Ruhi all played 6 games and did so well representing the school. Libby came third in the U8 girl category, making it through to the Gigafinal in London in July.

Congratulations to Libby and the other players.

Nepal Easter 2019

As you know, Westbury-on-Trym Academy has a long-standing partnership with a school in Singdi village in the Annapurna region of Nepal. In 1999 a group of teachers, pupils and parents, in connection with the Pahar Trust, visited Singdi school in the remote village and established the partnership which survived the Civil War. Since then, there have been many groups from the Academy who have raised funds and visited the school in Singdi.

It has been proposed for another group of families to visit Singdi during the Easter break in 2019 to continue the link and donate any resources from our school community to enhance the educational opportunities for the children of Singdi. The children going to Nepal must be fit and a minimum Year 5 as there is lots of strenuous walking involved.

If you would like to find out more about the proposed trip, a presentation will be held for parents and children on **Monday 4th June at 6.30pm** here at school. Please contact Annie Gibson, Year 5 parent, anniegibson2013@gmail.com if you think you might attend the meeting, so that we can get an idea of numbers attending.

Reporting absences

Studybugs is a more efficient and secure

system for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

If you haven't already done so, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. Get the app or register now at:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It helps us know sooner if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

Easy Fundraising

An easy way to raise funds for the school without leaving the comfort of your own home! So far, 59 supporters have signed up and just over £652 has been raised for the PTA and the school through the website easyfundraising.org.uk. It's really simple and doesn't cost you a penny. If you shop online, chances are the retailer you use is registered with easyfundraising. If you go to that retailer via easyfundraising then the retailer will donate a percentage of your spend to the PTA. Please visit and <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wotpta> and happy shopping! Thank you.

Match funding

Did you know that many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise? Some organisations will match fund on a £ for £ basis, others will stipulate what they are prepared to give. Banks and building societies, insurance companies, supermarkets, utilities providers, phone companies and car manufacturers are known for being able to match fund but if parents could enquire to see if this is something the organisation they work for is prepared to do, the PTA could bring in a lot more funds relatively easily, for the benefit of our children. Have a chat with your boss and let us know if they're able to match fund. It really is money for nothing!!

Aviva fundraising

You may remember back in term three we announced we had been awarded £1000 from Aviva from their Community Fund. This was thanks to Yr 2 parents and families voting online for our project. I can confirm that the donation is being used to enrich and widen our reading scheme books. Thank you to those who supported this funding for us.

PTA news



The Great Westbury Bake off

Well done to everyone for all their efforts with the bake sales this year – we have raised an amazing £481.20 over the three sales! Congratulations to Mrs Thomas and KS1, as they raised the most at their sale, and win the golden whisk for this year! We were also pleased to be able to help a local homeless charity with the last of the cakes from the KS1 bake sale.

The results were as follows:

Yr 5/6/teachers £115

Yr 3 /4 £132.80

KS1 £233.40

This will go towards some new books for the reading schemes, so thank you everyone for helping.

School Disco Friday 18th May

We will be holding our school disco next Friday 18th May, tickets will be on sale all next week starting Monday 14th May from the PTA kiosk, both before and after school.

KS1 disco is 6:30-7:30,

KS2 disco 7:45-8:45

Red Squirrel Day Saturday 30th June

We will be looking for donations of toys and books, as well as tombola items for the school fair next term; please think of us if you are having a clear out of your cupboards over half term!

Ice creams

Ice creams will now be on sale every Friday after school from the PTA kiosk, (except for the 13th July). We may also open on a Thursday if the weather is nice and we have volunteers to run it.

Dates for your diary

Term 5

14th—17th May		Yr6 SATs
14th May	1.30-2.30pm	Pre-school group
18th May		PTA disco
23rd May	1.30pm	Keystage 2 Sports Day
24th May	1.30pm	Keystage 1 Sports Day

Term dates 2018

Term 4 Mon 19th Feb to Fri 23rd Mar 18

Term 5 Mon 9th Apr to Fri 25th May 18(Mon 7th May-BH)

Term 6 Mon 4th Jun to Tues 24th Jul 18

Remaining INSET dates 2018

Fri 25th May 2018

Mon 23rd Jul and Tues 24th Jul 2018

Term dates 2018/19

Term 1 Monday 3 September 2018 to Friday 26 October 2018

Term 2 Monday 5 November 2018 to Friday 21 December 2018

Term 3 Monday 7 January 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019

Term 4 Monday 25 February 2019 to Friday 5 April 2019

Term 5 Tuesday 23 April 2019 to Friday 24 May 2019

Term 6 Monday 3 June 2019 to Tuesday 23 July 2019

INSET Days (5) /Academy day (1) 2018/19

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September 2018

Monday 5th November 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Friday 5th April 2019

Friday 28th June 2019

Community News

Community fair 12th May, 2018

The Community fair this Saturday, again, action packed with stalls and entertainment. Our Academy recorder groups will be playing at the fair at 2.30pm in the Parish Church, so do come along.

Decorate your wheelbarrow /pushchair – Carnival Procession. Meet in Canford Park and process up Canford Lane, High Street and Church Road. Meet at 10:15, set off at 10:25 and arrive at Church 11am for the opening of the fair.

Chock Lane Garden Tidy Sunday 13th May

Everyone welcome anytime between 2 pm and 4pm—even half an hour can make a difference – to help tidy up the garden at the bottom of Chock Lane. This event is run by the local residents, and as several of our school families use the garden, it would be lovely to see lots of you there to help out.

Busy Bees Pre-school

Busy Bees Pre-school held at St Peter's Church Hall, The Drive, Henleaze has an open morning on 17th May, 10am—12 noon. For information call 07949 225350 or email info@busybeeshenleaze.org.uk

Saturday 14th July
9.30am–6.00pm

Bristol's Festival of Children's Literature

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Author & Illustrator Workshops: £6 each
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