

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks here at Fishponds and this week is no exception. Y6 are doing us proud with their attitude and hard work during their SATs. They are starting the day with a bit of breakfast and a social time before starting each test. Good luck for the rest of the week Y6... whatever happens you have made us very proud.

### Reflection Zone

Last week on Thursday and Friday Rev. Lizzie and team from All Saints transformed our Nursery into 8 different stations to promote calm thinking and reflection. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout and I caught one class leaving the zone exclaiming 'That was brilliant Mrs Coker- you will love it!' High praise indeed from our children! It is so important in our busy, noisy world, to spend time being quiet – to think and observe. I wish to pass on my thanks to the team for their hard work, commitment and for continuing to support our school. See our pictures later in our Newsletter or on Twitter.

### Ramadan Assembly

Last Friday, Mrs Ali came to speak to us about Ramadan in Collective Worship on Friday. The children learnt that Ramadan is one of the pillars of Islam and that all Muslims follow the fasting to practice self-discipline and feel gratitude. During this period Muslims seek to change and improve themselves. As a school we reflected on how we might show self-discipline and gratitude. The session ended with a quiz and the winning class received a story book about the Ramadan moon. Thanks to Mrs Ali and to Mrs Shakil for organising. We love to welcome people from all faiths to come and share what is special about their beliefs so if you know of anyone who would like to come into school in the future and lead an assembly, then please let us know.

### Painting Competition

Hunters Estate Agency have set Fishponds CE Academy a challenge to enter the 'Paint my Home' competition. As a prize, Hunters will donate £250 to school for materials and three winners will receive a framed version of their art work and a £25 Cribbs Causeway shopping voucher. We will be giving children time to enter the competition in school and a winner will be chosen from Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6. Mark Symonds will be coming into school to present the prizes after half term. Closing date Weds 6<sup>th</sup> June. Good luck everyone!

Some of you have been asking if I have heard back from Ofsted yet and the answer is not yet. It looks like their administration has been delayed, so we continue to wait. I will let you know when we hear.



Principal: Mrs Debbie Coker

Chair of Local Board: Mrs Trish Dodds

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Please let the office know if you or anyone on house or changed their mobile number.

It is important that our records are kept up-to-date in case your child is sick or we need to contact you.

**Don't forget, school begins at 8.45am!**

*Did you know you can text us as well as ring us about your child's absence before 9.30am? Please state the full name of your child, their class name or teacher and reason for absence in your text.*

Our text number is **07786 208896**



### Value of the term: Unity

As you know, we place our values at the core of our Academy. This term our value is Unity. Each week focusses on a different question.

**14/5/18: What unique and special talent, interest of gift do I have? How can I use it to support others?**

**21/5/18: Pentecost – what does this mean to Christians?**

**Next Term's Value is Courage.**

### **School Dinner and After School Club arrears**

Please ensure that all monies owing to the School for dinners and After School Club are paid by the end of term.

School dinners cost £2.05 per day.

After School Club costs £3.50 until 4.30 pm and £9.80 until 6 pm.

## Reflection Spaces



Don't forget to check out our school's website: [www.fishpondsceaacademy@bristol-schools.uk](http://www.fishpondsceaacademy@bristol-schools.uk).

You will find important information on here including our school policies under 'Important Information'. If you have a Special educational needs query check out the SEND page. If you have a concern about something in school – do speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance. If this doesn't work then please book an appointment with myself or Miss Goodman. Our complaints procedures are mapped out in the Complaints Policy should you ever need it!

## Relationships and Sex Education

A few weeks ago a working party made of a diverse mix of our school community got together to discuss the materials that make up our proposed Relationships and Sex education. The school has proposed to use the Term 6 'Changes' from our PSHE scheme of work called 'Jigsaw'. These materials are age and stage appropriate and ensure that children grow to understand how to look after their bodies and keep them clean, understand how to form good friendships and relationships and prepares them to respect themselves and others. This is such an important piece of learning for our children these days with constant bombardment from social media about self - image etc. I am pleased to share that the working party drew the consensus that the materials were appropriate and thought the scheme to be an effective way to ensure that all of our children are safe. The outline of the Jigsaw curriculum is on our school website and you will be offered a chance to explore the materials yourselves as all year groups will be holding an RSE meeting in the first week of Term 6. Further information will be sent out about this soon.

As you are aware, Premier Sports run our Sporting PPA provision and an After School Sports Club every day.

Premier Sports wish to involve parents in their launch of a Well Being e-book which the children will start learning about later in the year and will be introducing a e-book to the parents whilst hosting **two Coffee Mornings** in The Old Library on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June** and **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 am – 10.30 am** to share ideas for healthy breakfasts, lunch boxes, meal plans and much, much more. This is a very exciting new venture to support your children’s knowledge of living a healthy lifestyle and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the above dates.

**With best wishes, Debbie  
Coker, Principal**

Dates for your diaries:	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Sats Week for Year 6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 visiting the park
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Class photos
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Reception Sharing Learning @ 2.40pm Year 3 Sharing Learning @ 9am Y1/2 trip to Cardiff Castle
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Non uniform day Last day of term.</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	<b>First day back of Term 6. School starts @ 8.45am</b>
<b>Term 6 week 1</b>	<b>RSE meetings for differing year groups for parents</b>
Week beginning Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Premier Wellbeing Coffee Morning 9.00 – 10.30 am – The Old Fishponds Library Year 1 phonics screening (Also Year 2 phonics screening for small number who are having another go!)
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Premier Wellbeing Coffee Morning 9.00 – 10.20 am – The Old Fishponds Library
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Early Years Sports morning. (Reserve day Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> June)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day (morning), KS1 Sports Day (afternoon) (Reserve day Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends of Fishponds Academy school BBQ – keep the evening free!
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving up Day!
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6

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