

Dear Parents and Carers,

So we have reached the end of another school year and it makes sense to look back and reflect on the celebrations and hard work of the staff team and children. There are many academic achievements to highlight and celebrate:

- Reception cohort have exceeded the targets set (62% GLD) despite the lowest baseline entry for the last three years.
- Best ever Year 1 phonics results! (91.5%)
- Children in Year 2 and Year 6 have exceeded the targets set for reading and writing this year.
- KS1 results for Teacher assessment this year exceeded last years in writing and Maths (in line for reading)

It is becoming ever more evident that the work we have put into planning and developing work at KS2 is beginning to pay off and the children that are now moving into the top phase are meeting, and in some cases exceeding, their targets and therefore in a better place to tackle the learning in Y5/6. There is obviously still more work to be done and we are looking forwards to continuing with our plans in the new year.

It's not just the academic side of school life that I reflect upon. There have been many opportunities where children have found their true talent, surprised us all and made us proud. Recently the Year 6 performance of Lion King brought me (and many others!) to tears- amazingly high expectations in performance skills and singing. Our PPA offer has led to an Art Exhibition in the Old Library, our school's first invite to county level athletics, drumming at Sports Day and the fantastic Sports Days themselves. There has been at least an 18% increase in children's fitness levels over the course of the year. We have developed more opportunities for children to take part in many different clubs this year. Thanks to the staff team for giving their free time to this. I'd also like to thank our volunteers Mr Finnegan and Mr Jeffers as well as many parents/carers who have faithfully supported our class reading and on trips. Thanks also to Reverend Lizzie and the church team who have supported the school this year with the Easter Experience trip and Reflection Zones. It has been great to have space to think and reflect in our busy lives!

I am sure that you will join me in thanking the hardworking team here. Sadly, Mr Lawrence left earlier this week due to the death of his father in Australia. On Tuesday, we will say goodbye to Mr Taverner, Mr Gibbs, Mrs Poole, Miss Narjee, Miss Owens, Mrs Gouveia and Miss Innoles. We wish them well for the future. Congratulations are also due to Miss Whittaker who has announced that she is expecting a baby. Arrangements will be made early next year to cover maternity leave. I trust that you and your child enjoyed meeting their new teacher on Monday. Finally, good bye to all our Year 6 families, I wish you every success for the future.

Enjoy the holidays!



Principal: Mrs Debbie Coker

Chair of Local Board: Mrs Trish Dodds

## Newsletter No 17: Term 6 July 2018

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**



### Values of the term

As you know, we place our values at the core of our Academy. Here are the values for next year.

Term 1- Respect

Term 2- Peace

Term 3- Thankfulness

Term 4 - Honesty

Term 5- Forgiveness

Term 6- Friendship

As with this year, there will be a question to ponder every week in our collective worship sessions.

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

Please ensure that all monies owing to the School for dinners and After School Club are paid up to date. Yr 6 children will need to clear any outstanding balance.

**School dinners cost £2.05 per day.**

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

## Message from the Chair of Local Board (Governors) :

Dear Parents/Carers and Staff,

The Local Board have been busy since the Ofsted Inspection supporting Mrs Coker, our Principal, and the Trust in developing a plan to address the issues raised in the Report. Also, attending interviews for staff. I am pleased to say that the process was successful and a staff team is in place.

The Board would like to wish our Year Six pupils and their families, every success as they move to Secondary school. Any pupils leaving from other year groups - you have our best wishes too.

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting your child's education and the work of the school. It is always so rewarding to visit the school and meet the children and share their learning.

We say farewell to some members of staff and we offer them our gratitude and good wishes for the future. We also thank every single person who works in the school in their many and varied roles for their valued contribution.

Thankfully, all Board members will be continuing in their roles next year and a new Foundation Governor will be joining us.

I will keep you updated next school year about the progress of the Ofsted Action Plan.

Wishing everyone involved with the school a happy and peaceful summer break.

Trish Dodds

### Have your Say... Consultation on 20 mph around Bristol

Bristol City Council are currently inviting comment on the 20mph speed limits in Bristol to assess how well it is working in communities across the city. The purpose of this online consultation is to gather comments from residents and road users on what is working and what may need localised adjustments in order to ensure that the speed limits are working as efficiently as possible. The online consultation is live for over 10 weeks from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. [www.bristol.gov.uk/20mphreview](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/20mphreview)

Paper copies along with information and maps are available in each local library in Bristol, and also in City Hall, for those unable to participate online. Cllr Mhairi Threlfall, Cabinet Member for Transport and Connectivity, said:

"Evidence shows that slower speeds reduce the number and severity of collisions on our roads and the 20mph monitoring report has shown that, on average, speeds on more than 100 surveyed roads have significantly reduced since 20mph limits were introduced. We're keen to build on this research which is where the reviews come in to take on board feedback from residents. Please make sure you have your say during the consultation process."

### New After School Club Provider from Sept 2018

From September, the afterschool club will be provided by Oldbury Court After School Club. Some of you raised concerns about the cost...we have some good news! The membership fee has been reduced to £32 due to this only covering Sept until April as a result of our conversations. This cost is per family joining up. I hope that this helps with meeting the costs of child care next year. The daily rate for using the club is £8.25 for care from 3.15 – 6pm. Visit [www.oldburycourtclubs.org.uk](http://www.oldburycourtclubs.org.uk) for further details or to sign up for a place, alternatively phone Sheila on 07747650611. All places **must** be booked in advance.



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

Dates for your diaries:	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET training for staff ( <b>closed to children</b> )
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of term 1 -Please be in school by 8.45am to start learning.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm Year 1 and 2 parent meeting in Small Hall. ( approx. 30 mins)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm Year 3 and 4 parent meeting in Small Hall. ( approx. 30 mins)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm Year 5 and 6 parent meeting in Small Hall. ( approx. 30 mins)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Year 6 Residential
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET day ( <b>school closed to children</b> )
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Phonics meeting for parents
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Harvest Service.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term 1
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Half term holiday ( schools closed )</b>