



Horfield CEVC Primary School

Bishop Manor Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS10 5BD



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Parents and Carers,

We are really pleased to welcome our new Reception children in Classes 1 and 2 this week. It was lovely to see so many children come into school on their first day looking smart and ready for new exciting learning adventures and opportunities. A very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined our school community.

A Message from a New Parent

We would like to share with you part of an email we received from one of our new parents this week.

"We would like you to pass on a big thank you to a Horfield family for an act of kindness that really made a difference to our family. It was my son's first day at school and he was just waiting on the drive ready to walk to school, when a boy across the road waved and said hello, then asked if he was going to Horfield School. The boy's family walked with us to the gates talking about the school and the teachers.

Honestly it was totally the best way of dispelling any anxiety about the first day and my little boy was visibly relaxed and felt very special that someone had taken the time to talk with him. It genuinely felt like the school was a community that we were absolutely part of."

What a wonderful, caring thing to do – well done to William and Hannah G for being so kind and thoughtful.

Information Evening Tonight! 7pm (Years 1 to 6)

This evening our class teachers will be in school presenting an outline of the curriculum content for each year group. They will also provide an overview of class expectations & routines and an opportunity for you to ask any general questions. We really hope you can attend.

Year 1 Parents and Carers are also invited to come to a 'How We Teach Reading' workshop in the hall on Wednesday 26th September 9am.

The Information Evening for Early Years will be on Wednesday 10th October.

Year 6 Residential

There will be an information meeting regarding the Year 6 residential trip on Friday 21st September after school.

SHINE Breakfast Club

SHINE are now running our school breakfast club for the academic year. All bookings now have to be made online at <https://myshine.co.uk/activity/breakfast-club-term-1-2018-1>

Golden Mile Challenge

This year our teachers will be promoting healthy lifestyles further by taking the children out of class to run around our cycle track several times a week for approx. 15 minutes. It's social, non-competitive and fun!

Healthy Schools

As a school we are very proud to announce that we have achieved the Mental Health and Wellbeing Badge and the Health Protection Badge to add to our PSHE Badge!

Helpers - We are always keen to hear from parents, carers, grandparents and other family members who can offer some help in classrooms and around the school. If you can help, please talk to a class teacher. We really appreciate any support you can offer.

Reminders

Children need to have a **rain coat** in school for outdoor playtimes - they will only stay indoors when it is raining very heavily or during extreme weather conditions.

All children also need a **PE kit** for outdoor games and this should be left in a bag on their pegs. Years 1-6 will be participating in a special rugby taster day next Friday (21st) organised by Clifton Rugby Club.

New School Council

Next Thursday morning, the children will be voting for their new class councillors who will form part of the whole school council.

Salad bar

Our school caterer's Chartwells have advised that, due to difficulty with suppliers, there may be limited salad bar. Please consider this when making dinner choices.

Applying for a secondary school place for 2019-20

This term, parents of children in Year 6 need to visit Secondary Schools to help you decide on your Secondary School choices for next September. You will need to apply for a school place by **31 October 2018**. Apply online at www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Bristol City Council is hosting an admissions information session for Year 6 Parents after school on 8th October at 3.15pm.

Clubs

SHINE mini football club for Years 1 & 2 and junior football club for Years 3 & 4 will both be starting this Friday. Please visit MyShine.co.uk to book a place.

Mathletics

All Mathletics logins will have rolled over from last year. Mrs Burke can't wait to see who has already made a start this term!

Collective Worship theme next week is forgiving

Amazing Achievements!

Congratulations to everyone too numerous to mention individually who completed the summer reading challenge. We will be celebrating their achievements soon!

Well done to Matty who got a merit in Grade 4 and Charles a merit in grade 3 in their French Horn exams over the summer. Both boys have now gone on to Year 7 and we wish them and all our other leavers good luck in their new schools.

Mr I Harvey, Deputy Head

Diary Dates

September	
Tues 18 th	KS2 Computer Xplorers Club starts 3:15
Fri 21 st	Swimming Starts for all children in Years 2 and 5
Fri 28 th	School BBQ
October	
Mon 1 st	Y6 Lifeskills Trip 12-3:30
Thurs 4 th	Y2 Visit to Durdham Downs
Mon 8 th	Secondary School Choices Talk for Y6 Parents 3:15
Mon 15 th	Photo day
Thurs 25 th	Y2 Dance performance to parents 9am
Fri 26 th	End of Term 1 3:15
November	
Mon 5 th	Start of Term 2
w.b. Mon 12 th	Book Fair in School
Mon 12 th	Speech & Language Drop In 2:45pm
Tues 13 th and Weds 14 th	Parent Consultation Meetings
December	
Sat 1 st	School Fair
Fri 21 st	End of Term 2

You are never too old to set another goal
Or to dream a new dream
C.S. Lewis



School BBQ

The School Association BBQ will be taking place on Friday 28th September. Everyone is welcome! You can pay by PayPal or with cash or cheque via the post box next to the School Office. £3 per Adult, £5 for 2, children are FREE.

Community News

Zumba - Be healthy and have fun - start the new school year with a Zumba class. Every Tues/Thurs in the hall at 6:30pm.

Bristol City Council Consultation on St Peters EPH New Build Development as part of the Council's drive to increase the level of housing in the City, they are inviting you to an event regarding the development of St Peters EPH on Bishopthorpe Road in Horfield.

'We would like to invite you to an information event, a drop in session, so you can view the draft proposals for the site and provide the project team with your thoughts and comments.

Please find below details of the information event. You can attend at any time between these hours

*Wednesday 19th September 2018, 3.30pm – 7.00pm at
Horfield CofE Primary School, Bishop Manor Rd, Bristol BS10 5BD*

At the information event you will be able to look at the basic design options and draft proposals for the site and provide us with your views and feedback. Following this event, we will use the information provided to further aid with the design of the site and we will provide residents with more details and designs with a second event later in the year.'

Cycle Sunday

Cycle Sunday will be back on Bristol's Downs on September 16th. This event gives you and your family a wonderful car free opportunity to cycle around the Downs between 10.00am and 2pm. For more information, please go to <http://www.cyclesunday.net/> or find our event on Facebook – "Cycle Sunday 2018".

Junior Squash Coaching

Junior squash coaching sessions will be taking place every Wednesday afternoon at Horfield Leisure Centre. First session free. Email horfieldinfo@everyoneactive.com for more information or to book a place.

Horfield's Got Talent

Horfield's Got Talent performance – Friday 21st September 5pm – 7:30pm at Ebenezer Church. Join us for a free evening celebrating individual talents within the community. Please sign up for tickets in advance at <http://horfieldsgottalent.lovehorfield.co.uk>. If you would like to showcase your talent in a short (3 minutes or less) performance, please sign up at <http://lovehorfield.co.uk/blog/horfieldsgottalent>

Foraging Walk

Book a place with our knowledgeable and passionate Foraging Guide to learn more about wild food and enjoy a restorative woodland walk. 11.30 – 2pm, Sunday 16th September at Ashton Court Estate. Tickets are £35 and available at admin@forestofavontrust.org