



Hotwells Primary School

Issue 3 – 12th October 2018 - Term 1

Dear Parents

We are more than half way through the first term and so much has happened already. Our Harvest Festival last week was a lovely occasion and the North Bristol Food Bank were delighted with the food that we have donated; a big thank you to you all.

Congratulations to Zac and Lachlan in Year 5 who each played piano to the school in assembly yesterday – their playing was exemplary and both Luna Eclipse and Fiesta Espania held the children spellbound.

Congratulations also go to Ben and Jon in Class 6, Jake and Jude in Class 4 and Tess and Sophia in Class 2 who are invited to High Tea next week in recognition of their hard work in class and their contributions to school life. Well done to you all!

Something to look forward to - this weekend 13th and 14th October is the West Bristol Arts Trail. As always School is open on the Saturday from 11am to 3pm with a display of the children's wonderful artwork! This year we are including clay sculptures and 3-D work. If you are wondering where the children's canvas art has gone – don't worry- we are simply moving this activity to our Whole School Arts Week later in the year!

Next week our Parents' Evenings take place on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th October. This is a chance for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's start to the new academic year, settling in and progress.

This week we have enjoyed a vibrant and welcoming PTA AGM to start the school year and an equally warm and welcoming New Families coffee morning. I enjoyed meeting many parents and spending time with you all. I would also like to thank the school community for the many comments and well wishes, by email and in person, regarding your experiences of our school and your support in our journey forward.

With best wishes for a happy Autumnal weekend,

from Mrs Delor

Letters out this week:

- Communication/email letter
- Parent Evening Slips
- Medical forms for Year 6 camp

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Osmington Bay Residential camp for Year 6

22nd – 26th October 2018

Reminder to bring in your medical forms, thanks.

Cold/wet weather coats

As we have been experiencing a change in the weather over the last week and a few pupils have been caught out in the rain or high winds, now is the time to make sure your children are coming to school with a water proof coat (labelled with their name/class) and even warm hats and gloves. We always try and make sure pupils can have their break and lunchtimes outside.

West Bristol Arts Trail – Come and see the children's artwork tomorrow! The PTA will be selling refreshments at the school's exhibition between 11pm and 3pm. We hope to see you there!

Secondary school applications - You still have plenty of time to apply before the deadline on 31st October 2018. Parents are able to apply online via the Local Authority's website:

www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Primary School Admissions September 2019

If your child was born between **September 1st 2014 and August 31, 2015** you must make an application for a primary **Reception** school place.

You [can apply online](#) for a **reception** class until midnight January 15, 2019.

Prospective Parent Tours - We are holding parent tours of the school on Monday 12th November @ 1.30pm and Wednesday 21st November @ 9.30am. Please contact the school office to book an appointment.

Flu Immunisation Programme for children in Reception to Year 5 will take place next Wednesday 17th October

Clubs – Reminder to pay online on the School Gateway for clubs.

French Club is filling up very quickly, send back your replies asap for a place. If you have already applied for a place you can go online and pay.

Volunteer helpers - Do you have any time during the week to help us in school? If you think you can spare an hour a week to come in and hear children read please talk to your child's teacher, or enquire at the School Office.

Attendance – up to week ending 12/10/2018

Reception	97.0%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	99.5%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	98.3%
Total	97.9%

Attendance/Punctuality

Please ensure your children are attending school unless for an authorised reason such as illness and that you contact the office if they are unwell. A reminder that the school day starts at 8.50am. Lateness is disruptive to the start of the day when children have begun their learning.

Do you double park outside our school?

We have had complaints from neighbours about parents who double park at the start or end of the school day. Double parking is inconsiderate for our neighbours and makes the road unsafe for all our children. If you have been double parking, please think and make a change. Thank you.

Headlice

There has been an outbreak of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair for these pesky pests – leaflets have been given out to the class.

Has your child been entitled to Free School Meals?

If so, we can support with funding to attend an after school club or activity. Alternatively, if you would rather, we can help with the cost of music tuition.

To qualify, your child needs to have been registered for Free School Meals at any time from when they started in Reception Class. They do not have to be registered now. If you are interested in taking up this support, please speak to Martine, Hazel or Estelle in the School Office.

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CAKE SALES	
Friday 26 th October	Year 1
TERM 2	
Friday 9 th November	Year 2
Friday 30 th November	Year 3
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Cracker
TERM 3	
Friday 18 th January	Year 4
Friday 8 th February	Year 5
TERM 4	
Friday 8 th March	Year 6
Friday 29 th March	Reception
TERM 5	
Friday 3 rd May	Nursery

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