



Newsletter No 6      Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Cross Country Championships

Yesterday 45 athletes from Year 3 to Year 6 travelled to St Bede's School to compete against other schools from North Bristol. Each race had over 50 competitors with everyone putting in their best effort. Erin came first in the Year 6 race with Sophie and Lilly not far behind in 10th and 11th. Joshua B came 7th for the Year 6 boys and Lydia came 4th in the combined Years 3/4 race. Thank you to all the parents who helped transport the children. Well done everyone!

### Early Years Information Evening

A final reminder that the Early Years Reception Information Evening for Parent and Carers of children in Classes 1 and 2 is TONIGHT at 7pm.

### Community Opera

Our KS2 school choir are taking part in a community opera entitled *1918: Home at Last* on Friday and Saturday. This is a moving piece of work commissioned especially for this year commemorating the end of the First World War. The choir have also made a stained glass poppy that will be exhibited in St Mary Redcliffe Church.

The event happens on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> at St Mary Redcliffe Church (7pm-9pm). Tickets are available online, priced at £3 from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/homeatlast> and on the door (cash only).

### Gardeners' World

We would love all the children to have the opportunity to learn more about growing their own food. We are hoping to invest in a polytunnel which would give us greater opportunities to carry out gardening all through the year. We have begun investigating suppliers and would be very grateful for any advice or experience you could share with us to help make our decision. If you can help in any way please contact Mrs Moody or Mrs Friesner.

### Year 6 Author Roadshow

*'On Monday Year 6 went to UWE to hear some of England's best authors speak. One of them was brilliant at making people laugh, one was brilliant at making people intrigued about what was going to happen next in her book and one was brilliant at involving people by making the audience do certain moves. We were introduced to some new authors and it really inspired me to read their books'*. By Josh B.

### Parent Consultations

Teacher Parent consultations for Years R to 6 will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please complete and return your consultation slip to arrange an appointment.

Reminder of communications in the morning - please only pass on brief messages to your child's teacher and if necessary arrange a longer appointment.

### Spare Furniture

We have a few classroom desks & tables and a paper storage set of drawers for outside paper that we no longer need. Please let the School Office know if you or an organisation you know would like any of them.

### The Art of Durdham Downs



Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Durdham Downs. They found out that there is a species of tree that only grows in Bristol - the Bristol Whitebeam. They created a stunning piece of art using leaves, berries and seeds. Afterwards, using natural materials found on the Downs, they made clay animals that reside there. *"I didn't know that berries were lots of colours!"* Brandon.

### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and you are warmly invited to join us from 9:15am (starting at 9:30). The children are invited to bring in food in the morning, which will be donated to the North Bristol food bank.

### Quiz Night

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Win the coveted trophy. £2 per person. Doors open 7.30pm.

### Year 5/6 Football

The football team kicked off to a good start last Monday at St Bede's. The team played well but unfortunately lost 1-0 due to a last minute own goal against St Bernard's. In the second game the team demonstrated skill and determination to win 5-0 against Bank Leaze School.

### Mathletics

Again Class 5 are unbeatable!

### Shoebox Appeal 2018 – Make Someone Happy

We hope you will help us support the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal again this year. If you would like to fill a shoebox or donate items for a shoebox (e.g. soap, hats, gloves, toothbrush, small toys) you can **deliver** your box or items to our school office. Leaflets are available outside the office. For more information please contact Carolyn Sims 07905145379 or e-mail [simscarolyn@virginmedia.com](mailto:simscarolyn@virginmedia.com).) The last date for the boxes to be delivered to the office is Monday November 5th. We look forward to seeing a mountain of boxes that we can send on and help to bring some happiness to someone this Christmas.

### Information for Y6 Parents

You will need to apply for a secondary school place by **31 October 2018**. Apply online at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions). Please inform the office if you wish to take your child out of school to visit a secondary school.

### Reception Admission – September 2019

Parents with children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 must make an application for Reception in September 2019 by midnight on 15th January 2019.

**Collective Worship** theme next week is Roots.

**Year 6 Students of the Week** are Oliver, Class 13, for receiving amazing feedback from the Lifeskills Team and Caitlin, Class 14, for excellent progress in maths.

**Mr I Harvey, Deputy Head**

Diary Dates	
<b>October</b>	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Opera 'Home at Last' at St Mary Redcliffe 7pm (Choir)
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Photo day Y3/4 Football Tournament
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Hockey Festival (Girls)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Vince's Quiz Night
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvest Festival am
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Mexican Hat Dance 9am
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1 3:15
<b>November</b>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> /Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Premier Sports Holiday Camps at Horfield
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 2
w.b. Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in School
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Speech & Language Drop In 2:45pm
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> and Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Meetings
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need – non uniform day – spotty if you can!
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Shakespeare Performance at the Redgrave Theatre
<b>December</b>	
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Fair
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> pm	Reception Nativity Performance
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup>	St George's Concert
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> am	Reception Nativity Performance
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 at Bristol Cathedral
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 2
<b>January 2019</b>	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Start of T3 for the children

### SHINE Breakfast Club

SHINE now run the breakfast club and all bookings need to be made online at <https://myshine.co.uk/activity/breakfast-club-term-1-2018-1>

### Premier Sport

Premier will be running holiday camps at school during November half term. To book a whole day or half day of fun for your child please visit [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com) or contact 07476032239. Thursday 1st November - Nerf in the morning / Football & Dodgeball in the afternoon. Friday 2nd November - Gymnastics in the morning / Fencing & Archery in the afternoon.



**Canford Fireworks** are on the 10th November. Tickets are available £5 per ticket. Please put money in the **red box** and tickets will come home in book bags.

**Christmas card** design deadline is the 19th October. There are a few spare design sheets if anyone needs one.

**Quiz night** 19th October £2 per person. Doors open 7.30pm.

**School Association Meeting** 18th October in the Beehive. 7.30pm 'till 9pm.

### Community News

**Zumba** – Every Tues/Thurs in the hall at 6:30pm.

### 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](mailto:horfieldinfo@everyoneactive.com) for more information or to book a place.

### Left to their Own Devices

Our children are growing up with a world of online possibility at their fingertips. It's an exciting world for them to explore, but also has its pitfalls. Power up your parenting for the online generation with Katharine and Philip at St Michael's Centre, BS34 8PD on Thursday 18th October 2018, 6:30pm.

**Lifeskills** has places for the Bath Half Marathon 2019. Anyone who would be interested in running for them please contact Jo de Wolf [johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk](mailto:johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk) or by calling 0117 922 4511. The entry fee is £35 and the fundraising target is £300. The event takes place on Sunday 17th March 2019. Lifeskills is a charity so every penny raised helps us to continue running the Year 6 programme that your pupils enjoy each year.

### Scouts

4<sup>th</sup> Bristol Southmead Cubs are looking for new boys/girls aged 8-10½ to join their pack! Monday nights (term time only) 6.30pm-8.15pm. Lots of fun activities, games, badge work and life skills to learn! Fun camps at Brockmead Scouting Camp and lots of trips. £25 a term. Contact Emily 07969375707 for more information and interest!

