

Hotwells Primary School

Issue 4 – 26th October 2018 - Term 1

Dear Parents

This week, congratulations go to the **Y5/6 Swimming Team** who came third out of fifteen schools in the inter-schools swimming gala last week.

Congratulations also go to Anders and Noah in Class 1, Mersina and Mollie in Class 3 Daisy and Saffron in Class 5 who have attended **High Tea this week** in celebration of their exemplary attitudes to school life and learning.

Well done also to the children whose work was shared in **Celebration of Work assembly** this week – the standard of writing was high and the content of the children's stories inspiring.

Year 6 have enjoyed a fantastic time at **Class Six camp** in Dorset. The activities, camaraderie, food, and even the weather, have all made for a wonderful week!

I would like to remind families of our **start of the day procedures** and clarify what this means. The school gate opens at 8.40am. Families and children can come in to the school playgrounds from this time onwards and there will be a member of staff in the outside area of school. Parents may choose to leave their children unaccompanied at this point and some older children do walk to school independently. Class teachers collect their class from the playground at ten to nine and at this point the responsibility passes from the parent to the class teacher.

This week we welcomed our new **Bristol Education Partner**, Alison Wood, to school to take part in the first of three Core Visits during this academic year. This visit included a tour of the school, meeting key members of the governing body and staff and discussing the recommendations from our Ofsted report in order to finalise our post-Ofsted action plan. A copy of the post-Ofsted action plan for parents will be posted on the school website in due course.

Finally three dates for your diaries:

- The second week of the new term (Monday 12th – Friday 16th November) is national **Anti-Bullying Week**. We will be focusing on the theme of 'Choose Respect' and the week will include a variety of activities highlighting the importance of respect for all.
- Friday 16th November is also nationwide **Children in Need** day – we know that the children always enjoy taking part in these activities. On Friday 16th we encourage children to come to school dressed up in spots or stripes and bring in a (suggested) £1 donation for this worthy cause.
- **Year 6 will be performing in a Christmas Concert at St George's, Brandon Hill** on Wednesday December 5th at 7.30pm. Tickets must be purchased directly from the venue box office or online via the link below, they are not available from school. <https://www.stgeorgesbristol.co.uk/event/bristol-plays-music-christmas-concert/> The concert does sell out quickly, so if you would like to attend please order your tickets as soon as possible. Make sure that you purchase tickets for the EVENING performance (7.30pm) as Hotwells will not be in the afternoon concert. This promises to be a wonderful event to start the festive season!

With best wishes for a happy half term. We welcome children back to school on Monday 5th November.

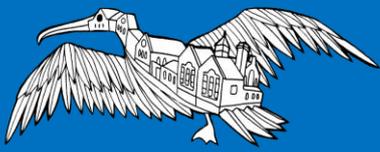
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Letters out this week:

Letters regarding T2 clubs

Absence and Lateness Fact Sheet

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Attendance and Punctuality

Please take a few minutes to read the Absence and Lateness Fact Sheet going home in book bags today.

Did you know that Bristol has the worst school attendance across the whole country? All Bristol schools are making attendance a priority so that all children get the best possible start.

If you have to take your children out of school unavoidably, please don't forget to pick up a leave of absence request form from the school office or off the website. This should be given in to the office at least 10 days before the planned absence.

Most absences CANNOT be authorised.

Secondary school applications – Don't forget 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 applications - 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.

PTA FILM NIGHT – NEXT ONE 22ND NOVEMBER
Payable online now!

Attendance – up to week ending 26/10/2018

Reception	96.4%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	99.2%
Year 4	99.5%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	98.2%
Total	97.8%

School dinner payments

Please remember that school meals should be paid for in advance. They are £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week. You could even pay for the whole of term 2 which will be £76.50!

Please be reassured that registers are taken in the lunch hall so that you are charged only for the meals your child has. For example, if they go home ill in the morning, we do not charge for the meal ordered.

If your child has been advised by their GP or Health Care Professional to follow a special diet please make sure the office know if you have not already done so. All children who want school meals should be able to have them.

Music lessons – The children enjoyed a musical demonstration in assembly this morning from a Bristol Plays Music tutor. Subject to interest, he may be offering **voice and/or bass guitar lessons** next term. Please let the office know if your child is interested.

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