



# Newsletter 9

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please bring your shoeboxes into school by next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

If you would like to fill a shoebox for a needy child, please come into the office to purchase a shoebox for 40p. Thank you.



## BONFIRE NIGHT –

Unfortunately we have to cancel tomorrow's fireworks due to a yellow weather warning for rain and high winds. The display will be postponed until next Friday. Anyone who has already purchased a ticket it will be valid for next week however if you do want a refund please return your ticket.



## FUTURE EVENTS -

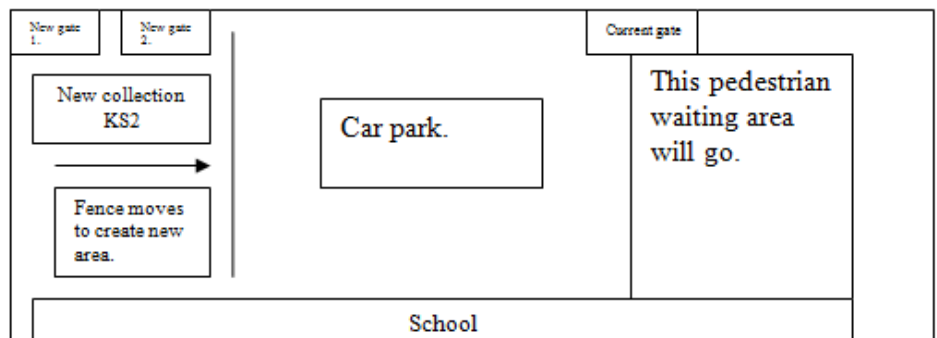
PTA and AGM Meeting  
Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> –  
6pm in the school hall.  
Christmas Fayre Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
November 3.30pm – 5pm.  
All welcome!

**EXPANSION UPDATE** - During the holiday the Secretary of State granted planning permission for our school expansion to go ahead. This will see the construction of 4 fully equipped, state of the art classrooms on our site, alongside improved toilet facilities and a 'utility room'. We are very excited about what this will bring to our school.

Site work could start as early as this month, therefore we are taking this opportunity to notify you about new arrangements for bringing your children to school at the start of the day, and collecting them at the end, plus changes to the front car park and pedestrian area.

### Changes to the front car park

The current area where parents wait in the morning will be going, as this will be used for site access. A **new** pedestrian gate will be created at the other end of car park. The black fence currently in place by the church will move further into the car park, creating a new pedestrian place here. Basically, the pedestrian area will move from one end of the car park to the other.



### Bringing children to school.

Please wait in the new pedestrian area as normal. Mr Hornsby or Mrs Harvey will open the gate between the church and the school. Children will come in as normal. There is little change here.

### Collecting children at the end of the day.

Please wait in the new pedestrian area as normal. Mr Hornsby or Mrs Harvey will open the gate between the church and the school. KS2 parents (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) please wait for your children, at the front of the school. KS1 and EYFS (Reception, Years 1 and 2) please walk into the school - Reception and Year 1 will be dismissed from their classrooms so please wait in the middle playground near the MUGA (sports area), Year 2 parents please wait on the top playground under the tree, children will come to you there.

### Leaving the school grounds.

You will note there are two new pedestrian exit gates on the diagram. If you are heading towards Bristol when leaving the school, please exit through the right gate. If you are heading towards Bath please exit through the left gate. Although they are only a few metres apart, this will prevent congestion at the traffic lights for those waiting to cross.

We will inform you by text when these plans come into action, and display an abundance of signs to help minimise confusion. Teachers will also be on hand to assist and guide. Through these methods we hope to keep the system as smooth running as possible, whilst keeping the safety of our children and parents a priority!

**YEAR 2 CHINA DAY** - Children in Year 2 enjoyed a Chinese day where they read *The Magic Brush*, set in China. They also did a Kahoot! – a quiz about China, before a carousel of activities to discover more about the country. They made Chinese dragons, tasted Chinese food, wrote fortune cookie fortunes and practised writing in Mandarin!



**POPPIES** – Year 6 will be selling poppies and other items for Remembrance Day this week. Minimum contribution for a poppy is 20p, this year we also have snap on wrist bands, bracelets, flexi rulers, bugs, hair clips, pencils, and erasers – ranging from 50p to £1.

**HOUSE CHALLENGE** – Children are awarded tokens for following our school values. Last term, the house with the most tokens was Willow! Congratulations to Willow house who gained 1012 tokens in total.



**VACANCY** – We have a temporary vacancy in school for a lunch time assistant and cleaner to cover maternity leave. The contract includes cleaning for 10 hours per week 3.30pm – 5.30pm Monday to Friday, and lunch time assistant for 5 hours 50 mins per week, 12.10pm – 1.20pm Monday to Friday. If you are interested in this position, please collect an application form from the school office. Thank you.

**WALKING BUS SCHEME** - We would like to hear your views on Walking Bus schemes to help reduce congestion outside the school gate and encourage more walking to school, via an online survey. A Walking Bus is a group of children escorted to school by adult volunteers. The group walks along an approved route stopping at set points to collect 'passengers'. Bath and North East Somerset Council is developing a toolkit for schools to use in setting up and running a Walking Bus scheme. The results of this survey will enable us to feed into that toolkit.

This is your chance to make your views heard – take a short survey. It only takes 5 minutes to fill out:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WalkingBusToolkitSurvey2018>

**WATCH** – A new watch has been found in school, please let the office know if your child has lost one. Thank you.

### **THIS WEEKS' ATTENDANCE RESULTS!**

Reception: 97.3%

Year 1: 92%

Year 2: 91.5%

Year 3: 95.2%

Year 4: 92%

Year 5: 94.5%

Year 6: 96%

**THE WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE RECEPTION!**

Reception will receive 10 minutes extra play time!

**THE HOUSE WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS **BIRCH** WITH 95.6%**

### **PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!**

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work, which will go into a 'showcase' book for visitors to view in the school office. Photos can be viewed on the website shortly!

Last week's children are:

YEAR 1: Isla has been praised – Kenzie has received the showcase award

YEAR 2: Brayden has been praised – Stanley has received the showcase award

YEAR 3: Rafael has been praised – Gracie have received the showcase award

YEAR 4: Grace has been praised – Ruby G has received the showcase award

YEAR 5: Roman has been praised - Libby and Ashleigh has received the showcase award

YEAR 6: Luke has been praised – Maisie has received the showcase award