

Newsletter 23rd Nov 2018

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COMPASSION COMMUNITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

It is always such a pleasure walking around school each morning and getting to know your children better. Many children approach me eager to share their latest news, their learning or just for a little chat. This is something I really value.

I always welcome your honesty and feedback and a couple of parents have asked me why I don't yet know more of the children's names. I have always found it incredibly difficult to remember names and this is a real challenge for me. However, as we would expect from our children, I persevere and am determined that I will eventually succeed! I feel as a lead learner in the school it is my job to model the learning process and show our children that it is perfectly acceptable to find certain things challenging and we all learn differently.

By showing them this I hope I am supporting them to develop invaluable life skills and values such as empathy, tolerance and acceptance.

With warmest wishes,
Sophie Westerwijk

Our value this term

Trust



Who does your child trust in school?
Who would they go to if they needed to share a problem?

Parent Survey

We are constantly evaluating how we can strengthen our communication and partnerships with our families. We will be sending a simple questionnaire out next week so we can hear your views and ideas.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6th December – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 7th December – Non Uniform Day (Tombola Prizes)

Friday 7th December – School Christmas Fair 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th December - KS1 Nativity Performances

Wednesday 19th December – KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church, 7pm

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 21st December – Last day of term

Monday 7th January - INSET DAY

Tuesday 8th January – START OF TERM 3

Talk about maths – it's all around us!



Take a look at this brilliant website for inspiring images:

www.haveyougotmathseyes.com

After School Clubs

Monday

Hockey

Tuesday

Gym

Wednesday

Badminton

Thursday

Football

Friday

Bowls

Emergency Contact No
(during club hours only)
07598 037991

Key Stage 2 Family Learning Session – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

We are very much looking forward to seeing you on 3rd December 2018 between 2-3pm in the school hall. This session aims to give you a better understanding of what your child is learning at school in this curriculum area and how you could support their understanding at home.

Film Night

Last Friday saw another successful film night raising £160. Thank you to FOSMs for their hard work and all the parents that helped on the night.

Bluebell Parents/Carers – Stay and Explore

Bluebell class will be holding a stay and explore session for Parents/Carers to join them for an open learning session to explore the activities around the classroom together with their children. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about how we learn and how you are able to support your child at home. The sessions will take place from 9 am to 10 am on the following dates: Tuesday 4th December, Thursday 24th January, Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 20th June. There is no need to RSVP, please just come along!

Reverse Advent Calendar

We will be running a reverse advent calendar in school this year to support the Portishead Foodbank. Attached to this newsletter is a poster listing lots of items that have been specifically requested however any donation will be gratefully received.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 19th December

Letters are coming home with the children today regarding our school Christmas lunch. If you would like to book a place for your child please return the slip by Monday 3rd December.

Christmas Fair

As you know, the school Christmas Fair is only 2 weeks away! We will be having our usual casual dress day on Friday 7th December in exchange for tombola prizes. Our annual Christmas Bake Off competition will also be making an appearance and children are bringing home their class challenge sheets today. Please can all tombola prizes and Bake Off entries be brought to school in the morning and left in the library.