

Newsletter No 6: Term 2
December 2018

Principal: Mrs Debbie Coker

Chair of Local Board: Mrs Trish Dodds

Dear Parent/ Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed the recent festivities in school. I have to say a big thank you to our staff team and volunteers for putting together a superb Reception/ Year 1 nativity and Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert last week. Both showed off the talents of our children. It is so good too see our children showing how proud they are to be part of our school!

Our Annual Christmas Dinner went smoothly as well. A total of 366 Christmas Dinners were served amidst Christmas music and festively dressed staff servers. I must say a massive thank you to our kitchen for managing the occasion so well.



Well done also to the Friends of Fishponds CE Academy. The school disco was well supported and raised over £300. The raffle was drawn earlier this week, so congratulations to you if you were a winner! The raffle raised £200 as well. Please don't forget our non – uniform ' festive' day on the last day of term. Donations will be collected in the bucket on the gate.

I wish you all a good break with your families and look forward to seeing you and the children in the New Year!



Value of the term: Love

As you know, we place our values at the core of our Academy. We focus on a different question each week in our collective worship sessions. Our new questions of the week will be shared at the start of Term 3.

Next Term we will be considering the school's vision '**Loving to Learn, Learning to Love**' and how this underpins everything our school is about. A small working group of Governors, parent Governors and staff together with our Worship Council (children's group) have been thinking about our vision and values and will be working with the whole staff team here on the January INSET day to focus on 'Love' and what this practically means for us as a school. More to follow after the INSET.

Please let the office know if you or anyone on house or changed their mobile number.

It is important that our records are kept up-to-date in case your child is sick or we need to contact you.

Don't forget, school begins at 8.45am!

Did you know you can text us as well as ring us about your child's absence before 9.30am? Please state the full name of your child, their class name or teacher and reason for absence in your text.

Our text number is 07786 208896

Lunches at St Mary's Church

As you might be aware there has been an increase over the years in childhood poverty. The scale of holiday hunger is huge, with over 1.5 million children receiving Free School Meals and millions more children living in poverty. It poses an urgent question. What happens to the children in your community during the thirteen weeks of the school holidays? For too many, the food runs out. As a church group we are also looking to help and support families who struggle over the school holidays to provide them with a hot meal.

Can you Help?

The lunches are run by a group of volunteers. They are currently served on the 4th Saturday of each month. We would like to grow this and open twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Saturday. If you would like to volunteer we will be holding a meeting on Saturday 12th of January at 12pm in St Mary's church.

The meeting on the 12th is a chance to find out what is involved and you would be under no obligation to commit to volunteering. It could just be the case of offering to help one or two Saturdays a year. You can also drop in to St Mary's this Saturday to see first hand what is being done, Thank you in advance.

This Saturday from 12-2pm they will be serving free soup and rolls. It is available to anyone who needs it, families, the hungry and homeless. All are welcome. Please feel free to come along and join us for some hot food and a chat or let others in the community know about it so that they can make use of the service.



Community Events coming up....

Carols by Candlelight

6.30pm Sunday 23rd December @ Fishponds Baptist Church (opp Cross Hands pub)

6.30pm Sunday 23rd December @ All Saints Church and St Mary's Church Fishponds.

Christingle Christmas Eve Service 4pm @ Fishponds Baptist Church.

Christmas Day Service 10.30am Fishponds Baptist Church

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Free Christmas Day Lunch @ Fishponds Baptist Church (free of charge!)

To book a place phone 01179653421 or contact the church by email :
Office @fbcbristol.org.uk or pop into the church and ask about it.



Active Achievements!

Thank you to Mr Harrold who took a group of our Year 1/2 children to compete in a local School Football Festival. The tournament took place on Thursday 13th December 2019. Both teams played 4 games each and won 2 games each and scored lots of goals! Well done to you all and for showing such great sporting spirit!



Dates for your diaries, with best wishes, Debbie Coker (Principal)

Friday 21 st December	Last day of Term 2 (Dress up in something festive and donate to the Friends of Fishponds)
Monday 7 th January	INSET Day for Staff. School closed to children
Tuesday 8 th January	First day of Term 3 for children. 8.45am
Monday 4 th February	Online Safety Week.
Friday 15 th February	Non uniform Day (FOFA)
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February	Half Term Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 27 th February	Nursery Open Day 10 am
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (dressing up as book character!)
Tuesday 12 th March (3.30 – 5.30) and Thursday 14 th March (3.45pm – 6.45pm)	Parents' Eves (details to follow)
Wednesday 13 th March	Y2 sharing learning 2.30pm
Friday 15 th March	Science Day
Monday 25 th March	Parent Meeting re Y1 phonics Test (Y1 parents) @3.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Parent Meeting re KS1 Sats (Y2 parents) @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Parent Meeting re KS2 Sats (Y6 parents) @ 3.30pm
Thursday 4 th April	Year 5 leading our Easter Celebration 10 am