



Hotwells Primary School

Issue 8 – 18th January 2019 - Term 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and a very happy new year to everyone! An especially warm welcome to new families and children joining us this term.

Can I ask all parents to think very hard about whether or not they need to drive right up to the playground gate at the start and end of the school day? Double parking continues to be a real issue on Albermarle Row – and a danger to all our children. There are safe places to park only a couple of minutes' walk from our school – please take the time to park a little further away and walk to collect your child. We have requested that the local police and parking wardens patrol the area outside school in the coming weeks. Thank you for your thought in this matter.

The year has started in earnest and classes are excited about the new topics and projects beginning. Last week you will have received a Class Curriculum Link letter – these are sent out by each class teacher in the first week of every term and give an overview of the projects and topics that each class is focusing that term as well as other class and curriculum information. Our Theme Week in the last week of this term will be a STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) with all sorts of inspiring activities in the pipe line! Please let your class teacher, the school office or Mrs Maitipe (Science lead) know if there is anything you would be able to offer in this week. More details to follow shortly.

Thank you for all the kind comments and praise for the children in our KS2 Carol Concert at the end of last term - it was a great event and wonderfully attended. We were able to send a donation of £137.30 to Caring at Christmas, a charity that supports those that are homeless in Bristol over the Christmas period. We also sent £135.22 to Children in Need - the School Council's chosen charity during the Autumn Term.

Just before the end of last term Bristol released its schools' performance data for 2018. Overall, 80% of our pupils reached the expected standard in the end of KS2 tests. This means that we are ranked 14th out of 140 schools in Bristol. We are very pleased with our Year 6 results and are, as always, very proud of our children's hard work and achievements.

Finally, we say goodbye today to Estelle in our school office. Estelle has been a part of the office team for almost five years and in that time has supported many children and families across the school. She has contributed to the smooth running of the office in so many ways, introducing valuable new admin systems to school. We wish her all the very best as she moves on to a new role with the University of Bristol.

Thank you and best wishes,

Mrs Delor

Letters out this week:

PGL Residential visit for Year 6
Arts & Crafts Club letter, Y1-3

Please note all letters will be emailed unless you have requested otherwise.

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Clubs

All clubs have now started back apart from French Club, (now full) which starts on Wednesday 23rd January. We have a brand new club starting on Tuesday 22nd January – an Arts & Crafts club for Years 1-3, please send in your replies ASAP as it is filling up quickly and spaces are! Both football clubs are full with a waiting list as is Mad Science Club.

Punctuality



A reminder that the school day starts at 8.50am and children should be in the playground ready to go into the classroom at that time. The school gate opens at 8.40am and families and children can come into the playground from this time onwards. The class teachers collect their class from the playground at 8.50am and at this point the responsibility passes from the parent to the class teacher.

Ten minutes late every day adds up to almost an hour lost each week or 4 weeks over their time at Hotwells Primary School.

Lateness can also:

- cause your child unnecessary stress and worry
- Affect children's achievement, regardless of their academic ability
- Embarrass or upset your child
- Disrupt lessons

Hotwells Music Workshop takes place on Thursday nights – if you are interested in joining, new members are welcome.

Please email hotwellsmw@googlemail.com for further details.

Attendance – up to week ending 18/01/2019

Reception	96.6%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	97.6%
Total	96.7%

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our football team who played in the second of a series of matches at Merchants Academy. You all played really well and showed great determination and fighting spirit!
In particular, Alfie, Year 6, made some outstanding saves!
Well done to you all.

CAKE SALES

TERM 3

Friday 18th January Year 4

Friday 8th February Year 5

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Friday 8th March Year 6

Friday 29th March Reception

TERM 5

Friday 3rd May Nursery

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