



# Horfield CEVC Primary School

Bishop Manor Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS10 5BD



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## Poem Challenge

In assembly on Tuesday we sang for the first time our new song, 'Song of the Sea'. Using words from 12 children's poems, it highlights the problem of plastic in the sea. We were so excited to receive so many high-quality entries, and we loved reading them all. The children's vivid words inspired Mrs Alsop to compose a powerful song. Special congratulations to Aimee (Class 6), Sophia D and Aniya (Class 7), Hatty and Chloe (Class 8), Emma and Lila (Class 9), Elijah, Amelia and Huwey (Class 10), Zoie (Class 12) and Alisha (Class 14) whose words were included in the song. A special mention to Harry (Class 3) and Lucas (Class 10) for their beautiful poems. We can't wait to record the song for the upcoming schools' science summit.

## Bristol University Outreach - Neuroscience

Year 6 enjoyed a morning exploring the brain and neuroscience when they were joined by Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students from the University of Bristol. They learnt about the functions of the brain and how it works before taking part in lots of hands on activities and experiments. All children took part in a test to discover speeds of nerve conduction, velocity or reaction speeds. Well done to Tyler and Josh B who were the individual champions of each class. A huge thank you to Will and his team from the University for an amazing morning and for the parents/carers from Year 6 who came in to facilitate the activities.

## Y5 Science Workshops

*"On Monday, Year 5 went down to the hall to watch an amazing Science display. It included shattering bananas and flowers, popped balloons that shredded and smoky bubbles! They all used liquid nitrogen. My favourite was the shattering banana because it was amazing to see a piece of fruit smash like glass. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. It was truly awesome! Nitrogen is cooled to -196°C. This changes it from a gas to a liquid".*  
By Eleanor, Class 12.



## Assessment Meeting for Year 2 and Year 6 Parents/Carers

There will be an important Assessment Information Evening for parents & carers of children in Year 2 and Year 6 on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at 7pm. Staff will talk about the end of Key Stage Statutory Tests and Assessments that will take place this year. We very much hope these events will be well attended.

## Kitchen News – Return of Build a Burger for one more time

Next **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** the normal menu will be replaced with Build a Burger (beef, halal beef or Quorn). See attached.

## Green Gym Workout

We will be holding a school grounds 'tidy up' morning on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February (10am-12noon). We hope parents and families will come along and help with a general tidy up session in the grounds. We would appreciate any offers of help for a couple of hours. If helpers could bring some garden tools it would be especially appreciated.

## Premier Sports - Holiday Club returns again on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Feb and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb during half term with exciting activities such as dodgeball, fencing, archery and Nerf. You can book places at [camps.premier-education.com](http://camps.premier-education.com) or call 01953 499040.

## Year 2 Cricket Festival

Last Wednesday 9 children from Year 2 joined 10 other primary schools at St Bede's to take part in the Cricket Festival. The team had lots of fun learning new skills in cricket. Thank you to the parents who helped transport the children.

## Bristol Primary Schools Swimming Gala

Next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February is the Primary Schools Swimming Gala at Horfield Leisure Centre from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Please can the swimmers remember to bring in their swimming kit, a blue t-shirt for poolside and a non-fizzy drink in a plastic bottle. The gala organisers are short of helpers which makes the running of the gala very difficult. If you are going to watch the swimming, please think about offering your help and let Mrs Ruck know as soon as possible.

## Year 5 Fairthorne Manor Trip

Please note that the deadline for all payments is 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

## Mathletics

It seems that the children are back into the swing in January. Class 5 were last week's winner by quite a long way. The challenge is on for the rest of the classes!

**Year 6 Students of the Week** are Devan, Class 13, for his fantastic contribution to English lessons and James, Class 14, for his excellent effort and progress in English.

## Thursday Clubs – Mrs Ruck

Due to the weather forecast, Mrs Ruck's morning running club and hockey club after school is cancelled tomorrow.

Mrs Ruck would also like to make a plea to parents to dig out any non-returned sports t-shirts and football kit that your child may have borrowed from school.

Next week's theme of the week will be Hope.

## Mr Harvey, Deputy Head



If you haven't already, please join our **Facebook page: Horfield C of E School Association** to keep up to date with all the events planned.

**Charity Quiz Night**, School Hall, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, doors open at 7.30pm. £2 per person. BYO. Snacks, Fun and Play Your Cards Right for a cash prize!

## Cake Sale

Well done to Years 1 & 2 for providing an excellent spread at the bake sale last week. A special mention must go to Morad, Maraj and Mohamed's family for bringing heaps of delicious baklava and samosas and staying to help sell. Year 1 raised £116.32 and Year 2 raised £50.60 which will buy exciting things for the classes to do.

## Community News

### SHINE Breakfast Club

All bookings for Breakfast Club need to be made **online** at: <https://www.myshine.co.uk/activity/breakfast-club-term-3-2018>

**Shine Holiday Clubs – February half term.** All activities are online and available to book at <https://www.myshine.co.uk/holiday-clubs>

### Run the Bath Half Marathon for LifeSkills

Just a few days left to register for the Bath Half Marathon. General public entries have sold out, but Lifeskills have some places left. Please contact [johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk](mailto:johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk) for more info.

One of our parents has helpfully suggested that the following website is a great resource, mainly aimed at parents of children in Year 5 & 6. It was created by a group of Bristol Mums who were concerned about the use of mobile phones by young adolescents. The website address is [www.papayaparents.com](http://www.papayaparents.com).

**Manor Farm Window Wanderland** - The Manor Farm area is taking part in the Window Wanderland this year. Local artist Deborah Weinreb will be at Horfield School on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February running art workshops for Manor Farm children. She is hoping the children will work in school with a related adult, a parent, carer, grandparent or aunt/uncle. Please let us know if a member of your family would like to come to one of the workshops on the day. Remember, this is aimed at families who live in the Manor Farm area. Please email the office to let us know if you would like to attend. We could do with a few more volunteers please! See <https://www.windowwanderland.com/> for more information about this popular worldwide event.

**Ablaze Poetry & Art competition** – deadlines for entries: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Diary Dates	
<b>February 2019</b>	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming Y3 Y6
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Coffee Morning (with Kate Harfoush, our Family Link Worker) 9-10
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Schools Swimming Gala pm
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	Years 2 & 6 Assessment Meeting 7pm
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Dodgeball Event
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Grounds Tidy Up Morning 10-12
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Manor Farm Family Art Workshop Day at Horfield School
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rugby (EY, Y1, Y2, Y3) Y6 Author visit
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	End of T3
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> / Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Premier Sports Holiday Club
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Start of T4 Book Fair in school
<b>March 2019</b>	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Bristol Council Consultation Meeting
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> /Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Manor Farm Window Wanderland Event
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Speech and Language Drop-In meetings for Parents/Carers 8:30 (Anna Morley NHS)
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	UKLA Conference at Horfield School (choir singing)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Science Day
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Meetings
<b>April 2019</b>	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 4
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Term 5
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming starts for Y1 & Y4
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Stages Dance Festival
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5 Residential Trip
<b>May 2019</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 End of KS2 Tests (SATS) Week
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of T5
<b>June 2018</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of T6
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Summer Fair
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	School BBQ

## Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child please talk to our school safeguarding team (Mrs Taylor, Mrs Harfoush and Miss Kielczewski). Anyone can also contact Bristol's First Response Team on 0117 9036444 or visit <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/social-care-health/reporting-concerns-about-a-child-first-response>

### Special Achievements

Keep sending in your emails with any special achievements your child may have celebrated outside of the normal school day!