



NEWSLETTER

8th March 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Please see below for this week's news and information.

News from around the Classrooms

World Book Day

What a great day it was yesterday! All the children looked amazing in their book character costumes as did the staff too!

We started the day with a special assembly launching the sponsored read we are running with the charity Read for Good. Read For Good provides books and story teller visits for children staying in hospital. A separate letter has been sent home with more information. Every child (except the year sixes) should be bringing home their sponsorship cards today.

The children were then very excited when we revealed that our mystery book for the day was Nibbles The Book Monster. Nibbles has been popping up all over the school today causing much excitement. The children have been making Nibbles hats, Nibbles bookmarks, Nibbles posters and so much more.

Finally we had Drop Everything and Read when three times during the school day every child in the school sat quietly and read for ten minutes even during their PE lessons.

It was a fantastic day and we are grateful for all your support. There is a selection of photos from World Book Day in an attachment to the newsletter.



Cafod - Lent 2019

This year we are encouraging the children to give something up for Lent. The children could give up some chocolate, sweets, fizzy drinks etc. The money that they save by giving something up can be donated to Cafod to make a difference to people who do not have enough to eat. To support Cafod **we will be having a non-uniform day next Friday 15th March**, which is Cafod Family Fast Day. We are asking the children to bring in a donation of a £1, or the amount that they are saving by giving something up for lent. We are hoping to raise £300 to buy 2 ponds with fish and some ducks, so that a small community will have a sustainable food supply. Thank you for your support.



EYFS & KS1



On World Book Day yesterday, Owls Class enjoyed the story of Nibbles, and made their own book monster hats.

KS2

Fairtrade

On Wednesday Year 3 and Year 4 had workshops on Fairtrade. They learnt about what Fairtrade is and why it is important to support Fairtrade. A special thanks to Mrs Cockle (a parent of three children in our school) for organising the workshops.
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Mini Vinnies Request ...

The Mini Vinnies Team would like to ask for your help again with the Bath Foodbank. The team would like to organise another collection during March.

Are you able to donate any of the following to help struggling families? (These are the items which the Foodbank need particularly for March):

- Instant Mash
- Coffee (Medium jars)
- Chocolate
- Tinned meat

They have plenty of the following:

- Biscuits
- Cereals
- Baked Beans
- Noodles
- Dried pasta

There are some boxes in the Office Foyer to collect your donations labelled Bath Food Bank. We thank you so much for thinking of others and making their lives just that little bit easier.

Notices

Annual Reports

Reports for all children (except EYFS) will be going home next Friday.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be going live on Monday 11th March – in order to book an appointment to see your child's teacher, log in to Parent Mail as normal and follow the links to Parents' Evenings.

If your child is in Foxes Class, you will be able to make an appointment to see Mr Allsop; Mr Patch will also be in attendance.

Mid-Somerset Festival – Message from Mrs Parsons

As you know the Mid-Somerset Festival is next Tuesday 12th March. If you are taking your child straight to the venue, please inform the office for purposes of registration. It is advisable to bring a packed lunch if your child's performance is over the school lunchtime and to cancel a school dinner if applicable.

World Down's Syndrome Day – Thursday March 21st - LOTS OF SOCKS!!

What is Lots of Socks?

Lots of socks is a fun initiative to raise awareness for World Down's Syndrome Day on 21st March.



Why socks?

Well, because chromosomes look like socks and people with Down's Syndrome have 3 copies of the 21st chromosome - most people have 2 copies, but people with Down's Syndrome have 3! "Lots of Socks" is acknowledged around the world as being associated with Down's syndrome and is on the 21st March to

represent the 21st chromosome.

What do I need to do?

Wear your most brightly coloured mismatched socks all day to celebrate all our unique differences and raise awareness of Down's Syndrome - children, families, staff and volunteers! You can also donate to the Down's Syndrome Association by texting DSAS21 and your donation amount to 70070. Any donation is completely voluntary. So, hunt through your sock drawer and we will all look forward to a very colourful day!



Celebration Assembly EYFS & KS1

The following children in EYFS & KS1 will be receiving certificates in assembly next Thursday 14th March at 9.10-9.35am in the hall:

- **Dragonflies** – Matilda S, Ollie G
- **Kingfishers** – Patrick C, Domenico P
- **Owls** – Lennon W, Tilly H
- **Ducklings** – Maja S, Lola W
- **Hedgehogs** – Simon M, Penny H

Celebration Assembly KS2

The following children in KS2 will be receiving certificates in assembly next Friday 15th March at 8.55-9.25am in the hall:

- **Blackbirds** – Hugo D, Tapi M

- **Kestrels** – Connie M, Freya E
- **Robins** – Naomi N, Xavier D
- **Otters** – Lewis E, Poppy H
- **Badgers** – Nicolas Q, Edwin J
- **Foxes** – Alex L, Samantha Z

News from St Alphege's

Please see attached for this week's Church Bulletin from St Alphege's.

Sports News

Table Tennis competition – Saturday 2nd March, report from Mr Rouse

St John's did extremely well in the Table Tennis competition last week: congratulations to Gus M who is Yr 5 Table Tennis champion! Beatrice got through to the Y6 final and came second; Ema R also Y6 came 3rd out of 17 having lost to Beatrice in the semis – well done girls!

Hugo R came 2nd in the Yr 3 competition; and Monty was in the Yr 4 Semi-final so joint 3rd.

The 'Golden Moment' was Johanna H who excelled winning a match 21-18! Phoebe W and Alex L both won matches; Henry B also played extremely well.

All in all a successful competition for St John's! Well done everyone!



Gymnastics Festival



Congratulations to our Yr 3/4 gymnasts who went to the B&NES Gymnastics Festival last week. The team were scored out of 80 with both our teams scoring in the 70s.

In a very high standard competition, with one gymnast scoring a perfect 20, we came

8th with 72.3pts and 10th with 70.15 pts. Well done to all our

competitors!

Cycling

We have received a batch of cycle maps free from BANES, giving cycling routes around Bath; if you would like one they are available from the school office.

PTA News

The next PTA meeting is Thursday 14th March at 2.30pm at school in the meeting room.

Dates for Your Diary

12 th Mar	Mid-Somerset Festival
13 th Mar	Year 3/4 Play 6pm
14 th Mar	PTA Meeting 2.30pm in the Meeting Room

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15 th Mar	Non uniform day for Cafod, Family Fast Day
21 st Mar	Lots of Socks Day
25 th Mar	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
27 th Mar	Reconciliation Service, whole school 1.30pm
28 th Mar	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
29 th Mar	KS2 Pilgrimage to Glastonbury
1 st April	Y2 Dance Umbrella performance at The Forum, 6.30pm
2 nd April	Dance Umbrella Club performance at The Forum, 6.30pm
5 th April	End of Term 4
23 rd April	Start of Term 5
24 th Apr	Class photographs
23 rd May	Half Term
24 th May	Inset Day
3 rd June	Start of Term 6
23 rd July	End of Term 6

The remaining inset day for this academic year is:

- Friday 24th May 2019

Best wishes

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