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Newsletter 6 – 12th October 2018

'We are resilient and proud of our efforts.'

Diary Dates

Reception class Phonics Session

Year 4 WOW Event - Stone Age Wall building

Year 3 Lime Class Harvest Assembly (with Ladybirds). Y3 Parents Welcome

Halloween School Disco

Armistice Day Launch and Clay Poppy making

School Photos

WW1 Armistice Day (whole school)

Prospective Parents Open Evening

Y5 WOW Event – Mythical Creature Museum & a bit of dramarama!

Armistice Day Procession & Church service at Holy Trinity Church

Parents and Carers Consultation Evening 1

Parents and Carers Consultation Evening 2

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Bring a Bottle Day for Xmas Fayre

Xmas Fair

Thursday 18th Oct 2.00-3.00pm

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Friday 19th October 9:15am

Friday 19th October 6.00-7.30pm

Monday 22nd October

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Friday 19th October 1.30-2.10pm

Tuesday 6th November 1.15-3.15pm

Tuesday 13th November until 7.00pm

Wednesday 21st November 9.30am

Thursday 15th November until 7.00pm

Friday 23rd November

Saturday 1st December 11am-1.00pm

INSET Days 2018-19:

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th October 2018 and Friday 15th February 2019

Headteacher's News

Yesterday, we had the first of our Parent Consultation Meetings with the focus, as a response to the Parent Survey, on Behaviour. We were due to review our Behaviour Policy anyway, so to get the opportunity to gather parental views before it happened, was invaluable. Nine parents came which represented Years 1,2,4,5 and 6. 'What's Going Well' included: the consistent use of the Behaviour Tree in every class which helps children understand right from wrong; stickers which support good behaviour and are worn proudly by the children; and the fact that the processes help children begin to manage their own behaviour.

'Even Better Ifs' included: the wish for the teachers in the younger year groups to be more explicit in their language when moving a child up or down the tree so they understand; the reliability of the text system when children get to gold; and the wish for parents/carers to be informed if consecutive weeks of Golden Time are missed.

As a result of this meeting, actions have been put in place and the Behaviour Policies being tweaked. Thank you to all of you who managed to attend and for Janet Hinchliffe, the Chair of Governors, who shared the Governors' role in monitoring.

And finally, last Saturday, we had the first of our Prospective Parents 2019 open event. I was hugely proud to show off the school - which is looking amazing - but also extremely proud of the children representing the different leadership groups (House, School Council, Digital Leaders) who came dressed in their school uniforms on their weekend to help show off the school to our visitors. Thank you to the staff, governors and FoCP who also came to support. Have a super weekend.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Ruby H Year 2 Ash: Millie D Year 3 Lime: Sarah V Year 4 Maple: Lacey F Year 5 Sycamore: Dylan J Year 6 Cedar: Josh S



Attendance Total 97.4%

YR Cherry 96.8 Y1 Oak 96.9% Y2 Ash 97.8%

Y3 Lime 98.4%

Y4 Maple 97.7%

Y5 Sycamore 97.7%

Y6 Cedar 96.6%



Reading Certificates

Preston W, Mia M, Lilly B, Bradley L, Madison H, Kyle K-S, Megan A, Brody C-H, Corey H, Poppy S, Alexander C, Evie S, William M, Mark W, Caitlyn M, Eleanor R



WW1 Service at Holy Trinity Church

In the last week of term, the school will be taking part in lots of activities to commemorate 100 years since Armistice Day. This will include making clay poppies engraved with the names of the soldiers at Holy Trinity Church War memorial. It's going to be a really engaging and exciting few days – we can't wait to share it with you!



On Tuesday 6th November we will have a whole school procession up to the church at 1:15pm. Upon arrival there will then be a service where the children will be laying the clay poppies for display. There will also be readings, prayers and WW1 songs - both whole school and from the choir.

As the whole school is going, we are looking for parent volunteers to accompany us on the walk to and from the church, as well as stay for the service.

A letter has been sent home. If you are able to join us, please do let us know – it would be greatly appreciated. **Mrs Elmore, History Subject Lead.**

Swearing

We have received reports that a few of the adults who come for drop off and pick up have been heard swearing. Please could we remind everyone to be very careful about the language used around our children.

Tesco Bags for Life!

We were delighted to hear this week that our library scheme has been accepted for the Tesco Bags for life scheme. From 1st November you will be able to put tokens in our 'boxes' at the following stores:

BRISTOL SOUNDWEL EXP	BS15 1PN	Express
BRISTOL BELL HILL EXP	BS5 7NF	Express
Bristol East	BS5 6XU	Extra
Bristol Staple Hill	BS16 5NP	Superstores
FISHPONDS BRISTOL EXP	BS16 3PQ	Express
KINGSWOOD BRISTOL EXP	BS15 9RR	Express
MANGOTSFIELD EXPRESS	BS16 9JB	Express
REDFIELD METRO	BS5 9HT	Metro
STAPLE HILL METRO	BS16 5NP	Metro
WARMLEY EXP BS15 9JB	Express	

Depending on whether we are the first, second or third most popular cause, we will be granted £1,000, £2,000 or £4,000. If you shop at any of these stores or are able to pop in during November and December, please do and please encourage your friends too. We have so many exciting ideas for the second phase of our library installation but we need money!!

Free Readers

On Monday, we will be collecting in all of the school's Free Reading Books so that they can be catalogued for our library. This will mean your child may not have a school reading book for a short period of time. Do visit the local library this weekend in preparation so the book will be there in the interim. Please make sure that any personal books from home are kept hold of very tightly otherwise....

Governor Vacancies

The school is looking to recruit new Governors. Governors perform the most important voluntary role in education and a full and diverse Governing Body can be a source of enormous strength to a school. Volunteering as a Governor is a great way to contribute to your school, meet new people and improve the lives of our children. You will develop transferable skills and learn more about the education system whilst putting existing skills and experience to good use.

We currently have parent and Co-Opted Governor vacancies; it is a very rewarding role, you do not need any qualifications to become a Governor, enthusiasm and the desire to make a difference is the most important qualities a volunteer can have.

If you are or you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Governor please contact the school office.

Janet Hinchliffe

Chair of Governors

Harvest

This year we are collecting food and supplies for East Bristol Foodbank.

Please send in any donations ready for our Harvest

Celebration Assembly on Friday 19th October.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

Long Life Orange or Apple Juice

Vegetarian Meals eg macaroni chees, ratatouille

Soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste

Tinned rice pudding

Tinned potatoes or instant mash

Jam

Tinned fruit

UHT Long Life milk

(THEY'VE GOT PLENTY OF: BAKED BEANS, PASTA/ RICE, TEA BAGS, BREAKFAST CEREAL, FEMININE HYGEINE PRODUCTS.)



Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

We had another brilliant week at OoSC. We really enjoyed making Anti Bullying Posters and some of the ideas were incredible. Our children really care about each other so well done to Courtney



Monday – Bat/Spider mobiles

Tuesday – Treasure Hunt

Wednesday – Visit to the Woods

Thursday – Halloween cookies

Friday – Free play

Come and enjoy the fun at Out of School Club



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Autism South West Speaker Series – Event 2 "An Evening with Dean Beadle"

Thursday 15 November 2018 6.30pm – 8.30pm BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RG

Cost: Professionals £40 Parents/Autistic person £20



In 1998, Dean Beadle was diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum. Now, 20 years on, Dean shares how he grew to understand, accept and ultimately celebrate being autistic.

Dean Beadle has toured the UK and overseas for fourteen years sharing his experiences of life on the autism spectrum. He is also a former journalist and, for the past two years, has been singing at charity balls and events nationwide.

In his talk, Dean will give insight into various topics such as: Sensory needs, special interests, anxiety, social/emotional needs, relationships, sexuality and school life. This, like all of Dean's talks, is sure to make for a thought provoking, insightful and humorous evening.

The talk will be followed by a short musical performance by Dean, accompanied on keyboard by Judith Nockolds.

Further information available at: statraining@southglos.gov.uk or telephone 01454 868165

Places for this speaker series event are now available to book at http://cpd.sgsts.org.uk/cpd Ref CONF/18/620

Additional dates for this series include:

Event 3 - 24th January 2019 (evening), keynote speaker Robyn Steward at BAWA, Filton





and Language Therapy Team Training for Teachers and SENCo's

Developing Communication in the Home for Parents

How to make your home **Communication Friendly**

Free Speech and Language Training for parents/carers with children attending Bristol & South Glos Schools.



Training Objectives

Session 1

- How communication develops
- What is a communication friendly environment?
- Parent/carer: child interaction strategies The physical and sensory environment

Session 2

- Feedback from session 1
- The importance of rules and routines for encouraging communication
- Using visuals to support communication at home

Please attend both training sessions

Location: Knowle Clinic, Broadfield Road, BS4 2UH

Dates: Tuesday 13th & 27th November 2018

Times: 9.30 - 12.30

To Book a place, email: <u>SLTtrainingteam@cchp.nhs.uk</u>

By Friday 26th October 2018



and Language Therapy Team



Getting started with PECS for Parents

How to use the Picture **Exchange Communication** System (PECS) at home to support your child's communication

FREE Speech and Language Training for Parents and Carers of children with social communication difficulties or Autism



Topics Covered

Session 1

- · Communication development
- Why do we communicate? And overview of the PECS stages
- Planning to use PECS at home

Session 2

- Feedback from using PECS at home how did you and your child get on?
 - Discussion of positive and challenging experiences and how to move on
- A chance to meet other parents and chat with PECS trained Speech and

Language Therapists Refreshments provided

You must attend <u>both</u> training sessions

Location: Long Cross Children's Centre, Long Cross, Bristol BS11 0LP

Dates: Wednesday 17th October & 7th November 2018

Times: 9.30 - 12.30

To Book a place, email: SLTtrainingteam@cchp.nhs.uk

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