



## Newsletter 19

2nd February, 2018

**Happy Friday!**

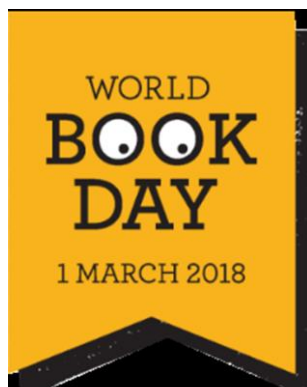
**Latest projects...** If you are about on the playground at the start or end of the day you may have noticed the new fence which runs along the bottom edge of the field. As a younger man, I never for a minute imagined that one day a 6 foot perimeter fence would cause me such excitement but I have to say it's a beautiful thing not least because it provides some much improved security along that boundary.

If you have been in the hall recently you will have also noticed we have had it repainted in two fresh, calm shades of green. It looks superb and it has helped that room to feel even more like the special communal space it is. Both the hall and fence have been funded using our capital budget which sits outside of our main school budget.

**The Toad Rescue Project...** Just to give you advanced notice that Charlcombe Lane will be closed again this year between 12<sup>th</sup> February and 26<sup>th</sup> March. The temporary closure will affect the length of Charlcombe Lane from about 200 metres north of the junction with Richmond Road for about 900 metres in a northerly direction. The road closure will take place for through traffic, with normal access for residents and visitors. If you drive to school please plan ahead to avoid additional congestion around this point.

**Finally...** If you are in the habit of leaving your car outside school for a large part of the day while you walk into the centre please can I ask you to use the nearby park and ride instead? The increasing parking restrictions elsewhere are placing a greater strain on our surrounding roads and if you can help to ease the pressure I would be very grateful.

Have a great weekend (and maybe see you at the PTA Quiz Night later...), Andy Bowman



Get ready for this year's World Book Day on Thursday 1st March 2018. This year will be holding a 'Science Fiction and Fantasy Expo'. The aim is to get children reading a genre they may not normally try. As a result, we are asking that children try and come dressed around this theme. It could be an astronaut, an alien, or something from your own imagination that could fit within our theme. We look forward to seeing all the costumes, both children and teachers!

Mr Preedy, Mrs Young and Mrs Smith

### **PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale....**

There will be a sale after school on **Tuesday 6th Feb** in the hall.

Come along and grab some bargains/ bring your unwanted uniform (in good condition, please).

The sale is a good school fund raiser thanks to your support.

See you there!

### **Theatre visits....**

If you haven't yet made your contribution for the two Theatre visits and are in a position to do so, we would very grateful if you could please sign into Parentpay and make your payment of **£2.75** as soon as possible. There are currently a number of payments still required in order to cover the cost of these performances.

Thank you for your understanding.



### After School Clubs....

French.....Please note that Tuesday's Year 1 French club will be running until 4.35pm.

We currently have over **650** club places taken up, so therefore your help is really appreciated when notifying us that your child will not be attending their club. This helps us with the safety and well-being of the children so thank you for your support.

Ms Flood

### Diary Dates.....

#### Coming up in February....

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Second hand uniform sale**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Newbarn Meeting 6pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 3
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Beginning of Term 4
- 20<sup>th</sup> – E-safety theatre visit
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 to Bath Rec**
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 visit to The Theatre Royal**  
(Pick up from Theatre at 5pm approx.)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 6 Life Skills visit (return 4pm approx.)
- WB 26<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 to Bath Rec**
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Primary School Music Makers morning**

#### Coming up in March....

- 1<sup>st</sup> - World Book Day and Dress Up Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 to Bath Rec**
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Phonic Check Info Meeting 2.30pm Y1 parents
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 to Bath Rec**
- 13<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Assessment Eve 6pm Y2 parents
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 to Bath Rec**
- 20<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Sats Eve 6-7pm Y6 parents
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Easter Service in Church 9.45am
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - End of Term 4

**\*Entries in bold are new to the list**



### Get Caught Reading.....George & Sasha



**Opportunity for Musicians!.....**I am delighted to tell you that this year we will be taking a group of instrumental players, flutes, recorders, guitars, pianists etc. to the Mid Somerset Music Festival.

We will be performing and competing in the Primary School Music Makers morning, on Wednesday 28th February, at Bath Pavilion.

If your child is in year 3 - 6 and plays an instrument (grade 1+ standard or approaching,) and might be interested in taking part, please ask at the office for a letter for further details. Alternatively send me an email me [musicumbrella@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:musicumbrella@yahoo.co.uk)

Many thanks,  
Jeni Reid

### Get creative and see your Masterpiece in print!

**St Stephen's children are working with the Hare and Hounds, Lansdown to design their new children's menu**

Don't forget to draw those pictures for the chance to win this exciting competition

Entries to the school office by the **20th February**

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy