



Newsletter 29

11th May 2018

St Stephen's Primary Church School

Happy Friday!

OPAL success... The children spend the equivalent of a day a week at play and so we feel it's vital we make it as good as possible. Yesterday we were visited by Michael Follet, Director of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) who has worked with us in recent years to develop our approach to play. It was a beautiful day for play, and Michael was really impressed with what he saw. I was delighted when he confirmed that we have retained the Platinum OPAL Award (the highest possible) with many improvements in all areas. Thank you to the PTA who continually fund the Playpod, as well as funding the stage, quiet garden renovation and the forthcoming climbing frame, to Mrs Searby and Mrs Gunning who lead in this area, and to the staff who are out there in all weathers helping our children to have creative, challenging and above all fun play experiences. Our Platinum award places us within the very top schools nationally for play and it something we should all be very proud of achieving.

St Stephen's pupil's happy return... Bath rugby player Freddie Burns made a surprise appearance in assembly last Friday to present us with a signed Bath Rugby shirt. The shirt was donated by Bath Rugby in recognition of the fantastic support we sent to The Clash at Easter so thank you to everyone who went. It was made particularly special by the fact that Freddie was a pupil here not so long ago and it was lovely for the children to hear him talking about the journey that had taken him from our hall as a pupil back to our hall as a Bath rugby player.



After the assembly, Freddie had a tour around the school with one of his previous teachers Ms Flynn (who must have been in her teens when she taught him!) which brought back lots of happy memories for him. The shirt has been beautifully framed courtesy of Cobb Farr and Charlcombe Homes and will soon go on display in school for everyone to see and enjoy.

Have a fantastic weekend, Andy Bowman

African Flag Mufti Day....Friday 25th May will be a mufti day in aid of our school charity Send A Cow. The children are being asked to dress up in the colours of the African flag assigned to their year group. There will be a minimum donation of £1 for any child who chooses to dress up and the money raised will be given to Send A Cow. You will receive a letter giving details of the African flag each year group has been given.

Have fun and please remember your donations so we can send as much money as possible to support this worthy charity.

Thank you.

Mrs Scott

Grow A Pound Bake Sale (and ice cream too)!!!

THIS Monday, 14th May after school on The Green

Please come and support Billie, Flo, Alice, Gala and Nancy from F13

Club News..... There is no year 3/4 netball Friday 18th May.

If your child is going to "stay and play" on Friday 18th May instead of attending a club, PLEASE fill in a pink slip.

With thanks

Liz Flood

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



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Well done Fraser in F7 for being our Get Caught Reader of the Week. Don't forget the competition ends this term!



Another great uniform sale!

Thanks to everyone who supported the PTA second hand uniform sale on Tuesday by helping, donating uniform and buying.

The sale raised £144 for PTA funds + further donations to come to the school office.

There will be another sale in Term 6. In the meantime, if you would like to donate any uniform, please take it to the office. Please only bring items in a condition that will sell (check buttons, zips, inside pockets, stains, fading and tears). Many thanks.

FROM REVD PHILIP.....Isn't it great, this foretaste of summer? A reminder that there is **Scruffy Church** on Sunday 27th May, usual time of 4pm.

Also, that we have a new and more informal service every first and third Sunday at 5.30 called **Re:Fresh** (note the cool colon that shows we are right on it, kind of ...) This is a gathering to sing God's praises, listen to a short talk and enjoy being together. The style is less formal than in the morning (i.e. there's a guitar) and so far people have found it a very warm and welcoming, and helpful space. Hope to see you soon.

Reverend Philip

Diary Dates.....

Coming up in May....

11th – Pet and Dog Show 3.30pm

14th -18th SATs week

18th - PTA Royal Wedding 'Stay & Play'

18th – Year 5 Performance at Bath Abbey

25th -End of term 5

Pet and Dog Show.....On Friday 11th May there will be a pet and dog show on the green at 3.30pm. Fun categories include:-

Dogs

Most obedient

Best dressed

Looks most like it's owner

Waggiest tail

Small Pets

Sleepiest

Fluffiest

Happiest

Most Adventurous

Categories are 50p to enter and the money is donated to P.T.A/Pet Charities.

Rosettes and sweets to be won!

Nancy, Katie, Daisy P, Millie, Poppy, Anna, Maria

Maths News.....

Our top ten Doodlers in Year One this week are: Edith, Samuel, Jacob, Lucas, Chloe, Erdem, Oliver, Oskar, Tristan and Harvey. Many congratulations to Tutku in Year 2 and Iza in Year 3 for achieving their gold certificates in Mathematics.

Well done to all the other hard working mathematicians below!

George	Jakob (Silver)
Angelo	Izzy M(Silver)
Jasmine	Isaac
Nell (silver)	Molly
Sophie (Silver)	Hannah (Silver)
George	Zofia
Charlotte	Sophia
Hal	Seb
Heidi (Silver)	Jasper
Spencer	Izabella (Gold!)
Jasper	Neva
Lynden	Linden
Zach	Babafemi (Silver)
Milo	Fraser
Jakob	Livi (Silver)
Harry	Hector
Cara	Louis (Silver)
Emmy	Megan
Saskia	Elias
George	Zac
Jessica (Silver)	Toby
Oscar	Tutku (Gold!)

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