



Newsletter 3

22nd September

Happy Friday!

It has been a really happy, productive week in school, with a beautiful, sunny Autumn day to round it off. This seems fitting as we start to look ahead to various Autumnal delights such as our Harvest Service on Friday (see below for more information) and our Year 6 residential at Abernant the following week.

School Funding Crisis... I have previously written to you about the current crisis in school funding and how we are working to minimise the impact on the children's learning. We are blessed with an incredible PTA who fund lots of activities and opportunities to enhance our curriculum as well as providing 'wow' items such as the stage and Spiritual Garden. In addition, The Friends have already raised a huge amount of money in sponsorship which has enabled us to buy top quality sports kit (thanks to Michael Hope, Enlightened Lighting, Cobb Farr, Charlcombe Homes, Pixl, Mandarin Stone and Bloor Homes), provide Ipads (thanks to Epoch Wealth and Dot Software) and help fund specific areas of the curriculum (thanks to the Hare and Hounds and Blackmore Ricotech).

This support is invaluable and is having a real impact upon the curriculum and environment. However, the level of cuts, against ever-increasing costs, means our funding remains at a critical level and, short of significant policy change, is set to get worse.

I am continuing to champion our cause along with other headteachers and unions. However, increasingly it looks like the key to initiating real change is parent power

www.fairfundingforallschools.org is a parent-led movement which has gathered significant momentum recently and is beginning to be heard by the decision makers. If you would like to support this cause their website provides lots of information about the current challenges schools face and tells you how you can make your voice heard.

In the meantime... The children are playing in the Autumn sunshine, we are looking forward to our new Reception children staying for lunch on Monday and in Celebration Assembly this afternoon we will be sharing some of our children's fantastic achievements. The Spiritual Garden is open for business again and kind donations from parents will mean the mud kitchen, saplings and wind chimes are soon back in place. This really is a great place to be. Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Harvest Service Donations...Our Harvest Service will be held at the church next Friday, 29th September at 9.45am. Parents and carers are most welcome to join us.

Julian House are very sorry that they cannot accept our donations this year due to a lack of storage space, so we are hoping to give our Harvest donations to The Bath Food Bank instead.

So please send in your donations of tinned and dried foods suitable for the food bank next Friday morning before the Harvest Service.

Thank you for your continued support.

Open Day visits to secondary schools....If your child is going to attend any of the forthcoming visits to local Secondary schools, we would be really grateful if you could please notify the office in advance, either by email, note or telephone. This helps us to ensure we know that all the children are safely accounted for and avoids unnecessary phone calls to parents. Thank you for your support



St Stephen's CEVA Primary School

Spotters Hockey October 2017.....Camp will be running 9am - 2pm on 23rd and 24th October 2017 at Beechen Cliff School for hockey players ages between the ages of 7 and 15 years old. The camp provides high quality, fun and enjoyable coaching with skilled based sessions designed to improve your child's hockey skills whatever their ability. The camp utilises proven, research based techniques and treats your child as an individual, increasing their knowledge of hockey and boosting game awareness. Also running is the Spotters High Performance camp, attendance at which is free when booking on the main camp.

These camps are normally very popular, there is a discount if you book before 30 September 2017, with the discounted cost just £24.75 for the day, £45 for two days; there are limited spaces and the last camp was fully booked, so please book early to secure a place for your child. For more details or to book your child's place please email emailspottershockey@yahoo.co.uk

GET Sported OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP....

24th-26th October

A unique experience that is like no other sports camp - building your child up in confidence, developing their character AND of course their sports skills.

With our Christian ethos we aim to provide a loving a caring environment where children feel valued and flourish! We offer over 20 sports & activities *including our water games day!

Prices from £19.25 a day

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Contact Kay Skinner: E: info@getsported.org,

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Holiday Clubs and Out of School Activities

From time to time we notify you of 'out of school' events, activities and clubs which are run by outside agencies. Please note, that we are not recommending or endorsing these in any way and are just bringing them to your attention.

Hayesfield Open Afternoon....

Thursday 12th October 1.30 to 4.14pm.

St Mark's School Open Events....

Open Evening...

Wednesday 20th September 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Open Mornings....

Thursday 28th Sept & Friday 6th Oct 9am to 11am

Enrichment Afternoon.....

Saint Gregory's School....

Open Evening – Thursday 28th September

Open Mornings – Tuesday 3rd Oct or Tuesday 10th Oct

Coming up in September

25th - EYFS stay to lunch

25th – PERFORM Drama Phase 1

26th - Foundation Stage Reading Evening 6pm-7pm

29th - Harvest Festival in Church 9.45am

Mathletics...Wow what a start to the term! So here are the Mathletic results as of Sunday 17th September.

Celebrating two golds already! Congratulations to Sophia and Jakob in Year 3 and well done all the other children listed below who have clearly made a fantastic start to achieving those certificates. The next results will be published in two weeks. You have now until Sunday 1st October to start gaining those points!

Year 6

Harry W, Angelo

Year 5

Izzy, Jasmine (Silver!)

Anna, Nell

Sofia, Isla

Sophie, Hannah

Georgie, Olivia (Silver!)

Millie, Rose T

Year 4

Charlotte, Eva (Silver!)

Matilda, Oscar

Allegr, Leo (Silver!)

Alfred

Year 3

Sophia (GOLD!), Jakob (GOLD!)

Becky, Jasper

Oscar, Denis

Heidi, Jasper

Lily (Silver!), Annabelle

Ana, Zach

Babafemi, Freddie

Phoebe

Year 2

Finn, Jessica

Oscar, Tutku (Silver!)

Saskia, George

Alfie, Zac

Charles, Florrie

Isabella, Toby

Giorgia, Madeline-Mae

Oscar, Harry

Lyra, Bethany

Betsy, James

Harry (Silver!), Hector

Cara, Daniel

Ronan, Layla

James

And finally....Just a little reminder that the school office opens daily at 8.30am, so please be aware that if you call earlier there may not be anyone available to answer your call. Many thanks.

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy