



## Newsletter 6

## 20th October 2017

Happy Friday!

What a great week to finish the term! On Monday we 'officially' welcomed our Reception children to our family with a special Collective Worship during which they each were given a pebble to place in the bowl in the foyer. We looked at the pebbles - how each is unique with imperfections and places where the light reflects - and how this represents each one of us. They then went and added their pebble to the bowl, joining every other child and adult here as part of our school family.



On Wednesday we enjoyed another **Walk to School Breakfast**. Thank you to everyone who came along, Katie Warlow who organised the event, the brilliant buskers who kept us entertained so confidently and to our School Council team of waiters and waitresses who kept the croissant, toast, tea, coffee and juice flowing. Between your donations on arrival and kind support for the buskers we raised a brilliant £156 which the school council will use to support this year's projects.

**PTA Calendar...** Thank you for helping your child with the PTA dress-up day yesterday. It was a fun day in school - it's not every day you overhear a hippy talking to a dinosaur about what game the Ancient Greek girl might like to play! Watch this space for news about the finished calendar.

Finally, thank you to all of our Year 1 parents for your brilliant support of the Pet Day. I have tweeted a handful of pictures but to give you an idea we had pretty much everything from hamsters to horses. What a special experience for the children: *"I loved Pet Morning because it was fun seeing all the animals and asking questions"*. Max, class 4 *I really enjoyed our Pet Morning because I liked watching the pets play with their toys. My favourite pet was a dog called Lula*". Sasha, class 4. This is only possible with parent and carer help so thank you so much.

So, Term 1 is done and hopefully a new class, new school, new shoes and new friends all now feel familiar. Have a great half term. Andy Bowman

### Parents Consultations ...

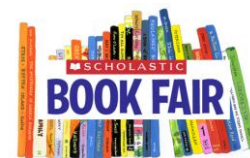
**Years 1 to 6 parents & carers...** Parent consultations will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November. Appointments are booked through the Parentmail system. *(Please note this is a different system from the Parentpay system which we use for correspondence and payments).*

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October you should receive an email from Parentmail advising that the system is live, containing a link to the booking page. Most parents registered with the Parentmail system when booking appointments earlier this year. However if you have not already registered, you will be given the opportunity to do so when you click on the link. If you should have any queries, please contact the office after half term.

**Reception parents & carers....**As our new parents are not yet on the Parentmail system, bookings for Reception consultations can be made on Appointment sheets which will be displayed outside the Reception classes before afternoon 'pick up' on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Reception Parents...** Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to the ParentPay system. Since the beginning of term we have been sending paper copies of Newsletters and other correspondence to all Reception parents & carers, however after half term we will only be sending them via ParentPay. Everyone should have received a letter with a user name and password to enable you to register. If you have not had a letter or are having any problems, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

**Dinner money for Years 3 - 6...** Dinner money is an advance payment and should be made via ParentPay on the first Monday of each week or Term (Payments can be made weekly, monthly or termly) The cost of a meal is £2.60 per day/£13.00 per week. Thank you.



The book fair will commence on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and finish on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along and support our book fair as every penny goes back into buying books for school.

**Clubs....** There will be no netball club on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Choir starts again for years 3-6 on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. It will be held in F6 and will run from 3.30 to 4.15. When picking up please wait for your child by the gate to F2. Thank you. Ms Flood



**After School Care Club...**Please hand booking forms for Term 2 in as soon as possible. Please note payment should be made termly, in advance. Many thanks, Joanne Goldaniga

**PTA Message....**Good afternoon, we hope you are all enjoying reading the irregular PTA newsletter, (Thank you Ruby for writing it) we thought it was a great way to keep you all informed on what's going on in the PTA. We'd love to see some new faces at the next meeting which is Nov 1st 7pm in the Richmond everyone welcome. You can now order your Christmas cards and other items from The Dandy Arthouse using the wonderful designs created by your child(ren) up to **midnight MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2017**. Order on-line [www.thedandyarthouse.com/shop](http://www.thedandyarthouse.com/shop) clicking on sample icon of the product you wish to purchase. You will need your child's order code beginning **2110** followed by an alpha character and two more numbers. Misplaced the free sample card with the order code on the back, no worries, telephone The Dandy Arthouse on **0845-548-0032** before 4pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 and they will be happy to help. They have the orders codes per class list.

**Reception 2018 Open Days....**The time has come round again when we start thinking about next year's Reception intake. As applications are now open on the B&NES website, we have arranged the following Open Days for prospective parents over the coming months:-  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
**All visits are from 9.15 to 10.15 am.**  
If you or any of your friends or family has a child due to start in Reception next year, please feel free to pass on this information and if anyone would like to attend one of the open days, please let us know and we will book you in.

**Year 6 Parents & Carers.....**Just a reminder that the closing date for secondary school applications is:- **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. If you live outside B&NES you need to apply directly to your home authority.

**Coming up in October....**  
20<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 1  
30<sup>th</sup> – Beginning of Term 2

**Coming up in November....**  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Parent consultations  
**10<sup>th</sup> – PTA Chocolate Mufti Day (new to list)**  
13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Anti Bullying Week (17<sup>th</sup> Circle of Friendship)  
14<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccinations  
16<sup>th</sup> – Bedtime Story 6 -7pm (Phase 1 children only)  
1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Book Fair

**Mathletics.....**Congratulations to Connie in Year 3 who achieved a Gold certificate! Well done to all the other mathematicians and a have a happy half term!

Year 6

Eve C (Silver!)  
Spencer W  
Ciara G (Silver!)  
George, Caitlin  
Angelo (Silver!), Phoebe

Year 5

Evie H, Izzy  
Jasmine, Sofia  
Isaac (Silver!)  
Sophie (Silver!)  
Lauren (Silver!)  
Emily, Darcey  
George (Silver!)

Year 4

Eva, Oscar  
Charlotte, Leo  
Natasha

Year 3

Becky, Sophia  
Lizzie, Denis  
Hal, Seb (Silver!)  
Heidi, Thea  
Jasper (Silver!)  
Roxanne (Silver!)  
Lily, Lucas  
Connie (GOLD!)  
Oscar, Annabelle  
Ana (Silver!)  
India (Silver!)  
Lynden (silver!), Lola  
Timo (Silver!), Zach  
Babafemi (silver!)  
Poppy, Milo

Fraser, Jakob

Year 2

Saskia, Finn (Silver!)  
Bo, Elias  
George, Alfie  
Jessica, Clare (silver!)  
Isabella (Silver!), Giorgia, Oscar  
Denis, Tutku  
Saskia, Jack  
Madeleine, Harry  
Daniel, Ronan  
James, Livi  
Cara, Louis  
Amelie,  
Betsy