



Newsletter 8

3rd November 2017

Happy Friday!....Olympics, photography, sporting achievements and lots of creativity and learning – this term has certainly started with a bang. I even heard my first Christmas song yesterday. Please keep your eye on the 'Coming up...' box which is always on the next page of the newsletter so you are forewarned about the various events coming up in the next few weeks.

School Development Plan 2017-18... I am pleased to be attaching a summary of our school development plan for this academic year. It includes a brief bit of context to capture where we are as a school and why we have targetted the areas we have. Keep an eye on the board in the entrance foyer which will soon be transformed to represent this year's theme and targets.

A polite reminder... There are a few nasty bugs around at the moment so it feels like a good time to remind you that if your child experiences sickness or diarrhoea, they **must not** return to school until **48 hours** after the last episode. I do understand that this can be inconvenient, especially if your child appears to be better before this time. However, the spread of illness can lead to long-term staff absence, disrupts the learning for the children affected and if severe enough can lead to class or part school closures (we only narrowly avoided this last year). Furthermore, we have children and adults within our school community for whom catching such a bug would have complicated and potentially harmful consequences. So for all of the above reasons, please can I ask you to continue to respect the 48 hour rule, and I apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you

Photography Day... Yesterday we were joined by professional photographer Iain Green who worked with half of the children in Reception and Phase 1 to take pictures of the nature around us in that beautiful Autumn light we had. Iain will be returning in the spring to work with the rest of the children so if your child was disappointed not to have a go, their time will come! This project has been possible due to The Arts Society Bath Evening group who also funded the mosaic in the spiritual garden. We are looking forward to displaying these amazing original photographs around the school soon.

Richmond Heights... The traffic around the junction at the top of Richmond Heights has been very congested at times recently, forcing some people to park and drive dangerously, and on one occasion obstructing a fire engine. If you are able to park further away or walk, please make every effort to do so. Thank you.

Have a safe and happy weekend, Andy Bowman

Our Olympic visitor.....As this is being written we can hear the buzz of excitement coming from our hall. The music is pumping, as are our children's hearts as they do burpees, star jumps and push ups with our Olympic visitor Robert Mitchell. The children were enthralled by the assembly he gave explaining all about being a high jumper. Thanks to everybody who contributed to this special event. Watch out for Robert competing at the Commonwealth Games in Australia next year!

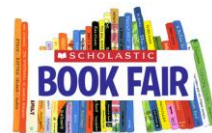
Anti-bullying Week...Week beginning 13th November is Anti-bullying week. All children will be doing some work on this in PPA sessions or in class and then on Friday 17th November we will have a "Circle of Friendship" to show our joint agreement to beat bullying.

We would like the children to come to school dressed in blue on this day as this is the colour theme for Anti-bullying week (we are not asking for a voluntary donation for this).

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Blanchard and Mrs Lunn
PSHE subject leaders.

Clubs....

There will be **NO Clubs after school** on Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th November due to the parents' consultation meetings. The daytime clubs will go ahead as normal.



Thank you to everyone who has already supported the Book Fair. It is still open for business after school today and again on Monday and Tuesday so please come along and support us as every penny goes back into buying books for school.



Bath Primary Schools' Advent Concert, at Bath Abbey on Thursday 23rd November, 4pm.....We will be taking a group of instrumental player to perform at this really lovely event in the Abbey again this year. 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. We will be performing one piece, Somewhere Only We Know from the John Lewis Christmas Advert 2013.

PTA Message....Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA meeting, please look out in your inbox for exciting news about Book At Bedtime and the Winter Fair.

Don't forget to put chocolate on your shopping list for next Friday's chocolate mufti day!

Thanks for all your support.
Sarah

New Sports Kits...We are very grateful to Karl Stringer for organising the sponsorship which has enabled us to purchase new Sports Kits for all our Teams.

Important fabric care note

It is important to note is that if your child plays in a competition or match and is issued with one of these kits - they are not suitable for tumble drying or drying by direct heat (such as over a radiator) as this will damage the numbers.

Please return all kits **directly** to Mrs Newman in a named bag, not into the office.

Many thanks.

Coming up in November....

3rd, 6th & 7th – Book Fair

7th & 8th Parent consultations

10th – Reception 2018 Open Day 9.15 to 10.15am

10th – PTA Chocolate Mufti Day (new to list)

13th – 17th Anti Bullying Week

14th – Flu vaccinations

16th – Bedtime Story 6 -7pm (Phase 1 children only)

17th – Dress in Blue Day & Circle of Friendship

23rd – Reception 2018 Open Day 9.15 to 10.15am

***Please note items in bold are new to the list**

Mathletics news!....Congratulations to Jasmine in Year 5 and Leo in Year 4 – Gold Winners! They must have worked really hard over their half term! I wonder who will be listed in the newsletter in two weeks' time? Please note: **The current minimum version of Flash needed to access Mathletics is 11.6. Users with older versions of Flash may be unable to access the Mathletic resources . It is important to check your Flash version and update (if needed).** If you are having technical problems using 'flash' with Mathletics. Please go to their technical help page:
<http://www.3plearning.com/tech/flash/>

Year 6

Issy

Eve

Amel

Ciara

Angelo

Year 5

Jasmine (GOLD!!!)

Izzy

Emily (Silver!)

George

Year 4

Eva (Silver!)

Charlotte

Leo (Gold!)

Year 3

Becky

Sophia (Silver!)

Izabella

Kal-El

Annabelle

Amelia

Lynden

Zach

Babafemi

Freddie (Silver!)

Year 2

Finn

Elias (Silver!)

George

Jessica (Silver!)

Madeline-Mae

Clare

Oscar

Tutku (Silver!)

Amelie

Megan

Ronan (Silver!)

Antonia

Madeleine

Harry (Silver!)

Isabella

Daniel

James