



## Newsletter 24

11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

### Happy Friday!....

As you are aware, our Easter Holiday this year falls after the Easter weekend, with four days in between. We intend to make the most of these four days by planning activities based around our Core Values of Love, Courage, Creativity and Joy - each day focusing on a different value. This will mean that Friday 1st April will be Joy Day and to ensure we have a day full of fun and celebration we are planning to spend the day playing! There will be lots of free-play activities set up around the school grounds with more activities indoors, and children and adults will be able to move freely between them. On that Friday, the children *must come* in their own clothes rather than school uniform. In fact, they will need to be wearing clothes that won't matter if they get wet or muddy. This will be a day full of play-based learning, social development and above all, Joy!

Illness... On a *completely* different note, you may have heard this week about several health warnings being issued in the South West related to Scarlet Fever, flu (including swine flu) and sickness and diarrhoea bugs. We have had a large amount of absence this week due to various illnesses and so we have to do everything we can to prevent these bugs from spreading. This week we have been issued the following information by the BaNES Director of Public Health: "*When a child is free of the symptoms of a flu-like illness they can return to school. This is usually about one week after the symptoms start. We understand how difficult this can be for parents with work commitments and childcare but this will help reduce on going transmission of the infection.*"

Regarding sickness and diarrhoea, children should be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode. I fully appreciate how inconvenient this can be, but please can I ask you to support us with this and in so doing prevent further spread of these bugs to other children? Many thanks for your support.

Have a happy, healthy weekend. Andy Bowman

**Parentmail Parent's Evening Bookings.....** Thank you to everyone who has signed up on Parentmail for their parent's evening appointment. If you have not yet done so, please sign up and book your appointment as soon as possible. A few parents have experienced difficulties with signing up so and if you need any help at all, please contact us as soon as possible and we will be happy to help you.

**School Fund Auditor needed....** We are looking for someone to help us by volunteering to audit the School Fund Accounts. We were lucky to have someone who did this for us for several years, but unfortunately is unable to continue. The person doing the auditing would need to be independent - not involved in the running of the fund and not a member of the School's Finance Committee. Ideally they would have some accounting/banking experience. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Mrs Alderson in the office. We would be very grateful for any offers of assistance.

**Book Fair.....** We have almost £600 worth of new books in our classrooms thanks to our Book Fair. We took over £1,000 from book sales and so have been able to replenish our class shelves thanks to the huge amount of commission. See you again at the Book Fair in November.

**School Council Book and Cake Sale.....**  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 3.20pm - School Hall  
Any donations of books and cakes would be greatly received. Please bring books to the foyer on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March and cakes on the day of the sale. Thank you, School Council



## PTA News....Art Cards - order today!

A gentle reminder that today Friday 11th March 2016 (midnight) is the deadline for ordering cards or other items from The Dandy Arthouse using the wonderful designs created by your child(ren). 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 13711 followed by an alpha character and two more numbers. Misplaced the free sample card with the order code on the back, no worries, you can contact me for your order code. Thanks, Karen. [K.Toogood@bath.ac.uk](mailto:K.Toogood@bath.ac.uk).

**The Big Bath Sleep Out.....**On Friday night, Hannah King & Freda Cory (F12) and Alice Doughty & Florence Morcom (F11) took part in the Big Bath Sleep out in Alice Park with their Dads, to raise much needed funds for Julian House, the brilliant charity supporting homeless people in Bath. They were not allowed to use tents, so had sleeping bags on cardboard and despite the snowfall, managed to stay reasonably warm and dry. It was a stark reminder of those who do this night in, night out and often alone.

If you would like to support Julian House too, their just giving pages are:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Michael-King25/?>

<https://www.justgiving.com/FredaCory/?>

[www.justgiving.com/Alice-Doughty1/?](http://www.justgiving.com/Alice-Doughty1/?)

[www.justgiving.com/Rachel-and-Darrell-Morcom/?](http://www.justgiving.com/Rachel-and-Darrell-Morcom/?)

## Term dates reminder.....

### Coming up in March

15<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Assessment Eve 6-7pm

16<sup>th</sup> - **School Council Book and Cake Sale 3.20pm**

18<sup>th</sup> – **Year 6 visit to Widcombe Church**

22<sup>nd</sup> – **Year 4 visit to Salisbury Museum**

22<sup>nd</sup> – PTA Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> – Easter Service

25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> – Easter Weekend (school closed Friday & Monday)

30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Parent Consultations

### Coming up in April.....

1<sup>st</sup> – End of Term 4

2<sup>nd</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – School Holidays

18<sup>th</sup> - Beginning of Term 5

22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Residential Visit to New Barn, Dorchester.

29<sup>th</sup> – Inset Day

**\*Please note dates in bold type are new additions to the list**

## This Week's Sports News....

Fidelius U10 Hockey League.....Our Year 5 (U10) Hockey Team competed in the League on Sunday 6th March 2016 at Bath University.

Players voted Jonty and Ami as players of the tournament.

Well done everyone.

**Road closure....**From Monday 21st March, Mount View will be closed for work to be carried out by Wessex Water. The closure could last up to 5 days .Please see the noticeboard for further details.

**And finally.....**On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding a '**Wake and Shake**' on the playground at 8.30am for Sport Relief. There will be a collection going round, so any loose change you would like to donate to Sport Relief would be greatly appreciated.

