



## Newsletter 25

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

**Happy Friday!.....**Thank you to everyone who came along to the Sport Relief Wake 'n' Shake this morning whether to join in, donate or take pictures and laugh. At the time of writing I am still wearing the leggings (they're just so comfortable). We managed to raise £156.41 for Sport Relief so thank you for all of your support. We must do it again some time!

**A Goodbye on the Horizon...** I am very sad to share the news that after 20 years as part of the St Stephen's furniture, Sarah Darch will shortly be leaving us to enjoy her very well-earned retirement. I have known Sarah for less time than most of you, but it has been a pure delight to have known and worked with her for the last couple of years. She is incredibly dedicated, extremely competent and - above all - cares deeply about the school and the people in it. Sarah and her husband Brian have many adventures planned and I know you will join with me in wishing them lots of love and luck for the future. As I always say, Sarah will be leaving the school but will very much stay part of our family and I have every intention that we continue to see and hear her about the place as often as possible. We still have Sarah for another month, but with the Easter break that will go quite quickly. I know many of you whose children have regular contact with Sarah will want to know how we are going to ensure continuity and I will be able to confirm that very soon. In the meantime, please can I respectfully ask that you don't bombard Sarah with questions about her replacement - if you have queries or concerns please do come and speak directly to me.

Have a wonderful weekend, Andy Bowman

**Update on road closure next week.....**Just a quick reminder that 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. For further details, please see the notice board.

**Eleven more gold medals for Reading for Rio in assembly....**Hurrah for our Reading for Rio enthusiasts! Almost 50 more certificates and 11 gold medals were handed out in celebration assembly this week.

Gold medals went to Oscar Vanni (F1), Giorgio Schiano Moriello and George Groves (F2); Phoebe Weeks, Ana Champion and India Cooper (F3); Jasper Gittens, Jamie Jarvis (F4) and Ava Garrett (F5) and Isla Else, Sophie Gittens, Isaac Cooper, Lily Arndell and Nell Abbey (F7).

Silver certificates were awarded to Louise Harris, Isla Halcrow, Calypso Pappa-Chorianopoulou, Layla White and Cara Fereday (F1); George Groves and Oscar Vanni from F2 and in F3 Ben Stacey, Ana Champion and India Cooper. Spencer Harris and Amelia Korner-Davies (F4); EvaBlanchard, Jack Bowra and Aila Fereday (F6) plus from F7 Isla Else, Lily Arndell, Isacc Cooper, Ella Merchant and Matilda Wilkins. Lily Gunstone (F9) won silver.

Bronze certificates winners in F1 were Isla Halcrow, Megan Rees and Layla White; in F2 Matilda Magill, Florence Monks, Saskia Betts and Florrie Mellor; in F3 Kitty Peters, Jakob Zanutto, Poppy Tucker while in F4 Sebastian Day was a winner. Lotte Moore (F12), Charlotte Willis (F6) and Otilie Young and Isobel Woodhead from F7 also won bronze.

**Clubs.....**As Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April is an inset day, we are putting on an extra session of Friday clubs on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in lieu of this.

As we also have an inset day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the Friday clubs will be making up this time during their other sessions, so please remember to check the club timetables carefully each week so that you are aware of the amended times.

**Please note this will only affect Friday clubs.**

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Graham.

**Healthy Schools Award.....**I am delighted to inform you all that our application to renew our Healthy Schools Award was successful! Thank you for everyone's hard work in keeping our school healthy and to the School Council children, including Rosie and Gracie in Year 6 for putting the Children and Young Person's Review together for the award. I would also like to say a big well done to all the families who took part in the Bath Half and the Family Fun Run at the weekend - you all did a brilliant job! ☺

**Year 4 Cake Sale.....**Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale last week. We made an amazing £266.30 for Julian House. This breaks the previous record for the most money raised at a Year 4 Cake Sale. Well done Year 4!

**School Council Book and Cake Sale.....**Thank you to the School Council for arranging the Book and Cake Sale on Wednesday, we raised £121.00. The money will be used by the School Council to fund fun activities for the whole school.



**PTA News.....PTA Meeting - Tuesday** Do join us for the next PTA Meeting, this Tuesday 22nd March, 7pm in the staffroom and help shape the PTA activities. Everyone welcome.

**Waitrose Bag Pack - Saturday 30 April**

Can you spare an hour or two on Saturday 30 April with your year four, five or six child (ren) to help raise money for St Stephen's through bag-packing at Waitrose?

We have been allocated the coveted Bank Holiday slot from 9am -5pm. We need to encourage the good people shopping at Waitrose to let us pack their shopping carefully into bags, in exchange for a donation to help us build our outdoor classroom. So you can provide a public service, raise money for your school and pick up something for tea at the same time! Please let me (or your class rep) know if you are free, we will need lots of helpers. Thank you. [angela36collins@gmail.com](mailto:angela36collins@gmail.com). Have a great weekend. Angela

**Surfers Against Sewerage....**We are The Power Penguins (Rosie, Polly, Eira and Poppy) and we are helping to raise money for Surfers Against Sewage to help protect our beaches and wildlife, so we can all enjoy our trips to the seaside this summer. Surfers Against Sewage are having the Big Spring Beach Clean 2016 but as Bath is not by the seaside we can't actually clear rubbish on the beach, so we have decided to raise money with a colouring competition. All you need to do is COLOUR IN PIP THE PENGUIN and draw all the things that SHOULD NEVER BE FOUND IN HIS TUMMY. Use your imagination, from Star Wars to unicorns, be silly, draw whatever you like. It's £1 to enter, which will go to Surfers Against Sewage and there will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for the most creative. Hand your colouring in by Wed 30th March (after Easter) and the winners will be announced on Joy Day. We will also put up a gallery of all the entries so you can see what everyone else has drawn. Bring in your £1 and get a colouring kit from Rosie Hamilton, Polly Hamilton, Eira Hughes and Poppy Hewitt before or after school next week.

**Cake tins/containers etc....** Thank you for all your generous donations for our recent cake sales. Please could you collect your containers/ tins/plates from the foyer as soon as possible as storage space is a premium. Many thanks.

**Term dates reminder.....**

**Coming up in March**

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

22<sup>nd</sup> – PTA Meeting 7pm

24<sup>th</sup> – Easter Service

**24<sup>th</sup> – Lost property Amnesty Event 3pm**

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**

**Lost property....The** Yellow Room has taken on the looks of an Oxfam collection point; it is more and more difficult for Mrs Darch to open the door. If you have lost something this term, please come to her 'Amnesty Event' on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March starting at 3pm in the hall.**

**Library closing dates for holiday.....**The library is open as usual next week after school and in the afternoons. The following week it will only be open after school on 29th and 31st March as staff will be having a spring clean. Happy reading and thank you if you have returned your overdue books.

**From Revd Philip.....**This Sunday we begin the path through Holy Week to Easter. As usual those that would like to will gather at the Millennium Green at 10.30 to process down to the church for the normal 10.45 start. Hope to see you there. (Early forecast is good for the weather.)I'm thrilled that our Passion Gospel Reading this year will be provided by some of our young people.Please look out for other services during Holy Week which help to give our experience of this most important week depth and meaning. All blessings, Philip

