



## Newsletter 1

9<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**Welcome Back!** Over the Summer the school has been a hive of activity and it has been great to start the new term with so much 'newness'! The phase 2 toilets have had a much-needed refit and we have new doors at that end of the school too which lightens up the Year 3 cloakrooms. Also, Mr Cox has been cleaning and repainting walls, removing display boards and repainting the entrance foyer ready for us to 'revamp' it and has done a terrific job - thank you Mr Cox!

**New stage...** As you will probably be aware, we also officially opened our new outdoor stage this week. The stage, which doubles as an outdoor classroom, has been a long-term fundraising goal for the PTA and I am delighted with the final result. More importantly, so are the children - they have taken to it instantly as a performance, play and quiet chat-space at play times and a fantastic outdoor classroom for lesson and story time. We were able to have our first assembly outside to open it (the first of many) and it has already demonstrated what an exciting addition to the school it is. Stonewood design, who have designed this bespoke stage for us and project managed the work, have also donated much time and also several of the finishing touches. They have been tremendous and I am so grateful to Nicola and her team for all they have done. It is brilliantly designed, beautifully made, we are very fortunate to have it and this has only been possible thanks to the tireless commitment of the PTA. So, thank you to the PTA for your considerable hard work and perseverance, and thank you to outgoing Chair Angela Collins for steering the ship. Together you have achieved something which will continue to have an impact for decades, and upon thousands of children, to come. But of course the fundraising events have only been successful because of your generosity in supporting them. Thank you so much on behalf of the children - you have given us something truly wonderful.

**Superpirates arrive...** Another new addition this week has been the introduction of Miss Fenn and Miss Phippen to Wonderful Wednesdays. They are trained actors who work for the company Superpirates and they will be working with our children every week as part of our Wednesday provision, running workshops on theatre, narrative and performance skills - based at the outdoor stage as much as possible. The children will move between Superpirates, our sports coaches Mr Shepperd and Chris Pyle and Mrs Lunn and Mrs Scott for philosophy, with myself regularly teaching ukulele. The first sessions with Miss Fenn and Miss Phippen went really well on Wednesday, and they are brimming over with exciting ideas for the year ahead. We are the only school currently working with Superpirates in this way and I am very excited about where this new partnership will take us.

But best of all this week, we welcomed back our children and the warmth and happiness they bring to the school. The school has felt very settled and purposeful and I hope your children have had a really positive week in their new classes. If for any reason that is not the case, please do speak to your child's teacher, Phase leader, Ms Flynn or myself a.s.a.p. We are all here and very happy to help.

And we're off! Have a lovely weekend.  
Andy Bowman

**Phase 1 Reminder...** The doors open for Phase 1 at 8.45 in the morning. Please wait outside until the main wooden door by Class 1 and 2 is opened.

Thank you for your support with this.

**Clubs...** Welcome back, I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. There are a few changes with clubs this term due to the hall being used by our new after school club. Mainly it's just the children changing for sports that will be affected. Please see the club timetable for the new changing arrangements.

**Please note that French club will not be starting until week beginning 19th September.**

Unfortunately Book club has had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. Ms Flood

**Diary Date Change....** On the calendar of events that we sent home at the end of the summer term there was a small error with the Christmas party dates/ year groups. Apologies for this and please see the correct dates below:-

12<sup>th</sup> – EYFS/Y2 Party    13<sup>th</sup> – Yr1 & Yr 3 Party  
15<sup>th</sup> – Yr 4 & Yr 5 Party    16<sup>th</sup> – Yr 6 Party.

**Fireworks Safety Poster Competition 2016**

**sponsored by Bath Building Society....** We have received posters for the children to design and these will be sent home today. The entries will be judged on their Fireworks safety message and artistic merit. Please return all entries by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** as they will be collected during that week. (There will only be one collection). Have fun!



**Dinner Money.....**Dinner money payments for this term are listed below. Please make your payment by ParentPay.

September – 20 days = £48.00

October – 14 days = £33.60 (Year 6 only 9 days in October = £21.60)

Term 1 – 34 days = £86.60 (Year 6 29 days in Term 1 = £72.60) Thank you.

#### **Message from Reverend Philip....**

**Welcome Back!** Hope you had a great summer. PARENTS/CARERS OF RECEPTION CHILDREN are welcome to come for coffee at St Stephen's Church on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September after DROP off, at 9.15am and 1.30pm. FREE! See you there.

Revds Philip and Debbie.

**Walk to School Breakfast...** We will be holding a walk to school breakfast on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September on the playground (weather permitting). This will start at 8am and you are all welcome to join us for breakfast and stay with your children until they are dropped off to their classrooms for the school day to start. If your child is a school council member in Phase 2 please could they get to school before 8am to help out with serving the breakfast. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you there.  
Katie Warlow

**Message from Jeremy Dymond (Play and Community Development Officer, B&NES Council).....**On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 11am to 1pm there will be a meeting at Beacon Hill Play Area to discuss options for replacing the Climbing Frame. Everyone is welcome to come along to see the designs of possible replacements and to give your opinion. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Jeremy Dymond on 01225 396882

#### **Coming up in September....**

12<sup>th</sup> - EYFS children begin

13<sup>th</sup> -Parents' Meeting for Abernant

14<sup>th</sup> – Launch New Homework

2.30pm/2.45pm

15<sup>th</sup> -New Parents Social Eve 7-8pm

22<sup>nd</sup> - Foundation Stage Reading Evening 6pm-7pm

26<sup>th</sup> -EYFS stay to lunch

28<sup>th</sup> -Walk to School Breakfast

30<sup>th</sup> -Harvest Festival in Church 9.45am

**Summer success with Mathletics!.....** Congratulations to the following children who have been achieving maths certificates over the summer! We have been so impressed with your diligence!

#### Gold Certificate Achievers:

Charlotte Willis

Sebastian Patterson

#### Silver Certificate Achievers:

George Jennings

Emily Willis

Sophie Gittens

Olivia Lay

Jasmine McKinstry

Ana Champion

Babafemi Taiwo

Connie Hopkins

#### Bronze Certificate Achievers:

Freya Else

Amelia Lay

Ashton Cox

Nell Abbey

Sofia Baxter

Isaac Cooper

George Willis

George Solomon

Bea Peacock

Rose Taylor

Isobel Woodhead

Ella Merchant

Vincent Lee

Ben Hutcheson

Poppy Tucker

Phoebe Weeks

Freddie Weeks

Lynden Bradley-Cong

Seb Day

Connie Hopkins

Dennis Cresswell-Clabecq

Eva Blanchard

Aiden Skeels

Leo Wakefield

Florence Rhodes

The Mathletics display board will be updated on a weekly basis starting from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. I am looking forward to finding out who will be the first to get their names displayed!  
C.Foster

