



Newsletter 23

16th March 2018

Happy Friday!

PTA Disco... What a fantastic evening we had last Friday at the disco! Shapes were thrown, face paints were applied, snacks were eaten (groove food), songs were sung and fun was had by all. Thank you to the many people who helped out with setting up, running the stalls and packing away, and to Lu Cory who masterminded the whole event with Sarah's support of course. A special mention must go to Stu Cory and James Brooks who expertly manned the door in freezing rain armed with only a brolly and the muffled bassline of pop hits old and new.

PTA opportunities... News of the disco links smoothly into a reminder of the crucial role the PTA plays in school life, by not only providing memorable and happy events such as the disco but by raising a huge amount of money in the process. Everyone is welcome to come to the meetings which tend to be succinct and productive with many laughs along the way and there will be some specific roles coming up in the near future. Please see overleaf for more details but do stop and ask me if you want to know more.

Send A Cow... To me, one of the most exciting aspects of the charity work we do in school is when children take it upon themselves to organise events to raise money and recently we have had two groups who have done just that. In year 1, Florence, Chloe, Edith, Molly, Alice and Amelia managed to raise a staggering £71.70 by organising a sale on the Green after school, and Year 5 girls Isla, Emily, Hannah, Jemima and Lauren carried out a sponsored silence (with prior consent from their teacher!) to raise the grand total of £77.75. Well done to all involved, and thank you to the parents who supported them to make these events happen.

The Big Bath Sleep Out... After the disco on Friday, while most of us were heading home and into the warm, Isla, Aira, Sid and Immi went to Alice Park to take part in the Julian House Big Bath Sleep Over. Thank you to Stu Cory for this account of what they achieved: *"Having managed to grab our favourite tree we rigged a temporary shelter in the pouring rain, but I would be lying if I said that morale was sky high. However with the worst of the rain caught by the sheeting it was now possible to find a spot without too many drips to contend with and we finally settled down for a fitful night's sleep by about midnight. We all finally rose at about 6am ish to dry weather but a lot of mud and a very welcome bacon sandwich / muffin coffee etc. all laid on by the café. It was not lost on us that this was a luxury not afforded to actual homeless people."*



I am really proud of all of the children involved for taking part in this challenge with such resilience and support for each other. This group alone raised an incredible £1000 for Julian House, and the event total is close to £40k!

New project... We are making exciting plans to improve our library provision and the great news is that Waitrose, Bath has selected the school library project for their Community Matters programme in April which gives us the opportunity to get a proportion of £1000 based on shopper votes. If anyone is shopping in Waitrose, please take a green token and place it in the St Stephens library project collector. Thank you! (And huge thanks to Nina Hourizi from The Friends for organising). If you would like to know more about the library project or the friends please visit <http://www.st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk/index.php/school-life/the-friends>

Have a fantastic weekend, Andy Bowman

PS. Coming up after the holiday... the return of **Grow-A-Pound!**

Clubs.....Important message regarding Hockey Club. On the application form it says Hockey Club starts the first week back after Easter, but it actually starts the second week back.

The cost is correct – Tuesday's club you are paying for 12 weeks and Friday's club are paying for 11. Sorry for any confusion!

Please note there are no clubs next week or the first week back after Easter.

Have a great break.

Liz Flood

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



PTA News.....Massive thanks to Lu Cory for helping us all raise a huge £1200 and ensuring the kids had a fab fun time at the disco on Friday. Amazing!

Sarah, Ruby and Ian are planning to step down as PTA Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to take up any of the roles from September please let us know.

There is also a vacancy for someone to run 'Trading Post' - the PTA advertising notice board. Dates for your diary planned at Wednesday's meeting include:

Wednesday 9th May - next PTA meeting

Friday 18th May - Royal Wedding 'Stay and Play'

Friday 6th July - Summer Festival

And watch this space for info about 'Grow a Pound' which is coming back soon!

If anyone can spare some time to help with any of the above events please email

sarahlmeyers@hotmail.com

Thanks!

THE CLASH - BATH RUGBY v LEICESTER

TIGERS....Saturday 7th April 2018

A parent has organised a coach to Twickenham on Saturday 7th April for parents and children travelling to The Clash. Tickets are £15 return per seat, so GREAT value!

There are currently 8 seats left! If you'd like to join us please email sammycape@yahoo.com

Thank you .

LOST PROPERTY...We have accumulated a large amount of unnamed lost property.

So on Thursday 22nd March, this will be displayed in the top playground at 3.20pm. Please pop along and see if anything belongs to your child.

If you are unable to drop in on Thursday, you are welcome to pop into the Medical Room after school any afternoon next week, to have a rummage through the boxes and retrieve anything that belongs to you!

Diary Dates.....

Coming up in March....

14th - 21st - Book Fair

20th - Year 4 to Bath Rec

20th - KS2 Sats Eve 6-7pm Y6 parents

22nd - Lost property display 3.20pm

23rd - Easter Service in Church 9.45am - all welcome

23rd - End of Term 4

5th April - Term 5 starts

Get Caught Reading...



Well done for being our 'Get Caught Reader of the Week'

Well done Amelia!



Spotters Hockey Easter 2018 Camp..... will be running from [9am -2pm](#) on 5th and 6th of April 2018 at Beechen Cliff School, for hockey players ages between the ages of 7 and 15 years old. The camp provides high quality, fun and enjoyable coaching with skilled based sessions designed to improve your child's hockey skills whatever their ability. The camp utilises proven, research based techniques and treats your child as an individual, increasing their knowledge of hockey and boosting game awareness. Also running is the Spotters High Performance camp, attendance at which is free when booking on the main camp.

There are limited spaces and the last camp was fully booked, so please book early to secure a place for your child. For more details or to book your child's place please email:

spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk