



## Newsletter 25

13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### Happy Friday!

Welcome to the Summer Term! I hope you all had a terrific Easter holiday. I have heard about lots of the adventures, both locally and further afield, that the children have enjoyed and it has been great to welcome them back with such a buzz about the place. Looking ahead, as well as the usual day to day business, there are some exciting extras coming up this term:

**Year 5 Get The Party Started...** We are delighted that our Year 5 children have been invited to take part in this year's Bath Festival at Bath Abbey as part of the 'Party in the City' – Bath Festival's annual night of free music. In fact, we will be starting the evening off!

This term, the children will be enjoying workshops with composer Richard Bernard and visual artist Edwina Bridgeman. They will devise their own musical piece and work alongside Edwina to create a spectacular art installation which will remain at the Abbey throughout the rest of the festival.

During the performance, the children will take on the role of 'Festival Spirits' and will join soprano Elizabeth Karani to become characters from past and future festivals. We can't wait!

**The return of Grow-A-Pound...** After the tremendous success last time, I am delighted to announce that Grow-A-Pound is on the way! Please see below for more details.

**New Project...** Just to remind you, Waitrose are kindly supporting our exciting plans to improve our library provision and the great news is that Waitrose has selected the project for their Community Matters programme in 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!

Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman

### PTA NEWS....GROW A POUND...COMING SOON!

We'll soon be sending through details of an exciting fundraising activity that we hope all the children will enjoy being involved in. Grow a Pound takes place over several weeks. All the children will be given £1, kindly donated by the Friends of St Stephens, and asked to use it to start a mini business venture to grow it into more pounds. The money raised is then donated back to the school PTA.

Let your imagination run wild! Car washing, cake sales, jewellery making, pom-poms, growing plants from seeds... please talk to your child and come up with an idea that appeals to them. They can group together if easier.

As well as all the normal school expenses the PTA helps to pay for, this money will contribute towards the special ground matting we need to make the new playground equipment comply with safety regulations, which costs around £10,000.

Massive thanks in advance for your support,  
St Stephens PTA

### Clubs....

Terms 5 & 6 clubs begin Monday 16th April.  
If your child is unable to attend a club for any reason please could you let me know by filling in a pink slip or e-mail  
[asc@ststephens.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:asc@ststephens.bathnes.sch.uk).

It's so important we know your child is safe and accounted for.

Please note the new finish time of musical rehearsals will be 5pm starting on Thursday 19th April.

Liz Flood

### E Safety evening....

On Wednesday 25th April we will be holding a Parent/Carers' E-Safety evening. This will be run by Joanne Becko, a Cyber Protection Officer from Avon and Somerset Police, from 6pm - 7pm. Everyone welcome!

There will be a presentation lasting approximately 40 minutes followed by time for Questions & Answers.

Please do attend this session if you are able, as it is vital that we know how to protect our children online.

Thank you for your support.

Sophie Downing  
Computing Co-ordinator



Well done to Lucas for getting caught reading by his dinosaurs!



### Diary Dates.....

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

- 25<sup>th</sup> – E-Safety evening 6pm – 7pm**
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Newbarn Y4 Residential
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Return from Newbarn

#### Coming up in May....

- 7<sup>th</sup> - May Day holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 visiting ss Great Britain
- 9<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> SATs week
- 18<sup>th</sup> - PTA Royal Wedding 'Stay & Play'
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Performance at Bath Abbey
- 25<sup>th</sup> -End of term 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Coming up in June...

- 4<sup>th</sup> – I NSET
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Children return to School
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> -Healthy Schools/ Core Values Week
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Walk to School Breakfast
- 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> – Phonic Check Week
- 12<sup>th</sup> - EYFS New Parents Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – Music Box 9.30-11.30 in hall

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

### Maths News.....

Year one are continuing to impress the teachers with their maths - our Top Ten Doodlers this week are: Isaac, Oliver, Samuel, Marli, Tristan, Lucas, Luca, Max, Edith and Orly! Well done also to all our Mathletic achievers - Emily and Izzy in Year 5, Florence in Year 4 and Jasper and Babafemi in Year 3 for achieving Gold certificates in Mathletics!

Ciara  
Angelo  
Kristian  
Sophie  
Olivia  
Emily (Gold!)  
George  
Izzy (Gold!)  
Jasmine  
Florence (Gold!)  
Aila (Silver!)  
Nicholas  
Matilda  
Charlotte  
Becky (Silver!)  
Spencer (Silver!)  
Amelia  
Annabelle (Silver!)  
Sophia (Silver!)  
Jasper (Gold!)  
India C (Silver!)  
Zach (Silver!)  
Babafemi (Gold!)  
Saskia  
Elias  
George  
Jessica  
Tutku (Silver!)  
Toby  
Elias (Silver!)  
Isabella  
Harry  
Louis  
Daniel  
Livi  
Cara  
Peg

### Photos.....

The dead line for returning orders is **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.** Unfortunately any orders that miss this deadline will need to be sent directly to the Photographers and will incur a postage and packing charge.