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## Newsletter 35

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Happy Friday!

St Stephen's Primary Church School

**Maths Day...** Last Friday, Vincent, Evie, George and Lily in Year 6 represented the school at the Beechen Cliff Maths Challenge Day. Mrs Burn, who went with them, said how brilliantly they worked together and what great representatives of the school they were. Their support for each other, creativity and resilience in the face of the maths challenges they faced was superb and, although it wasn't officially a competition, the consensus from other schools was that we were the unofficial winners! Very well done to all of you!

**Year 6 Trip to Wells...by Darcey H...** On the 25th of June, year six travelled to Wells Cathedral for a pilgrim day. We separated into several groups and were mixed with other schools. It was nice to see other children also preparing to go to secondary school and experiencing the same excitement and concerns. Each group did two activities which included: singing and learning about the choristers at Wells; making foil badges; some drama to explore worries; making boxes and looking at labyrinths. We enjoyed the day and being able to explore the beautiful cathedral and will take home memories of joy and the creations we made.



And I (Mr B) would like to add that several members of the public and workshop leaders commented upon the way our children behaved and took part in the sessions. Well done Year 6!

**Musical Magic...** On Tuesday we had our annual summer concert, with children playing solos and ensemble pieces. The courage and creativity the children showed throughout was fantastic and it was a really special evening. It included the official 'opening' of our brand new piano which has been generously match-funded by the Bath Piano Shop following Jeni Reid's brilliant All Star concert a couple of months ago. It is a beautiful instrument which will be treasured and enjoyed by many children for many years to come. Alongside Jeni was Lloyd Edwards and between them they have prepared and supported the children with such skill and care. On the night we also enjoyed piano accompaniment from Lily Hughes, impromptu violin tuning from Jamie Hughes and a terrific closing performance from Malcolm Edmonstone to officially welcome the piano to St Stephen's. Thank you to everyone who made this special evening possible.

**The Hygiene Bank...** We are now a drop-off point for the local branch of the charity The Hygiene Bank. The Hygiene Bank collects all new, unused and in-date hygiene essentials, beauty and personal care products.

All these products are collected, sorted and re-distributed to partners working locally on the frontline of poverty such as schools, food banks, supported housing schemes, refuges, hostels and social services. In turn, these organisations give the products to clients and service users in need. Meaning everything donated locally stays in the area and is given to those families and individuals within the community living in crisis. If you are in a position to donate anything, the box is in the office and further information about the charity can be found here: [www.thehygienebank.com](http://www.thehygienebank.com)

**After School Club Feedback...** A couple of weeks ago, someone who runs an after school club at another school came to visit ours to see how another team go about it and to share ideas. After she left she kindly emailed me and I wanted to share the message with you to thank the team and celebrate the excellent job they do. She wrote:

*"Thank you so much for welcoming me into your school yesterday . I had a wonderful afternoon at the after school club. Joanne has created a fantastic club where all children have interesting activities in a calm and relaxed atmosphere . It was really helpful to me to be able to chat with Joanne and share ideas. I have a long list to discuss with our headteacher!"*

Have a lovely weekend, and hope to see you at the fete later, Andy Bowman

Love

Courage

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**Year 6 Open Day visits...** Just a quick reminder that if your child will be visiting their secondary school over the coming weeks, please notify the office in advance. Many thanks.  
School Office

**Summer Leavers...** It's the time of year again when we receive applications across the year groups for September places. It is really helpful for us to know if a child is going to be leaving us, as it enables our Governors to allocate places to children who are moving into the area over the summer holidays. Although we hope that we don't have to say goodbye to anyone (except of course our Year 6 pupils) if this should apply to your child, please let the office know as soon as possible. You can either email us or drop in to Reception to collect a Leavers Form. Thank you for your understanding.

## Diary dates...

### Coming up in June...

28th – PTA Summer Festival 3.30pm – 6pm

### Coming up in July...

3rd - New EYFS children in 1.30 – 2.30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Meet the new teacher drop in 4-5pm  
5<sup>th</sup> – New EYFS Children in 9.15 – 10.15  
5<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Second hand uniform giveaway  
11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> - Musical  
12<sup>th</sup> - Reports home  
17<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Disco 6:30 - 8pm  
18<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Tea Party 1.45pm  
19<sup>th</sup> - Leaver's Service in Church 9.45am  
19<sup>th</sup> - Children finish school  
22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> – Inset Days

**(Items in bold are new to the list)**

**Library...** The library will soon be closing for the summer and the last lending date for borrowing books is TODAY!

We still have a number of outstanding books so please could you return your books to the class library box as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support

Library Team

**After School Care Club...** Could all parents & carers of children who attend After School Club please fill out the relevant forms for Term 1.

Please hand into the office by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** to ensure your place.

Thank you.

**Mobile telephone found...** on the Green on 26<sup>th</sup> June. If you have lost yours, please contact the office.

**Message from the PTFA...** Bring your own cup to the summer fair this year and save money as well as the planet...

In the interests of **saving our planet**, anyone using their own cup (or reusing one of ours a second time) will get a **10p refund on any hot or cold drink** bought from the Year 5 Tea and Cake stall. See you there!

## Lansdown open gardens...

On Sunday from 2pm- raising funds to keep up the Millennium Green, and Bethan's (Yr5) garden is in the tour.

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