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Happy Friday!

The Greatest Snow, man... I apologise for any inconvenience caused by our closure on Friday but I hope you were able to enjoy the snow and the slightly longer weekend. Thank you to Mr Cox for braving the hill up to school first thing in the morning and for his work on Sunday to ensure the pavement and access to the school building were clear. He was helped by some of you on Sunday, so thank you very much indeed.

I hope you received a message about the closure via text. If you didn't, please could you let us know so we can ensure we have the correct number for you on our system.

Healthy Snacks... Please can I remind you that we do ask that the snacks children bring in for morning playtime are fruit or veg-based and nut-free. We have noticed some snacks coming in which aren't, so I would appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

Being safe, feeling safe... We have been talking to the children recently about the things we do in school to help to keep us all safe. To help maintain the high profile of safeguarding in the school, all information is now shared in one place on the website, under the *safeguarding* tab on the main menu. This includes our [new safeguarding policy](#) which we have adopted since joining the Bath and Wells Multi-Academy Trust.

Mental Health project... We are delighted to be one of the 370 schools across the country involved

	<p>Our school is an official Research Partner in the Education for Wellbeing programme.</p> <p>We are working in partnership with the Evidence Based Practice Unit (Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families and UCL), which has been commissioned by the Department for Education. Together we are investigating the impact of five innovative approaches that aim to promote pupil wellbeing.</p>
	<p>This cutting-edge research trial is the largest of its kind in the UK. Our contribution will improve understanding of how best to support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.</p>
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in a government-funded mental health and well-being research project. Our Year 4 and 5 teachers have been trained by the [Anna Freud](#) experts involved in the research, and each class is now using relaxation techniques for about 10 minutes at least once a day.

This is what Bethan in Year 5 has said about the sessions: *"When we do Anna Freud our teacher tells us what to do. One of my favourites is Bunny Ears, when we do 3 sniffs in and 1 long breath out. Anna Freud can make me so calm and relaxed that when I start my work I can concentrate properly and focus. We do it before we work and after playtime. I recommend it for anyone and any age it is so relaxing and I feel so calm when I do it. When I am relaxing it takes my energy away when I am hyper."*

I couldn't have put it better myself. Have a relaxing weekend!

Andy Bowman

St Stephen's Primary Church School

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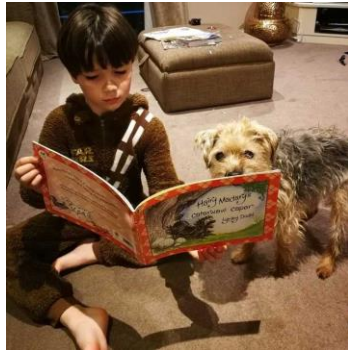
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'Get Caught Reader of the Week' goes to Reggie who had a 'Star Wars' themed reading session. Well done Reggie!

Author visit... On the 12th and 15th of January we have arranged for KS2 to have a writing workshop experience with author C. S. Clifford. The children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will participate in a question and answer session with the author, followed by a presentation and the issuing of a writing challenge, which will be followed up by class writing workshops linked to the visiting author's books.

There will be a book signing at the end of each day with the option to pre-order or buy on the day. This will be held in the school library.



World Book Day... is on the **7th March 2019**. This year we are going to do a 'Roald Dahl' themed day and we would like you to dress up in any Roald Dahl inspired costumes. There will be prizes for the best costumes as well as lots of fun to be had on the day. Please visit our library to find out more.

There will be more information about this in the coming weeks.

Many Thanks,

Mr Preedy, Mrs Young and Mrs Smith

Sports News...

Following the B&NES **Indoor Athletics** Tournament, a number of our pupils were selected for the County Team – Ben H, Alfie M, Jemima W, George G and Max H. This was an immense achievement. They competed for the County on Sunday 27th January and the B&NES Team came third in the Regional Finals. Well done!

Our Year 5/6 Gymnastics Team competed on Tuesday at the B&NES Finals: Sophia B (Captain), Lily A, Isla E, Millie D & Bethan R. They put on an incredible performance and won the Gold Medal. They will now compete at the County Finals in the summer. Well done girls!

Flu clinic... The Immunisation Team will be holding their last flu vaccination session at their clinic on Monday 11th February between 3 & 4pm. If your child hasn't already received the flu nasal spray and you would like them to have it, an appointment can be booked by ringing 01225 838270.

Diary dates...

Coming up in February...

- 8th – PTA Quiz Night
- 11th February Year 6 to Life Skills Bristol
- 13th - Curriculum Development Workshop 6 – 7pm
- 15th - End of Term 3
- 18th – 22nd - Holiday
- 25th- Beginning of Term 4

Coming up in March...

- 6th – Musical Evening 7pm
- 7th - World Book Day and Dress Up Day
- 11th – Class Photos
- 12th- Year 1 Phonic Check Info Meeting - 2.30pm
- 12th- KS1 Assessment Eve – Year 2 parents 6pm
- 15th March - Comic Relief
- 19th - KS2 Sats Eve – Year 6 parents 6-7pm
- 20th – 26th – Book Fair**

(New items added to the list are shown in bold print)

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