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## Newsletter 23

6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**Happy Friday!**

**Quiz-tastic...** Thank you to everyone who joined us for the PTFA quiz last Friday evening. It was a great evening with a lovely mix of past parents returning and current/ new parents making up teams. Thank you so much to Sam, Karin, Rosie, Claire and Kerensa for organising another really enjoyable and well-run night – this would not have happened without your hard work! I also must thank the (now legendary) Simon, Kay and Shelly who, despite no longer having children here, did such a great job of keeping us all entertained, challenged and under control! And finally, (although it's not really about the winning is it?) congratulations to the winning team, 'Google.'

**Climate Emergency Declaration...** As you will hopefully have read, on Thursday we became the first school in Banes to declare a Climate Emergency. I emailed you with more detail about what this will mean in practice, but in short it represents our determination to be carbon neutral by 2030 and there are several strands to this. I will be talking to the children on Monday about this important step and how it will impact upon their lives (positively!) over the coming years.

**Traffic Survey final call...** We have had a great response to the travel survey, so thank you if you have already taken a few minutes to complete it. If you haven't had the chance yet, I would be really grateful if you could as the information will be incredibly useful as we take steps to improve your journeys to and from school. Thank you very much - you can find the survey here at <https://bathpubco.typeform.com/to/eTzKIU>.

**Free Concert Tickets...** I have been contacted by King Edward's School with a really generous offer. They have given us thirty tickets to their forthcoming Bath Orchestral Gala Concert at The Forum on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. The concert will comprise performances by Bath Philharmonia, King Edward's Senior School Orchestra, three KES Choirs as well as a selection of soloists all themed around 'A Night At The Musicals'. If you would like some of the tickets, please just call into the office where our tickets are behind the front desk. We will give them out on a first come, first served basis.

**World Book Day...** Thank you Mr Preedy for organising a brilliant World Book Day yesterday. In a departure to previous years the theme was around interesting vocabulary and the children threw themselves into it with gusto! Thank you so much for your support with this – I know from personal experience the thought and time that often goes in to dress up days such as this but Mr Preedy's idea was that the children would get the chance to learn words, and their meanings, they may not otherwise have known and have fun along the way and from what I saw, today was a great success. Here are some highlights...



Have a great weekend (and see you at the disco if you're coming!), Andy Bowman

*Love*

*Courage*

*Creativity*

*Joy*



## Sport Relief...

As it is Sport Relief next Friday (13<sup>th</sup> March), we will be using part of the school day to take part in some fun sporting activities in our year groups.

We are therefore asking every child to come to school dressed in sports clothes – this can be their school PE kit, football kits, leggings, jogging trousers, etc. The weather is still likely to be quite cold and possibly wet, so please be mindful of this when choosing their outfits.

We will be collecting an optional £1 donation which will be sent to the Sport Relief Charity.

Please note, that this is completely optional – as a healthy school, we just want to provide our children with an opportunity to share in some fun sporting activities and celebrate it as a school. Many thanks.

It's **DISCO** time **TONIGHT!**... After school in the hall. **£2.50** to enter.

Please give money into the **office** in an envelope addressed to 'school disco' with name of child and class. Or pay on the **door**.

### Reception and year 1

3.30 to 4.30 (must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

### Year 2 and 3

4.40 to 5.40 (must be accompanied by responsible adult)

### Years 4, 5 and 6

5.50 to 6.50 (can come unattended)

Pre- school siblings welcome £1

Snacks and drinks for sale on the night.

Prosecco for sale for parents!!

All proceeds go to PTA

See you there!

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**Parent Governor Election...**We are looking for two new parent governors to represent the parent body on the Full Governing Board. Nomination forms are available from the office and are due back by **March 16<sup>th</sup>**. If interested, please attend a short information session on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9.00 am in the front lobby of the school.

Any questions, please feel free to email the Clerk to Governors, Vanessa Locke –

[Vanessa.locke@ststephens.bwmat.org](mailto:Vanessa.locke@ststephens.bwmat.org)

Vanessa Locke

### Clerk to Governors

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## Spotters Hockey Camps...

Pupils are welcome to attend the Spotters Holiday Hockey camps running in the Easter holidays (6 & 7, 16 & 17 April 2020). Book by 10 March for 10% discount!

Great fun and enjoyable to attend, these camps offer specialised and effective hockey coaching for those aged 7-15 years, with a free High Performance Camp for those aged 13+ and attending County JAC level. Perfect timing to help with selection to performance Centres.

Sally Potter



We hope everyone is enjoying the new reading challenge.

If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher or Mr Preedy.

## Diary Dates Reminder...

### Coming up in March...

6th - School Discos

10th – Phonic check info meeting 2.30pm

10th – KS1 Assessment Evening 6pm

13th – Sports Relief

17th – Year 4 Multiplication Check Info Meeting 2.30pm

17th – KS2 Sats Evening 6 – 7 pm

30th – Second hand uniform sale

### Coming up in April...

1st & 2nd – Parent Consultations

3rd – Easter Service in Church 9.45am

3rd – End of Term