

# School News

## January '17



### MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of all the team at the school, we wish you and your family a very merry Christmas. We hope that you have a tremendous holiday and look forward to seeing you on your return on Tuesday January 3rd.

### PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to the PTA for organising another fantastic Christmas Fair. Thanks also to everyone who braved the rainy weather to support it! We raised a very impressive £880.

### THE TRIM TRAIL

Using grant money, we have recently added new equipment to our trim trail and repaired some of our existing apparatus. This follows research carried out by our school council, who investigated what our children would like to improve our playtimes.

*Please note that this equipment should not be used before or after school.*

### CHANGES TO PLAYTIMES

Following discussions with the pupils, we have been reviewing our play arrangements. A rota is now in place for morning break-times, allowing infants and juniors to have the opportunity to play both football and netball during the week.

We are now looking to use the field at lunchtimes. This will enable children to make the most of our outdoor space. Children will be allowed to use the field if they are wearing a pair of wellington boots. Children wishing to play football on the field at lunchtime can do so, provided that they are wearing a spare pair of trainers and an extra set of sports kit. Please note that they will not be allowed to play football if they do not have these extra items of clothing as we do not want their school uniforms and normal PE kits to get dirty ahead of their lessons.

Wellies should be stored on the walls facing the playground. Please ensure that all the boots are labelled to avoid confusion at break-times.

### CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian Value for Term 3 is forgiveness.

### OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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### **48 HOURS**

Please note that, should your child have sickness or diarrhoea, (s)he should not come to school within 48 hours of the last bout of illness. So, if your child is ill at 11:30am on Wednesday, (s)he should not come to school before 11:30am on Friday. Norovirus can spread rapidly through a primary school if children return too early, so please keep your children at home for the full 48 hour period.

### **GET READY TO SAMBA!**

It may be the English winter when we return in January, but it will be carnival time every Thursday morning in Swallows and Hawks. Next term, our juniors will start a ten week programme of samba lessons. They will learn about Brazilian percussion instruments and rhythms, thanks to a visiting specialist from South Gloucestershire's Music Hub.

### **SATS REVISION SESSIONS**

We will be starting our Year 6 SATs sessions when we return in January. These will give children the opportunity to strengthen their knowledge in grammar so that they are match fit for the summer. The sessions will start at 8am and will be held in Hawk class.

The following sessions will take place in Term 3:

JANUARY: Tues 10th, Thurs 12th, Wed 18th, Tues 24th, Thurs 26th and Tues 31st.

FEBRUARY: Thurs 2nd and Tues 7th.

### **PARENT DROP-IN**

Our next drop-in is on Thursday 19th January at 8:30am in the staffroom. We want to hear your thoughts about playtimes. If you are unable to make it to the meeting, but would like to share your thoughts, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Just a reminder to say that our school day starts at 8:30am. Please ensure that your child is on the playground ready for the ringing of the bell, which takes place a few minutes before. The register is taken as soon as the children have taken their coats off and are in the classroom. Anyone arriving after 8:35 will be missing the valuable input for Maths, English or Phonics lessons.

Despite an increase in illnesses in Terms 1 and 2, our overall attendance is currently 97%. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that your children come regularly to school.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who attended our carol service at St Mary's. Thanks to your generosity in the retiring collection, £100 has been sent to the DEC Yemen Crisis Appeal to help the charities that are supporting the children in need.

### **E-SAFETY: PARENTING CHECKLISTS**

With so many children receiving technology as presents over the Christmas period, please find on the next page some digital parenting checklists that have been created by Vodafone. As you are no doubt aware, online safety is extremely important and, for this reason we hope that this information is of use.

### AGE 5 AND UNDER CHECKLIST

- START** setting some boundaries now – it's never too early to do things like set limits for the amount of time they can spend on the computer
- KEEP** devices like your mobile out of reach and make sure you have passwords/PINs set up on them for the times you might lend them to your child... or for when they simply get hold of them themselves!
- CHECK** the age ratings and descriptions on apps, games, online TV and films before downloading them and allowing your child to play with or watch them
- EXPLAIN** your technology rules to grandparents, babysitters and parents of your child's friends so that they stick to them when they're looking after your child
- REMEMBER** that public Wi-Fi (e.g. in cafés) might not have Parental Controls on it – so, if you hand over your iPad to your child while you're having a coffee, they might be able to access more than you bargained for

### AGE 6-9 CHECKLIST

- CREATE** a user account for your child on the family computer with appropriate settings and make the most of [Parental Controls](#) and tools like [Google SafeSearch](#)
- AGREE** a list of websites they're allowed to visit and the kind of personal information they shouldn't reveal about themselves online (like the name of their school or their home address)
- DECIDE** time limits for things like using the internet and playing on games consoles
- BEAR** in mind what older siblings might be showing them on the internet, mobiles, games consoles and other devices and agree some rules as a whole family

### AGE 10-12 CHECKLIST

- MAKE** sure you've set some tech boundaries before they get their first mobile or games console – once they have it in their hands, it can be more difficult to change the way they use it
- REMIND** your child to keep phones and other devices well hidden when they're out and about to minimise the risk of theft
- TALK** to them about what they post and share online – written comments, photos and videos all form part of their 'digital footprint' and could be seen by anyone and available on the Web forever
- DISCUSS** the kind of things they see online – this is the age when they might be looking for information about their changing bodies and exploring relationships, for example
- HOLD** the line on letting your son or daughter sign up for services like Facebook and YouTube that have a minimum age limit of 13 – talk to other parents and their school to make sure everyone is on the same page

### E-SAFETY: SOCIAL NETWORKS AND APPS

The following two websites may be of help:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

This site, created by O2 and NSPCC provides useful information and guidance about social networks.

<https://www.common sense media.org>

This has reviews of APPs, complete with a 'What parents need to know' section.

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	OTHER DETAILS
First day of Term 3	Tuesday January 3rd 2017	School	Children	
First Samba session	Thursday January 12th	School	Swallows and Hawks	
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 7th February (early) & Wednesday 8th February (late)	School	Parents and carers	
Last day of Term 3	Friday February 10th	School	Children	
First day of Term 4	Monday February 20th	School	Children	
World Book Day	Thursday March 2nd	School	Children	Details to follow
HUGL week	Week commencing Monday 6th March	School	Children	Details to follow
Spring Concert <b>REVISED DATE</b>	1:15pm and 5:30pm Tuesday 4th April	School	Children	Please note that the second performance is at 5:30pm. We would like all children to take part.
Experience Easter Service <b>REVISED DATE</b>	9:30am Thursday 6th April	St Mary's Church	All are welcome	
Last day of Term 4 for children	Thursday April 6th	School	Children	
Inset Day	Friday April 7th	School	Staff	Children do not come to school
First day of Term 5	Monday April 24th	School	Children	
KS2 SATs week	w/c Monday 8th May	School	Year 6 children	
Last day of Term 5	Friday May 26th	School	Children	
Inset day	Monday June 5th	School	Staff	Children do not come to school
Term 6	Tues June 6th - Fri July 21st	School	Children	

### **Breakfast Club**

**Monday – Friday 7.30am - 8.30am**

**Food served until 8am**

**£3 per session.**

**Ring the bell at the green gate at the side of the school.**

### **Hawkesbury Afterschool Club**

**Monday – Thursday 2.30pm - 6pm**

**Mini sessions 2.30pm -3.30pm**

**Call Louisa, Danielle or Miranda on:**

**01454 238506 / 07527224741 or email**

**Louisa.tooker@hawkesbury.org.uk**

## **PARENT DROP-IN**

**To be returned to the school office.**

If you have any comments that you wish to be shared in your absence at our parent drop-in regarding playtimes, please write them below and hand in to the office. Also, if you have any suggestions for future drop-in discussion points, please let us know. Thank you.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_