

School News

September '16



WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you, like Team GB, have had a summer to remember. The children have had a tremendous first week back and thoroughly enjoyed their outing to @Bristol last Thursday. Thank you to the parents who offered their help on the day.

IMPORTANT DATES

At the back of the newsletter, you will find a list of relevant dates that are already in the calendar. Please put the inset days in your diary and note the two events that we have that we would like children to attend school in the late afternoon for performances. We have moved the summer concert to early April.

NEW FACES

We are delighted to welcome 15 new children to Wren class this September and are looking forward to getting to know them. In addition to the Wrens, we are also delighted to welcome a number of new members of staff.

- Mrs Emma Perkins will be teaching Year 5s every morning this year. She will be teaching in the old ICT suite, which she has transformed into a splendid classroom.
- Mr James England will be teaching Swallow Class. He will be taking on the role of English subject leader as well.
- Miss Emma Norman will be returning to Hawkesbury. She served her apprenticeship at the school the year before last and now returns as a full time teaching assistant.
- Miss Paige Walters joins us to carry out an apprenticeship. She will be working in Hawk, Robin and Wren classes this year.
- Mrs Kate Bashford joins the office team as a clerical assistant. She will be in the office on Friday mornings.

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SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

We are looking forward to another busy year and this is reflected in our School Development Plan. Among our priorities are:

- Introduce a new homework system that allows more flexibility.
- Improve our range of software, including APPs for iPads.
- Introduce a new RE syllabus.
- Achieve a Time4Reading silver award. Introduce a poetry trail
- Hold international days to promote understanding of other cultures.
- Create an e-safety group to promote safer IT practice.

P.T.A. NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER (8pm)

Our amazing PTA are holding their AGM at The Fox next month and you are all welcome to come along to find out what they have achieved over the past 12 months as well as vote in new officers for the year ahead. This is a very friendly evening, made even better by the promise of tasty nibbles! Do come along to see what the PTA do; you will not be forced to join a committee!

BALL

The Ball is now fully booked for this year. Thanks for all your support and we look forward to seeing you on the 1st October at 7pm.

NOT TO BE MISSED!

The inaugural frog racing is on 12th November, starting at 7:30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

The next collection will be on November 2nd.

IN-SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Each year our children benefit hugely from having extra adult support in class provided by parent / carer volunteers. It is also an excellent opportunity for parents, carers and people from the community to get involved with the school and the children's education. If you are willing and able to volunteer in any way, e.g. help hear children read, stick work in books, play a maths game, then please see your child's class teacher to offer help or let Mr Riddington know.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

As with previous years, we will be holding a coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 30th September. It will be held in the hall between 1.30 and 2.30pm, when children from Hawks will be serving tea and cakes. There will not be a celebration service on this afternoon.

Hawkesbury Afterschool Club

Monday – Thursday 2.30pm - 6pm

Mini sessions 2.30pm -3.30pm

Call Louisa, Danielle or Miranda on:

07527224741 or email

Breakfast Club

Monday – Friday 7.30am - 8.30am

Food served until 8am

£3 per session.

CLASS STRUCTURE FOR SEPTEMBER

We have slightly altered the class structure this year. Please note that this class structure is while Mrs Halstead is on maternity leave (until April 2017), and is likely to change next year.

Mrs Baxter will support Swallow Class this year and Miss Norman and Miss Walters will support children in Wrens, Robins and Hawks.

Class and year group	Teacher	PPA cover
Wren class - Foundation stage	Mrs Hornig	Mrs Tilsley will teach on Thursday afternoons.
Robin class – Year 1 and 2	Mr Bryant (Year 1) every morning, 8.30-11.30	Mr Bryant will teach on Thursday afternoon.
	Mrs Wilson (Year 2) every morning and both Y1&2 in the afternoons	
Swallow class -Year 3 & 4	Mr England	Mr Bryant will teach on Tuesday afternoon.
Hawk class - Year 5 & 6	Mrs Perkins (Year 5) every morning.	Mrs Tilsley will teach on Tuesday afternoons.
	Miss Prichard (Year 6) every morning and both Year 5 and 6 in the afternoons.	

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please could all parents and carers make sure their children wear the correct uniform for school, including their PE kit. All school uniform must be labelled with your child's name. If for some reason your child cannot come suitably attired or with the correct PE kit, please give a reason to their child's class teacher.

School Uniform Guidance is as follows:

Boys

Dark grey or black trousers or shorts, white polo-shirt and navy sweatshirt. Grey socks and sensible black or brown shoes.

Girls

Dark grey or navy skirts and trousers, white polo-shirts and navy sweatshirt or cardigan, white, grey or navy socks, grey or navy tights. In the summer light blue school dress with white socks. Sensible black, brown or navy shoes.

Indoor PE kit for both boys and girls is black or navy shorts, t-shirt in house colour, white socks and black plimsolls.

Additionally the Years 3—6 will need an outdoor games kit in school every Wednesday of plain navy jogging bottoms, plain navy sweatshirt or school hooded navy sweatshirt and trainers. When required, football boots and shin guards

School wear must not have logos on apart from the school logo. The school has its own school uniform which can be purchased from:

Initially Yours, Unit 4a, Badminton Road Trading Estate Station Road, Yate, Bristol BS37 5HT

Or on line at: www.initiallyyours.co.uk

For families that do not have access to the internet, please call into the school office. Alternatively high street stores and supermarkets sell affordable uniform. South Gloucestershire Department for Children & Young People hold a small amount of money to be used for parents with pupils at school within South Gloucestershire who are in financial difficulty, please refer to website www.southglos.gov.uk.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: BUSINESS AS USUAL

Our second hand school uniform shop will operate again this year. If you have any old items of uniform that are in good condition that you are happy to donate, particularly in larger sizes, we would be delighted to receive them at the office.

Thank you to Julia Hewitt, who is continuing to run the shop. She will be having a sale on Friday 16th September at 2:30pm. If you would like to buy anything from the shop, please talk to Julia on the playground or come to the office.

INSET DAYS: PUT THESE IN YOUR DIARY!

Every year, we set aside 5 days for staff training. Children should not come to school on these days. We have arranged for the insets to be either at the start or the end of holidays in order to make it easier for families to make arrangements to look after their children. Our remaining inset dates are as follows:

Friday 21st October

Friday 7th April

Monday 5th June

MUSIC TUITION—

All lessons start week beginning 12th September

Funky Punk

Monday afternoon - Drums

Tuesday afternoon - Guitars and after school - Ukulele Club

Thursday afternoon - Keyboards & Singing with Louise Schwarz

South Gloucestershire Peripatetic

Wednesday afternoon—Guitar

Thursday afternoon—Flute

If your child changes their mind about peripatetic lessons at the start of a new academic year, you have 2 weeks to inform school or you will be charged.

FRESH MILK

Fresh milk is available daily to your child at our school through a scheme set up jointly by the Local Education Authority, and School Milk Services Limited. The milk is subsidised in part from EC funding and is available to all children aged from five to eleven years old.

School Milk Services offer milk at just £1.25 per week for a 200ml carton of semi-skimmed at the morning break period. The method of payment for this scheme is in advance, by cheque or postal order (made payable to School Milk Services Ltd). If you wish to make a card payment please ring them. For more information or to order milk for your child please ring School Milk Services Ltd 01934 510950.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Advance notice! These will be taken on Monday 28th November from 8.30. Please make sure your child looks smart that day and has a brush with them to neaten their hair. Photographs will be taken of both individuals and siblings.

LOST PROPERTY

Each term, we have a huge amount of lost property which is unnamed and unclaimed. This looks messy and clogs up the corridors. In an effort to reduce this please make sure that all pupil items are labelled clearly with your child's name, this will enable property found to be returned to its rightful owner. It is very difficult to return items of school uniform if they are not labelled, particularly as they all look the same.

Any property which is found unlabelled will be stored for a week. If they have not been claimed then they will be disposed of or given to the PTA to sell on.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding two Harvest services again this year. The first will be held at St Mary's church on Wednesday 5th October at 9:30am. You all welcome to attend. The second, shorter service at school will be on Friday 7th October at 1.45pm. This will follow our celebration service. For the Friday service, please send your child with fresh fruit and vegetables which will be sold off at the end and / or tinned produce from the list below.

After the service we will be selling the fresh produce so bring your purses along, the proceeds of which will go to a nominated charity decided upon by the children. The tinned produce will be taken to Yate food bank.

MEAT MANIA

Fray Bentos pies and tinned hotdogs, Tinned meatballs, stews and casseroles, tinned minced beef, curries and chilli, Tinned chicken, spam and ham.

FISH FEAST

Tuna, Sardines, Mackerel, Salmon, Pilchards.

PUDDINGS

Tinned sponges, Twin pack long life sponges, Jellies, Angel Delight, Custard - sachets and drums.

ODDMENTS

Tinned mixed veg, Tinned macaroni cheese, Smash - sachets, boxes and drums, Cous Cous

100 grm jars - NO large jars please!

UHT milk - sachets, boxes and drums. Dried spaghetti 500grms packs

Pasta sauces - sachets and jars 2-in-1 shampoo

Deodorants.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY TINNED SOUP OR BAKED BEANS as Yate Foodbank do have rather a lot of them and any bought for them now will not be used until next year whereas all the above items list will be used within a few weeks. They are always grateful for supermarket carrier bags as they use them to pack the parcels, so their clients look like regular shoppers.

Yate Foodbank would like to "thank you so much for your continued interest in our scheme our clients are always amazed that strangers can be so kind and generous."

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL - THE FORMAL BIT!

There is a statutory requirement for Headteachers to monitor and address attendance issues and a legal obligation on parents to ensure their children attend school every day and are on time.

Only absence from school that is due to exceptional circumstances can be authorised; holidays in term time will be counted as unauthorised absence. ALL planned absence must be discussed in advance with the Headteacher through an appointment. Absence cannot be approved in retrospect.

CHRISTIAN VALUE

This term's Christian Value is Compassion.

SCHOOL FUND

We have recently had the School Fund account audited in line with financial regulations. Accounts are available on request from Mrs Trayler.

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	OTHER DETAILS
Macmillan coffee after-noon	1:45pm Friday 30th September	School	All are welcome	No celebration service.
Harvest Service	9:30am Wednesday 5th October	St Mary's Church	All are welcome	
Harvest Auction	1:45pm Friday October 7th	School	All are welcome	
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 18th October (late) Wednesday 19th October (early)	School	Parents and carers	
Last day of Term 1 for children	Thursday 20th October	School	All children	
Inset day	Friday October 21st	School	Staff	Children do not come to school
First day of Term 2	Monday October 31st	School	Children	
Open Day	Friday 4th October (a.m.)	School	Prospective parents	
School photographer	Monday 28th November	School	Children	
Infant Nativity play	1:30pm Tuesday 6th and 9:15am Wednesday 7th December	School	Families	
Church Carol Service	6pm Thursday 8th December	St Mary's Church	All are welcome	Coaches will be take us to the church.
Junior Production	1:15 and 5:30pm Tuesday 13th December	School	Families	Please note second performance is at 5:30pm. We would like all KS2 children to take part.
Christmas Party	Wednesday 14th December (Juniors am)	School	Children	
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14th December	School	Children	
Christmas party	Thursday 15th December (infants a.m.)	School	Children	
Bristol Old Vic Nativity	1.30pm Thursday 15th December	School	Children	
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 16th December	School	Children	Charity to be decided by the school council.
Last day of Term 2	Friday December 16th	School	Children	
First day of Term 3	Tuesday January 3rd 2017	School	Children	
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	
Easter Service	9:30am Tuesday 4th April	St Mary's Church	All are welcome	
Spring Concert	1:15pm and 5:30pm Thursday 6th April	School	Children	Please note second performance is at 5:30pm. We would like all children to take part.
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 6-Fri July 21st	School	Children	