

School News

September 2017



WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and managed to find some sunshine during the holidays. It has been a busy summer at school. New interactive whiteboards have been installed into our four classrooms. These no longer require projectors and give a far more vibrant and clear picture. We would like to thank our PTA for their tremendous contribution that enabled us to purchase the boards. In addition to this, we have had the hall decorated and have replaced the flooring in the junior corridor. New mats have also been installed in the infant corridor.

DATES

Important dates will continue to be published at the back of our monthly newsletter. Inset days, when children should not come to school, are as follows:

Monday December 18th

Tuesday January 2nd

Monday April 9th

Friday May 25th

NEW FACES

We are delighted to welcome our 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 couple of new members of staff.

- Mr Dale Williams will be teaching Hawks this year. He will be taking on the role of Maths subject leader.
- Miss Anna Adsett joins us to carry out an apprenticeship.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

Our values for the year are: humility (term 1), justice (2), wisdom (3), creativity (4), perseverance (5) and responsibility (6).

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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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:

- Develop an effective alliance with other schools.
- Continue to develop a reading culture
- Further develop the PSHE/life skills curriculum.
- Continue to develop awareness of safeguarding and health and safety issues.

P.T.A. NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 10th 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.

80s DISCO NIGHT

Please note that this event has been postponed.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER

We are beginning to collect items for the children's secret shop for our annual Christmas Fair. If you have any gifts that you would like to donate, please bring them to the office.

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.

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.

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

The table below shows how our classes are structured for this academic year.

Class and year group	Teacher	PPA cover
Wren class - Foundation stage	Mrs Wilson (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Halstead (Thursday and Friday). Teachers will alternate Wednesday mornings.	Mrs Tilsley will teach on Wednesday afternoons.
Robin class – Year 1 and 2	Mr Bryant.	Mrs Tilsley will teach on Wednesday mornings.
Swallow class -Year 3 & 4	Mr England	Mr Riddington will teach on Friday mornings.
Hawk class - Year 5 & 6	Mr Williams	Mr Riddington will teach on Friday afternoons.

DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

Whilst we appreciate that some parents often combine walking their dogs when dropping off and collecting their children, others - particularly younger children - may find the presence of dogs (especially when left unattended) stressful and frightening; even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment.

We would remind you that the dog owner/handler is responsible for the animal at all times and must take responsibility in the event of any harm or damage caused accidentally or otherwise.

We would therefore request that:

- dogs are not brought into the playground at any time;
- they are kept on a lead at all times and;
- any mess is cleaned up by the owner immediately.

If you are unable to stay with your dog, you should ensure that it is left securely tied up well away from the entrance/exit gates or any areas where children might walk past and that they are left unattended for the minimum time possible.

IMPORTANT: Due to the age of our downpipes at the front of the school, please do not tie dogs up to them and instead use the railings beyond the office (on the other side of the ramp and not on the path leading to the office).

DOG SAFETY RULES

We will periodically remind the children of the following dog safety rules:-

- never touch a dog that is left alone
- do not run or shout around a dog
- always walk past a dog calmly
- always ask the owner before approaching any dog

We recommend that you also acquaint your child(ren) with these rules from time to time.

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.

MUSIC TUITION

Funky Punk lessons to start week commencing 18 September

Monday afternoon : Drums with Ian Bostic

Tuesday afternoon : Guitars with Jonathan Darley Tuesday after school - Ukulele Club with Jonathan Darley

Thursday afternoon : Keyboards & Singing with Louise Schwarz

South Gloucestershire Peripatetic to start week commencing 11 September

Tuesday morning : Clarinet / Flute with Fiona Thompson

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Advance notice! These will be taken on Monday 30th October 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.

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 as they can significantly affect the learning and progress of children. ALL planned absence must be discussed in advance with the Headteacher through an appointment. Absence cannot be approved in retrospect.

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	OTHER DETAILS
Year 5 Pedestrian Training	Tuesday 19th September	School	Year 5 children	
Harvest Service	Friday 13th October at 9.30am	St Marys Church	All are welcome	
Last day of Term 1	Friday 20th October	School	Children	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Saturday 21st October - Sunday 29th October			
First day of Term 2	Monday 30th October	School	Children	
Individual/Sibling photographs	Monday 30th October at 8.30am	School	Children	
HUGL Week	Week commencing Monday 6th November	School		Details to follow
Parents' evening	Tues 7th November (late) Wed 8th Nov (early)	School	Parents and carers.	
Infant Nativity	1:30pm Tues 5th December 9am Wed 6th December	School	Wrens and Robins	
PTA Christmas Fair	Saturday 9th December (lunchtime)		All are welcome	
Junior Production	1:15 and 5:30pm Tues 12th December	School	Swallows and Hawks	Please note that Swallow and Hawk children will need to be at school for the later performance.
School trip to the theatre	Wednesday 13th December	Bristol Old Vic	All children	Details to follow
Last day of Term 2 for children.	Friday 15th December	School	Children	
INSET DAY	Monday 18th December	School	Staff	Children should not come to school.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	Saturday 16th December - Tuesday 2nd January			
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2nd January	School	Staff	Children should not come to school.
First day of Term 3 for children.	Wednesday 3rd January	School	Children	
Last day of Term 3	Friday 9th February	School	Children	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Saturday 10th February - Sunday 18th February			
First day of Term 4	Monday 19th February	School	Children	
Last day of Term 4	Friday 23rd March	School	Children	
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Saturday 24th March - Monday 9th April			
INSET DAY	Monday 9th April	School	Staff	Children should not come to school.
First Day of Term 5 for children.	Tuesday 10th April	School	Children	
Last day of Term 5 for children	Thursday 24th May	School	Children	

INSET DAY	Friday 25th May	School	Staff	Children should not come to school.
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Friday 25th May - Sunday 3rd June			
First day of Term 6	Monday 4th June	School	Children	
Last day of Term 6	Friday 20th July	School	Children	