



FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so much support for the PTA at the recent AGM. The success of our school is as a result of strong partnerships and that is no more clearly seen than in the work of our PTA through their fundraising for resources as well as their contribution to the wider community. The committee are always grateful for additional help and it is a great way to get involved in school life.

Sarah Joskey
Headteacher

CLASS NEWS!

Reception We have been learning about the feelings happy, sad, scared and excited. We have also started to paint some self-portraits. This week the Weston Mercury and Bristol Post photographers took our photographs for the New class supplement. Please look out for us in the next few weeks. We will let you know if we are notified by the newspapers when we should appear.

Year 1 Year 1 have been busy counting in steps of 2 and ordering larger numbers. We have continued to learn about animals in science and are getting ready (and very excited!!) about writing our own stories about parties.

Year 2 Year 2 have been innovating in Literacy - ask us what Darth Vader might use his helmet for, or how a golfer's cap might help him! In Maths, we are becoming multiple of ten experts! We have also been experimenting with instruments and looking at the different ways in which they can be played. We could happily sing you a song about it!

Year 3 Year three have been working really hard on their addition skills this week. We have also been busy planning our dip making at Farmer Nick's kitchen next week.

Year 4 What a talented group of artists we have in Year 4! On Monday we had great fun experimenting with an impressionist style of painting in our wonderful school grounds (see photographs). We have also been learning about the 'Bar Model' in maths and have started writing our own version of our class text 'King of the Birds' - changing it to 'King of the Farmyard'.

Year 5 Year 5 have been rehearsing our service and preparing for our trip today. We were even treated to some genuine roman coins! It has also been great to see how hard our quiz masters worked in preparing our first class quiz!

Year 6 In boosters this week, the children have been looking at the KCF method for dividing fractions - please ask them about it!

Security and Safeguarding

Can we please remind all parents/carers that scooters and bikes must **not** be ridden in the playground or indeed up or down the entrance path into school. The slope is quite severe and could result in a nasty accident if a scooter or bike user were to lose control. All children should dismount from scooters or bikes **before** crossing the road.

Can we also stress the importance of being on time to collect your child. Children in the upper key stages (Y3 onwards) can be released from class with parental permission and we are concerned that children could wander out of school grounds looking for their parents. Any changes to going home arrangements must be communicated by an adult to the school.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN TERMS 1 & 2

October

Monday 16th October – Y5 Class Service 9am
Wednesday 18th – Parent consultation evening
Thursday 19th – Parent consultation evening
23-27th October – Half Term Holiday
Monday 30th October - INSET

November

Fri 3rd Nov - PTA Fireworks, Wrighton Rec
(details in the PTA section)
Friday 10th November – PTA Film Night
Friday 17th November – Children in Need

December

Fri 8th December - School Christmas Fayre

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Year 3

Special times tables award to:

Ronnie, Megan and Sid

Year 1 Special mentions

Ruby Rice for super contributions in class

Year 1 reading bookworms for their superb attitudes towards reading

Year 2

Excellent progress in their Bonds and Badges:

Henry Peacock, Molly Blundell, Leo Wedin, Alex Rice, Ollie Moon

2 children achieved a 'Gold' award in the spelling quiz

7 children received a 'Silver' award in the spelling quiz

18 children received Reading Merits

Year 4 Certificates

'25 Reads' Certificates to Ameilia, Ben Osmond and Lola

Star of the Week Ben Dolman

Prize for Effort in Art - Jacob Slough
Chess Award - Ailidh Bowers



Bonfire Lunch – Friday 3rd November

There will be a change to the advertised menu on Friday 3rd November – Mrs Grant will be serving a special bonfire lunch – hot dog/vegetarian hot dog, chips, beans/coleslaw and toffee apple flapjack. Advance orders will not be taken, meals will be ordered in the normal way.

Woodwind Lessons – Thursday 19th October

Mr Hacking will not be here next Thursday for woodwind music lessons – **all** children have been informed and Mr Hacking will make up the missed lesson before the end of term 2.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WEEK





PTA News

PTA – Fireworks – Friday 3rd November, Wington Rec
(ticket request forms available from the school office reception area)

Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December

Do you love to bake? Isobel Mills has very kindly produced a Christmas Cake for our 'Guess the weight of the cake' stall at the annual PTA Christmas Fair for many years. She has now left the school with her youngest moving up to year 7 and we are on the lookout for someone who may be willing to donate a Christmas cake for this year's fair (no obligation to repeat next year!). The Fair will be held on Friday 8th December. If you think you could help please speak to Ruth Wall or Jenny Weeks or let the office know. Thank you!

School Library – open every Monday 3.15pm – 3.30pm – come along with your child.

Harvest

Thank you to all those that were able to join us for "the best harvest lunch yet" – your words not ours, but we did think it went rather well! We are delighted to let you know that you raised the amazing sum of **£311** which has been donated to Send a Cow.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Friday 10th November
Individual & sibling photos
(further details to follow)

Tuesday 5th December
Whole School Panto trip

Wednesday 6th December
Whole School Christmas Lunch
(further details in due course)
Christmas Jumper Day
(all children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day for a donation of £1 which will be sent to Save the Children)

Mystery Readers

Class 4 enjoyed surprise visits from Ailidh's grandparents and Ryan's mum, who were this week's 'mystery readers'. They gave wonderful performances of some of Roald Dahl's 'Revolting Rhymes'.

Thank you also to the current volunteers who come in to hear readers each week. If you are interested in reading with the children please speak to class teachers...we always make space & time for volunteers.

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance last week:
97.01%
Well done for first place to:
Year 5 – 99.66%

LETTERS HOME

PTA Film Night
It's a Pharaoh Way

eldest & only
Year 3

Reception Class Reading Information Meeting

We would like to invite all our Reception class parents to a Reception reading information meeting and book presentation on **Thursday 19th October**.

We will be starting the meeting at 2.15pm promptly and would invite you to join us from 2.00pm. The children will be with Ms Joskey having a story time and after the information meeting we will be inviting you to join them for their book presentation.



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all those who came along and supported our Scholastic book fair. We raised an amazing **£702!!!** Thanks to your generosity we will now be able to purchase over £350 worth of books for our school library and classroom libraries. Thank you.