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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 – NEWSLETTER NO 9

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to these children who received the Star of the Week Award from their class teachers over the weeks. They have been working hard and displaying the right attitudes and values of the school, including being Ready, Respectful and Safe. You can also find their picture on the school's website.



13 January



20 January

Y3 HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

On Monday 16th January, 10 members of Class 3 attended a Handball Tournament at The Centre for Sport in Filton. This event was run by our sports coaches, who had trained the children (and teachers!)

We played 4 matches and the scores were as follows: 8-1, 3-1, 4-6, 5-2.

We came second, bringing home a beautiful new trophy for our trophy cabinet. All the children showed our school at its best; resilient, fair play and a gutsy attitude.

Well done Team!





SICKNESS AND LATENESS

If your child is absent from school, you must call or email to let the office know by 9am so that registers can be updated. This is a legal requirement. Additionally, if you know that your child is going to be late for any reason, please notify the office.

YOUNG VOICES

On Monday 9th January, 28 members of the school choir attended the Young Voices concert at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. It was a fantastic (and long!) day and the children represented the school impeccably.

Lola and Macie from Year 5 summed up the day as follows: -

Young Voices concerts are the largest choir concerts in the world, where choirs sing beside 5000-8000 other children on one night only when we all became one!

We left school at around 11am and set off on our journey to Birmingham. On the way we played games and practiced some of our songs. When we arrived at the venue, we collected our Young Voices t-shirts then found our seats in the arena.

Before the actual event, we practiced for a couple of hours, checking all the lyrics over and meeting the special performers (this year were Heather Small, Beat boxers, The Urban Strides and Anna Phoebe the violinist).

The doors opened to the public at 6.30pm and at 7pm the lights dimmed and the concert began. The opening act was a performance by Urban Strides and followed on by Milligantics (the first song sung by the Young Voices Choir). The concert ended at 9pm and then we began our trip back, most people sleeping!

All children said they enjoyed the experience and would love to take part again!



ADELE FARROW'S LONDON MARATHON ADVENTURE



On 23rd April 2023 Adele, a parent & governor of the school, will be running the London Marathon to raise money for the charity Bliss. 1 in every 7 babies born in the UK will need specialist care. Bliss is the leading UK charity for babies born premature or sick. They rely on donations to fund their work, and without our help they won't be able to reach the 90,000 babies needing neonatal care each year. Your donation will help Bliss to drive improvements in neonatal care, to ensure that the needs of babies are at the heart of policy and planning for the future, and to provide information and support to all families with a baby born premature or sick.

We think you'd agree this an amazing thing to do and if you can spare even the smallest of donations then please visit the below link or go to the Just Giving website and search Adele Farrow.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adele-farrow3?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=adele-farrow3&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=700c9495aa6249ddbba5e068879ce94c

BOOKS AT BEDTIME – FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 5PM-6PM

Your child/children are invited back into school for a special event 'Books at Bedtime'. Staff will be at school ready to read groups of children a wonderful evening story. All your child needs to do, is return to school in their pjs, with a blanket and teddy (optional) ready to enjoy this lovely experience. They will be offered hot chocolate and biscuits, provided by the friends of the school (so please do not bring anything in). Drop-off/collection point will be the school hall. You will have been emailed a link to let us know whether your child wishes to attend and it is important that this is filled in because it will act as our register, for safety reasons.



SINGING SQUARE

You will have seen from the dates section of the newsletter (below) that we are now starting to invite parents in to school to join us for our Singing Squares at the end of the terms. This term we would like to invite those parents from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to share this with us. Space may be limited due to the pupils being in the Hall so this may be standing room only if there are lots of parents coming along. This will be on Friday 10 February starting at 2.40pm. We will be inviting those parents from Year 3 and 4 to our next singing square on 31 March at the same time.

ARBOR PARENT PORTAL



Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to the Arbor Parent Portal – a massive 96% of you! We really need to get everyone on there so you do not miss out on any communication come February when we stop the text messaging system. It will be replaced by in-app notifications so make sure you download the app in the app store and turn on those notifications. If anyone is still having an issue resetting their password please come into the office and speak to Jemma and she will be able to guide you through it.



CHARLIE FROUD FOUNDATION

This year the School Parliament have decided to support a very local charity, which is based in Almondsbury – The Charlie Froud Foundation. The charity support mountain rescue teams as well as other local charities such as the Jesse May Trust. The children have been set the challenge of collecting as many

one penny coins as possible between now and 30 June 2023. We know that at the moment there are some tough choices being made by families so please do not worry if you are unable to give anything between now and then but if you are able to then please do send in your one penny coins. This is also a competition between the other local schools. The school which collects the most coins will receive £1,000 as a reward kindly donated by the Forss family who are trustees. Thank you in advance. Don't forget – **ONLY 1p COINS ARE NEEDED! We can see those collection jars in each class growing daily and weekly. Thank you so much for your contributions so far.**

Term 3 Clubs								
CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Eco Warriors	Thursday	8am-8.40am	Liz Cannock	Everyone	Contact the office	free	12/01/2023	09/02/2023
Chess	Friday	lunchtime	Nic Baykaa-Murray	KS2	Contact the office	free	13/01/2023	10/02/2023
Football	Wednesday	3.20pm-4.20pm	Mr Truan	Year 5 & Year 6	same as last term	free	04/01/2023	08/02/2023
Lego	Wednesday	lunchtime	Mrs Bell	KS1	Contact the office	free	04/01/2023	08/02/2023
Gymnastics	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	£27.00	03/01/2023	09/02/2023
Hockey	Thursday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	£27.00	05/01/2023	09/02/2023
Kickboxing	Thursday	5pm-6pm Kids 6pm-7pm Adults	Bristol freestyle Kickboxing	Everyone	Turn up at school for 5pm and pay each week	£4 kids £5 adults	05/01/2023	09/02/2023

*** BRISTOL SPORTS ARE NOW OFFERING A SIBLING DISCOUNT OF 25%, CALL THEM ON 0117 963 0683 TO BOOK.**

Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
SATs Revision Guides	6	Action
Swimming Letter	3	Action
Swimming Letter	Selected year 6	Action

DIARY DATES 2022/23**TERM 3**

Tuesday 3 January
 Monday 9 January
 Friday 27 January
 Friday 3 February
 Monday 6 February
 Friday 10 February

Term 3 starts and return to school
 Choir to go to Young Voices in Birmingham
 Book at Bedtime 5.00pm to 6.00pm
 KS1 Number Day
 FOSP 2nd hand uniform sale 3.20pm in the hall
 Singing Square invited guests Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents
 End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 20 February

 Friday 24 February
 Monday 27 February

 Monday 6 March
 Wednesday 8 March
 Friday 17 March

 Thursday 23 March
 Friday 31 March

Start of Term 4
 Year 3 swimming every afternoon this week
 School cross country championships
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 FOSP 2nd hand uniform sale 3.20pm in the hall
 Parents Evenings 3.40pm – 7.00pm
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 Comic Relief Day
 Tockington Manor Cross Country championships
 Tockington Manor netball and football festival
 Singing Square invited guests Year 3 and 4 parents
 End of Term 4

Term dates for 2022/23

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 1 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 October 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Friday 11 February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023
INSET DAYS confirmed	Thursday 1 September 2022 Friday 2 September 2022 Monday 31 October 2022 Monday 5 June 2023 Tuesday 6 June 2023	