

Welcome to another school year - it is wonderful to have the children back, all smart and enthusiastic! School has been a very happy place this week and it promises to be a fantastic term. Congratulations to all our new Reception children who have made a very impressive start and are settling in beautifully. Welcome too, to 3 other new children - Gracie and Sasha in Y3 and Mya in Y4. They too have settled in quickly and made a great start.

Welcome to our new staff members, Mrs Shaddick in Y3 and After School Club; Mr Inskip in Y1 and Miss Chard in Y6.



Year 3 started off their Stone Age topic in spectacular fashion this week, cooking fish on an open fire followed by some brilliant cave painting:



Year 5 have also begun their Ancient Greek topic in style this week, with a day of workshops run by 'Portals to the Past' - their costumes were brilliant:



Congratulations to the following children who have impressed me with their wonderful work and attitudes since the last newsletter:

- Skye S in Y3 for great independent maths at the end of Y2
- Liam in Y4 for massive effort and improvement in handwriting in Y3
- Riley B in Y3 for great effort and improvement in handwriting in y2
- Eva in Y6 for fantastic purple learning at the end of Y5
- Lucas in Y2 for wonderful concentration and number work at the end of Y1 and for great behaviour in Y2
- Jesslyn in YR for great sounding out and letters
- Cameron in Y4 for great instruction writing

Well done to them all!



Reception Outside Area Face-lift

Huge thanks to all the parent and staff volunteers who came in to school during the holidays to set up the

Reception outdoor learning area.



We made a quiet area with a bench, natural shelter and placed some tyres with whiteboards in all around the garden area to promote writing.



We cleared the woodland area and made a camp fire. One parent built us two composters from pallets and another parent made us a fence using pallets. We also made a den in the garden area. We now have a car from old

'real' car parts and the big bricks have been enhanced with lots of loose parts play, and one talented parent took the legs off of our workbench and made it to a child friendly height! The parents attached the guttering and the water butt to the shed so the children have access to water.



And here are some Reception children enjoying their new woodwork bench:



Uniform Reminder

Thank you for your support in sending the children to school in the correct uniform. Just a reminder that PE kit should include **red** hoodies only (not black) and all shoes worn in school should be **entirely black** - with no coloured logos or lights. On PE days, if the children do not have black trainers, they can wear their school shoes and change into their trainers for their PE lesson.



Class News and Topic Maps

Please see SeeSaw for class messages and news (Y1-6) - please let your class teacher know if you have any log-in difficulty. Topic maps for Y1-6 have been emailed and are available on the school website. Reception topics will develop to follow children's interests and you will be kept informed via the ILD. Feel free to add your own comments and questions on your child's learning.

New Baby!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Laken on the birth of their son, Max Jonathan Laken, born on 2nd August 2017. All well and happy. Mr Laken will be taking 10 days' paternity leave, one day a week.





Parents' Coffee Mornings and Afternoons

Please drop into any of the Parents' coffee meetings scheduled for the coming terms. They are held in the staffroom and all are welcome:

Date	Time	Topic	Led by
Thurs 14 th Sept	8:50-9:20am	Supporting learning at home	Ms Fredrickson
Wed 27 th Sept	8:50-9:20am	Behaviour and bullying	Mr Laken
Wed 18 th Oct	2:50-3:20pm	e-safety and online communication	Mr Inskip
Tues 7 th Nov	2:50-3:20pm	Spelling	Miss Grant
Thurs 23 rd Nov	8:50-9:20am	Christmas plans	Ms Fredrickson
Mon 11 th Dec	2:50-3:20pm	Purple Learning (Growth mindset)	Mr Laken

There will also be two additional meetings, one with Mr Mountjoy on transport and another one with Mr Inskip on phonics and reading for Y1 and 2 parents. Dates to be confirmed.

School Dinners

Please make sure school dinners are ordered by 9:15am (preferably before 8am) - they can be ordered as far in advance as you like. Any problems, please ring the office. Children are **not** able to order lunches via their class teacher.

Parking

We have had complaints already about inconsiderate parking near the school. Consideration is our number one value this term - we are talking a lot about how our actions may affect others. Please consider our neighbours, some of whom are elderly and use wheelchairs and ensure you do not block access to driveways or park too near corners as this can make it difficult and dangerous to cross. Remember children can earn travel tracker badges by coming to school on foot or by bike, or even by 'parking and striding' if you park further away from school.

Water Bottles

Just a reminder that children should only have water in the bottles they drink from through the day - they can have other drinks in their lunch boxes (not fizzy drinks) but only water in class - no squash or sweetened water please.



Bristol Together Championship

Our team of 5 x Y6 footballers who joined forces with Millpond Primary last year to win the Bristol Together

championship, have been invited by the Mayor's office to take part in a trip to Bordeaux to take part in an international tournament to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Bristol's twinning with Bordeaux. Good luck Toby, Niah, Josh, Izzy and Archie (and Mr Longden and our 2 parent volunteers who will be accompanying them). Have a fabulous time!



Karin Smyth MP

Money Entitlement One-Stop Shop

The Withywood Centre
Queens Road, Bristol BS13 8QA

Friday 15 September
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 pm

All welcome!

Money Information Event

Karin Smyth MP is holding a free event for local people to sit down over a cup of tea and talk to some of Bristol's financial experts about benefit and tax entitlements. Many people who have been to these events in the past have discovered they are entitled to much more money than they thought. All welcome.



Key Dates Term 1

Tues 12 th Sept:	Y4T swimming
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Wed 13 th Sept:	Judo taster sessions (in school time)
Thurs 14 th Sept:	Coffee morning 8:50-9:20
Fri 15 th Sept:	Girls' Tag Rugby tournament @ Broad Plain
Fri 15 th Sept:	White House Winners Treat (in school)
Fri 15 th Sept:	Writers' Tea Party
18 th - 22 nd Sept:	Y6 Camp
Mon 25 th Sept:	Tag Rugby League starts
26 th -28 th Sept:	Bristol Together Trip to Bordeaux
Wed 27 th Sept:	Coffee Morning 8:50-9:20
Wed 27 th Sept:	Fitness Day
Thurs 5 th Oct:	Writers' Tea Party
Thurs 5 th Oct:	Y3 trip to Avebury
Fri 13 th Oct:	Y2 trip to @Bristol
Thurs 19 th Oct:	Harvest Assemblies
Fri 20 th Oct:	End of Term 1