



"Created by God to love and learn"

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What a busy start to the term we have had!

So far...

Year 4 have had road safety training called Safer, Greener and Fitter, which aims to teach pupils about how to stay safe around roads. Year 3 have had some scooter training and Year 5 have had pedestrian training. All of which are vitally important as the nights draw in and it becomes darker. Unfortunately, we were advised to cancel the overnight residential to Redwood Trust, for Year 6 pupils, due to severe weather conditions. Hopefully Year 5 pupils will have better luck with the weather next week.

Last Friday, we sent out letters asking for permissions to use your child's photos. If you have not completed these, please do so as soon as possible.

On Tuesday, Strider visited our school to promote the Walk to School campaign. More information can be found later in the newsletter.

May I take this opportunity to thank Bernadette Thomson, who will be stepping down from her role as PTFA chair. During her time in the hot seat, she (and the rest of the PTFA) have contributed hugely to the lives of those pupils involved with the school and have provided much funding for several large projects such as the new KS1 and KS2 play equipment.

If you wish to donate a gift, or any money that can go towards a gift, please hand it into the school office.

Mr Isaacs

E-Safety

As always, we are starting the year thinking about E-safety and the amount of time we spend online and using electronic devices. We are aware that some parents would like some guidance on the challenging task of keeping their child safe when they are online and as such we are hosting an E-safety evening led by a local expert on the 11th October which all of you are invited to. The session starts at 6:00 and finishes about 8:00. We recently had training on this issue in school and it was made clear to us that the PEGI rating is based on the suitability for that child's age range. For this reason, we were advised that games such as Fortnite, which have a PEGI rating of 12, should not be played by any primary school child because of the frequent use of violence. We know how beneficial and fun many of the games are and we hope you will consider the suitability of the game before letting them play it. If you wish to know the PEGI rating of any games, you can use the following website.



<https://pegi.info/>

Mr Newman (Computing Subject Lead)



We are once again taking part in the Walk to School campaign to encourage children to exercise daily, leading to a healthy lifestyle and an improved sense of wellbeing.

Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier and even do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates as well as making it safer.

What if we can't walk to school?

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride and it still counts as an active journey to earn a WOW badge. Alternatively, hop off public transport at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the distance.

For more information, please visit www.livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool.

I look forward to giving out lots of badges and seeing the children wearing these with pride.

At the end of the last academic year, we surveyed pupils about their attitudes towards school. I will publish these results in the newsletters over the year. There are 26 questions in total. Here are the results of question 1.

1. Which of these is most like you?			
I always like going to school	Most of the time I like going to school	I don't like going to school much	I never like going to school
34%	47%	12%	7%





These results are overwhelmingly positive at 81% of pupils reporting that they enjoy school. Speaking to pupils about school and why they come, they could relate school to their future in regards to jobs and careers as well as opportunities to forge strong, long-lasting friendships. On a daily basis, I see happy smiley children running around the playgrounds and enjoying their learning whenever I pop into class. Following on from my predecessor's beliefs, as a school we are proud to offer a broad and balanced curriculum (a range of subjects) and as such give all children opportunities to develop their talents. This is something that the children commented on at the end of the survey. Overall a pleasing response.



If you wish to comment on the school yourself, please log into Parent View on the Ofsted website where you can express your opinion through some Ofsted based questions.

Charities

Each House in school will be raising money throughout the year to support charities linked to our theme of 'Give water to the thirsty'. These charities will be associated with water and ensuring people have clean water to drink.

Logo	Charity Name	Info	House
	Missio	Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission	St Joan of Arc
	WaterAid	Improves access to clean water, toilets and hygiene in 34 different countries worldwide	St Patrick
 charity: water	charity: water	Brings clean and safe drinking water to people in developing countries	St Maximilian Kolbe
	FrankWater	Local charity working with some of the most deprived communities in India and Nepal to help them secure safe, clean drinking water and sanitation.	St Brigid

And finally...

We have two full-time School Meal Supervisory Assistants (SMSA) positions available each with 6.25 hours per week. The working hours for these positions are Monday to Friday from 12:25pm to 1:40pm.

The role of the SMSA is to supervise the activities of children during mealtime. More specifically, you will be required to assist the children in the dining area, keep an eye on the children to make sure that they are eating their lunch and ensuring they are safe outside as well as dealing with any issues that may arise.

If you think you have the skills to do this role and if are interested in this position or would like further information, please speak to the staff in the office who will be happy to assist. Although previous experience would be good, it is not essential as we will provide all the necessary training for the role.

Dates for your diary

Monday	7 th	January	INSET Day 3 – School Closed
Monday	25 th	February	INSET Day 4 – School Closed
Monday	3 rd	June	INSET Day 5 – School Closed
Tuesday	21 st	May	Sports day
Thursday	23 rd	May	Sports day reserve
Monday	24 th	September	Morning interventions start
Thursday	27 th	September	Year 5 camping at Redwood for 1 night under canvas
Friday	28 th	September	Year 5 return from camp (normal 3:30pm pick up)
Wednesday	3 rd	October	Years 3 and 4 visit to the Roman Baths
Thursday	4 th	October	Years 5 and 6 visit to the Roman Baths Year 6 Longtown meeting (3:45pm – for those who were unable to make it on 06/09/18)
Wednesday	10 th	October	School Open Day (tours at 9:30am, 11:20am and 2:00pm)
Thursday	11 th	October	School Open Day (tours at 9:30am, 11:20am and 2:00pm) Year 1 and 2 visit to Bristol Zoo E-safety evening for adults/ bedtime story for children 6:00-8:00pm
Friday	12 th	October	Harvest Assembly and Conker Championships Please feel free to start looking for conkers and consider what dried foods or toiletries you could donate for St James's Priory.
Wednesday	17 th	October	School Open Evening for perspective Reception parents (6:00pm to 7:00pm)
Friday	19 th	October	Buddy Tea for Year 6 and Reception Parents (2:45pm)
Tuesday	23 rd	October	Parents' Evening 1 (4:00pm to 7:00pm)
Thursday	25 th	October	Parents' Evening 2 (3:50pm to 6:30pm) Year 6 Class Mass (9:30am)
Monday	29 th	October	Half Term
Tuesday	6 th	November	Individual Photographs
Thursday	15 th	November	Year 5/6 Class Mass (9:30am)
Wednesday	21 st	November	School Open Day (tours at 9:30am, 11:20am and 2:00pm)
Thursday	22 nd	November	School Open Day (tours at 9:30am, 11:20am and 2:00pm)
Tuesday	11 th	December	Key Stage 2 to Old Vic for Christmas Carol performance
Wednesday	12 th	December	Reception Class Nativity (2:30pm and 6:00pm)
Thursday	13 th	December	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Nativity (2:30pm and 6:30pm) Year 4/5 Class Mass (9:30am)
Tuesday	18 th	December	Christmas School Lunch
Thursday	20 th	December	School Mass - St Augustine's Church (9:30am) Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Christmas performance in the church (6:30pm)
Friday	21 st	December	Last Day of Term.
Monday	24 th	December	Christmas Holidays
Monday	7 th	January	INSET Day 3 – School Closed



The Clifton Cathedral Junior Choir is a children's choir sponsored by Clifton Cathedral's Music Service.

Rehearsals take place once a week at the Cathedral on Fridays from 4.15pm – 5.45pm. The choir sings Vespers each week on a Friday evening at 5.15pm during term time as well as contributing to various Masses, concerts, tours and broadcasts throughout the year.

Membership of the choir offers children the opportunity to develop their musical and vocal skills, particularly sight-singing, and to make new friends with similar interests whilst having fun and performing a wide choral repertoire to a high standard.

Enthusiastic boys and girls aged 7-12 (in years 3-7 at school) are invited to become members of the Cathedral's Junior Choir. Potential new choristers have a four-week probationary period before an audition, in order to become full members of the choir.

For further details please contact the Cathedral Organist and Junior Choir Director, Stephen Bryant

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