

Our school rules are the 3 Bs:

BE SAFE
BE READY
BE RESPECTFUL

We also ask that everyone is respectful to our staff. Thank you.

"Created by God to love and learn"

NEWSLETTER 4

3.11.23

Remember the fireworks code this weekend!



Dear Parents and Carers,

As with newsletter 3, we will continue to review the results of our parent survey, which was completed in June 2023. You may recall a relatively low number of parents (52) responded.

Question 5:

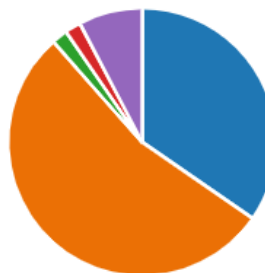
As a Catholic school it is reassuring to read this. We are passionate about providing an inclusive education for children of all faiths and backgrounds. Children are encouraged to learn about our faith and are taught the ten school values that guide us, whether we consider them Gospel values or life skills. Our mission is simple and strong: we believe we are **'Created by God to love and learn'** – the last three words are important. We encourage love for one another and for learning itself.

5. I understand the school's Catholic mission and I am supportive of it

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Strongly agree	18
Agree	28
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	4



Question 6:

We welcome views from parents about how we can better support our children's spiritual and moral development. As a Catholic school we are able to reference the teachings of Jesus as a moral guide; helping us make kind and loving choices. We also use an excellent resource called Jigsaw to support our 'Personal, Social and Health Education' ('PSHE') curriculum.

6. The school supports my child's spiritual and moral development

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Strongly agree	16
Agree	26
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	4



Question 7: The school works closely with parents of children with special educational needs (SEN)

Here over ¾ of respondents either did not fall into this category or agreed. However, we have listened to past feedback and worked hard to improve on this. Our SENCO, Mrs Deanne Fitzpatrick, is contactable via phone or email (via the office) and sets aside parents slots alongside parents' evenings for meetings. We are also in our second year of rolling out our 'Edukey' provision mapping software, which has scope for parents to interact in the support process for their child, in partnership with the school. We are also able to support any families who may need it via our parent link worker, Mrs Christine Cranney.

Since the resumption of normal schooling post Covid in 2021, we have created three distinct additional areas in our spare rooms to support all children, including those with special educational needs. We have a nurture room, a sensory room and an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) room, run by Mrs Hodges.


Question 8:






In previous feedback you have told us that you would like more clubs and sporting activities. This was much reduced during Covid and we have worked hard to significantly increase the range of sporting and other opportunities on offer. We have 5 professionally run sports clubs (3 Signature Sports clubs, plus Tag Rugby and Cricket), STEM robotics, drama, sewing and now a football team, complete with our own kit. In recent months we have also had chess, Latin, hockey, gardening, chaplaincy and booster clubs; many run by teachers in their own time.

Our P.E. lead, Miss Harvey is very keen to seek opportunities to participate in sports and competitions within our local area, as well as promoting active travel through our 'Modeshift' accreditation. This includes Bikeability, Scooter Training, Road Safety Awareness, Travel Tracker and many other initiatives. Children in Years 4-6 swim at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre.

8. My child has the opportunity to take part in clubs or sporting activities

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 Insights

 Strongly agree	15
 Agree	27
 Disagree	2
 Strongly disagree	0
 Neutral	8



We will share more results in future editions of this newsletter. Finally, I would like to thank the parents and grandparents that have come forward as **reading volunteers**. This has an enormous impact on our children's reading and we would very much welcome any more parents or family members willing to help.

With many thanks,

Mark Hilliam

Mr Mark Hilliam,
Headteacher

Please accept our apologies for any confusion over PE kit days last term. This may have been due to additional cricket coaching, which has now finished. A reminder that the usual PE days are:

Ash (Reception): Mondays and Tuesdays* (*apologies for incorrect dates*)

Elm (Year 1): Wednesdays and Fridays

Maple (Year 2): Tuesdays and Wednesdays*

Willow (Year 3): Tuesdays and Wednesdays*

Hazel (Year 4): Mondays and Fridays

Birch (Year 5): Tuesdays* and Thursdays

Oak (Year 6): Thursdays* (Double PE) **These lessons are taught by our professional PE coaches from Signature Sports*

Swimming:

Swimming is on Wednesdays. Year 6 will swim first, then Year 5, then Year 4. Details below. Please let us know if you can volunteer to accompany the class. Dates are:

Oak (Year 6) 8th and 15th November, 3rd and 10th January

Birch (Year 5): 17th, 24th and 31st January, 7th February, 20th and 27th March, 17th and 24th April

Hazel (Year 4): 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May, 3rd, 10th and 17th July

School Dinner Update:

New school menus for the Spring term have been sent to parents, along with theme days provided by our new caterers, AIP. The children are really enjoying their meals and there has been a dramatic increase in school meal uptake. Parents, governors and staff all agreed that providing freshly cooked hot meals was essential. We therefore encourage all parents to choose a hot food option rather than baguettes, especially as the weather turns colder. A reminder that all infant children (up to Year 2) can enjoy a free lunch.

Dates for your diary – more dates will be added as they arise:

Friday	3rd	November	Non-uniform day, Oak class doughnut sale & PTFA AGM after school
Friday	10 th	November	Open day 4, 10am
Saturday	11 th	November	Open day 5, 10am
Thursday	16th	November	Fraser portraits photographs (individual)
Tuesday	14 th	November	Governors virtual meeting with all new parents, 7:30pm
Wednesday	15 th	November	Birch Class mass in hall, 2:30pm (note change of date)
Friday	17th	November	PTFA cake sale after school in hall
Saturday	18 th	November	Parish 'Countdown to Christmas' fair, in school, 12noon-3pm
Monday	20 th	November	Open day 6, 6pm
Tuesday	21 st	November	Spellathon 1, 2:30pm
Monday	27 th	November	Oak class trip to Downend Library & author talk, pm
Wednesday	29 th	November	PTFA Disco
Thursday	30 th	November	Governors virtual parents meeting 1, 7:30pm
Friday	1st	December	Willow & Hazel Class trip, all day – (details to follow)
Wednesday	6 th	December	KS1 Nativity, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
Monday	11th	December	Ash (Reception) Nativity, 2:30pm
Tuesday	12th	December	Christmas lunch /Christmas jumper day
Wednesday	13 th	December	KS2 Christmas carol concert, 6pm in church
Thursday	14 th	December	Christmas mass, 9:30am in church

Friday	15 th	December	Last day of term 2
Monday	18 th	December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday	2 nd	January	INSET day 3, school closed to pupils
Wednesday	3 rd	January	Children return to school
Monday	22 nd	January	Oak Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Tuesday	23 rd	January	Hazel Class mass, in school hall (time to be confirmed)
Tuesday	30 th	January	Mathstermind 2, 3:30pm
Friday	2 nd	February	Maple Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Friday	9 th	February	Last day of term 3
Monday	12 th	February	HALF TERM
Tuesday	27 th	February	Willow Class mass, in hall pm (details to follow)
Friday	8 th	March	Hazel Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Tuesday	12 th	March	Spellathon 2, 2:30pm
Tuesday	19 th	March	Maple Class liturgy, in classroom, pm
Thursday	28 th	March	INSET day 4, school closed to pupils
Friday	29 th	March	GOOD FRIDAY – BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday	1 st	April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday	15 th	April	Children return
Friday	26 th	April	Birch Class assembly pm, (details to follow)
Tuesday	30 th	April	Elm Class liturgy in class (pm)
Friday	10 th	May	Willow Class assembly pm, (details to follow)
Monday	14 th	May	SATs week for Oak Class (Year 6)
Tuesday	21 st	May	Ash Class liturgy, pm
Monday	27 th	May	HALF TERM



Bristol Bears Women take on Sale Sharks at Ashton Gate to kick-off the new league campaign. We're pleased to offer you an exclusive **50% discount** to this game. Use the code below to get tickets for just £5 for Adults and £2.50 for Under-12s. Discount code: **BGROUPS50**

We hope to see you there!



The Parents, Teachers & Friends Association relies on the support and goodwill of our school community. Thank you to everyone who has helped in the Christmas card-making! However, we're in need of new parents to join our friendly group and lend a hand with the various fundraising activities planned for the rest of this school year. These activities are meant to enhance our school and improve our children's education.

If you're interested in joining our team, please fill out the form below and leave it at the school reception. Thank you! - The PTFA Team.

-----I would like to join the school PTFA.

Your Name: _____

Your telephone number: _____

Your child's name: _____ Your child's school year: _____