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## NEWSLETTER 8

### 20.12.24

#### UNIFORM:

We are noticing as we end the term that our normal smart uniform is slipping a bit. Children should wear shoes for school **and a tie**. PE kit is the grey hoodie and branded t-shirt.

Please see us if you need any support with your child's uniform.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the fourth week of Advent. We break up today and the children return on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day). It has been a wonderful fortnight of nativities, carol concerts, Christmas dinners and mass!

We would like to welcome Elsie Lau to our Governing Board, who will be joining as a Foundation Governor, and Daniel McConnell who will be joining as a Parent Governor. If you would like any more information on the Governing Body, or how you could join, please email the office, where your query will be passed to Stephen Wells, the current Chair.

We also say good bye to our parent link worker, Mrs Christine Cranney. Chris has supported families at St Augustine's for 8 years and has been an incredible source of support and guidance to countless parents. We wish Chris all the best for her very well-earned retirement and thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all she has done.

You may have noticed that Mrs Swonnell has been away for a while. Sadly Mrs Swonnell's mother died very recently so we pray for her and her family at this difficult time. During this time Mrs Broster has taught the class full time, providing consistency for Hazel class.

**Finally, to note the PTFA disco has been moved to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, so please do come along.**

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless you and your families over this festive season,

*M Hilliam*

Mr Mark Hilliam, Headteacher



#### **Thank you from the school and parish courtyard committee!**

A big thank you to the parents/staff/parish who came to help dig our courtyard in November.

We would also like to raise funds for the compost and the plants that we can look to plant in the spring –if anybody wishes to donate to the project we would welcome your contributions!



### A message from Compass:

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching, and for some families this could bring about some worries due to the pressures of finances, keeping the children entertained and occupied etc, so we have shared some links and resources to pass onto families ahead of this time – see attached and below. Also, Compass would ask that if you have any worries regarding a family, that you consider contacting Compass this week to discuss and to avoid sending in referrals during the last week of term, as it's likely that these won't be processed until the New Year, which may leave a family vulnerable as Compass and ART will be working under skeleton staff (as always, please send any safeguarding referrals direct to the Access and Response Team – ART).

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### **Resources**

- [Financial support for residents | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council.](#)
- Financial Support Flyer (attached).
- [Community welcome spaces | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council.](#)
- [School holiday activities and food programme | South Gloucestershire](#) (a detailed email was sent out about this on 29/11/2024). Also, libraries offer warm spaces as well as activities and events, [Libraries | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council.](#)
- Foodbanks - [Get emergency food | Trussell.](#)
- [inourplace | Solihull Approach – South Gloucestershire | inourplace](#) - free online courses (e-modules) for all parents, carers, grandparents and teens, nurturing emotional health and wellbeing from bump to 19+ years. \*This is an online self-navigation parenting course, which can be accessed via this link.

The holidays are a fun and exciting time for children and young people, and their families, especially at Christmas time, however, the change in routine and expectations can lead to increased levels of anxiety and changes in behaviour – it might be worth mentioning to families that keeping to routines and structure might help with this!

Please remember to look after yourselves too and ensure that you have some downtime over the Christmas break!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – we look forward to working with you in 2025.

**The Compass Team – Claire, Clare, Jade, Jeanette, Karen, Keira, Lily, Luisa, Megan, Natalie, Theresa and Vicky.**

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*‘Compass provides information and advice regarding early help both directly to families, as well as to professionals who are supporting them to enable them to achieve meaningful and positive outcomes without the need for statutory intervention. The purpose of Compass is to navigate families to the right help, in the right way at the right time’*

**Postal address (for incoming mail):** South Gloucestershire Council, Department for People, PO Box 1955, Access & Response Teams, Bristol, BS37 0DE

**Office address (for visitors):** Council Offices, Badminton Road, Yate, BS37 5AF

# Triple P Parenting Course



Do you want to raise happy and confident children?

Do you need support in managing your children's behaviours?

Do you take care of yourself as a parent?

"The staff are amazing!  
Friendly, great  
communication and  
make you feel at ease"

**CCP offer's Parenting Programmes for Parents of children 0-12 as well as children with SEND**

These 6 week programmes will not tell you how to parent, but give you a toolbox of ideas, which you can use however you wish.

We will look at:

- Boundaries
- Routines
- Behaviour Management techniques
- Looking after yourself
- Feeling confident as a parent

- Ran by professionals with SEN Experience
- Friendly and Non judgemental group
- Accessible and ran all year round
- Chance to meet like minded people who understand your situation

To make a referral please scan the QR code



Note: One referral form per family

"We've seen BIG differences in our child's behaviour, emotional understanding and have lots of confidence in being able to support her through these outbursts"



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## SWIMMING DATES

Apologies the dates in the last newsletter were incorrect. Please note the correct dates below:

### **Year 5**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan, 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb and 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025.

### **Year 4**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The lesson time is 1:30pm and we will leave school at approx. 1:00pm and return at approx. 2:30pm. Your child will need a swimming costume, towel and a plastic bag to carry them in. Pupils with earrings either need to remove them themselves or secure them using tape you have provided. Long hair must be kept tied back or provide a swimming cap. Also should your child wish to wear goggles, please provide these as well.

**We need parent volunteers to enable us to take the children swimming – please contact the office if you can help!**

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

Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 2025	INSET Day 3
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Birch Class – Swimming begins
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	New Year's Disco! (postponed from 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec)
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan	Hazel Class Mass 2:30pm
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Official launch of Jubilee Year of Hope
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Book Fair (until Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb)
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Reception (Ash) & Year 6 (Oak) classes cake sale
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Last day of term 3
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	HALF TERM, School returns Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Maths themed day 2
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	March	Ash Weds service, 9:30am in church
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	March	Maple Class Mass, 2:30pm
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	March	Year 3 (Willow Class) cake sale
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	Parents' evening 1, 3:30pm-6:40pm
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	April	Parents' evening 2, 4pm-7pm
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	April	INSET Day 4
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	April	Children return
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	April	Hazel Class – Swimming begins
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	April	Hazel Class Kilve Trip (return on 25 <sup>th</sup> April)
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	April	Elm Class mass, 2:30pm
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	May	Easter Mass, 9:30am (tbc)
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	May	Maple Class assembly, 2:30pm
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	May	Mathstermind 3
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	May	Year 2 (Maple Class) cake sale
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	May	Bikeability Week
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	May	Elm Class assembly, 2:30pm
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	May	HALF TERM
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	June	School returns
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	June	Maths themed day 3
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	June	Willow Class mass, 2pm (note change of date)
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	June	Ash Class assembly, 2:30pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 6 Leaver's Mass @ Clifton Cathedral
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	June	Hazel Class assembly, 2:30pm
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	June	Ash Class mass, 2:00pm
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	July	INSET day 5
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	July	Oak class residential to Grittleton
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	July	Transition day (am)
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	July	Oak Class Leaver's Play, pm

Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	July	Year 6 (Oak Class) Leavers' mass, 9:30am in church
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	July	End of term



## \*FREE Courses

### \*Free courses-January – July 2025 Kingswood, Cadbury Heath and Hanham

Course Name	Start date	Times	Venue
ESOL Skills for Life Part 2 – 11 weeks	Wed/Thurs 13.1.25	10.00 – 12.00	Kingswood Job Centre
ESOL Skills for Life Part 2 – 11 weeks	Wed/Fri 15.1.25	10.00 - 12.00	Kingswood Skills Hub
Functional Skills English– 20 weeks	Wed 15.1.25	19.00 - 21.00	Online
Functional Skills English – Part 2	Thurs 16.1.25	1.00 – 3.00pm	Kingsmeadow Centre
Functional Skills English– 20 weeks	Wed 15.1.25	10.00 - 12.00	Kingsmeadow Centre
Functional Skills maths – 20 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	9.45 – 11.45am	Kingswood Skills Hub
Functional Skills maths – 20 weeks	Tues 14.1.25	9.30 - 11.30am	Kingsmeadow Centre
Intro to Admin Skills – 10 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	12.30 - 2.30pm	Kingswood Skills Hub
Improvers IT – 10 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	10.00 – 12.00	The Park Centre, Kingswood
DFSQ-20 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	1.00 – 3.00pm	The Park Centre, Kingswood
Creative Writing for Wellbeing – 10 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	9.30 – 11.30am	Cadbury Heath Hall
Scrapbooking and Writing – 10 weeks	Fri 17.1.25	1.00 - 3.00pm	Kingswood Leisure Centre
Upcycling for the Environment – 10 weeks	Mon 13.1.25	9.30 – 11.30pm	Hanham Community Centre
Developing Reading Skills – 10 weeks	Wed 15.1.25	1.00 - 3.00pm	Kingswood Skills Hub
Enrolment Session	Tues 19.12.24	2.00-4.00pm	Kingswood Skills Hub
Enrolment Session	Tues 7.1.25	10.00-11.30pm	Cadbury Heath Hall
Enrolment Session	Tues 7.1.25	1.00-3.30pm	Kingswood Skills Hub

#### How to book: Contact Anthony:

	Book	Phone: 07522 218409 or email: <a href="mailto:anthony.hill@southglos.gov.uk">anthony.hill@southglos.gov.uk</a>
	More info:	<a href="http://www.southglos.gov.uk/communitylearning">www.southglos.gov.uk/communitylearning</a> Or  @sgloslearning
	Course	<a href="https://acl-south-glos.glideapp.io">https://acl-south-glos.glideapp.io</a> (or scan the QR code opposite)



\*For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications; or experiencing other barriers to work. We will also need to see evidence of identity and eligibility for this course. Please contact us for further details

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