

NEWSLETTER

8 September 2017

This week at Fair Furlong



WELCOME BACK! We hope you all had a great summer and it has been lovely to see how smartly and well equipped the children have returned after the holiday. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for all your kind thanks and generosity at the end of last term, and Miss Drew has passed on her gratitude for a great send-off too. As ever it is certainly not expected but very much appreciated by all.

We were delighted that virtually every child who was expected in school on the first day was present - well done to all our families! I have very much enjoyed welcoming old and new faces back to school and am excited to be leading the school I have worked at for the last 12 years, in such a great community. We as a school continue to have a strong commitment to high expectations and achievement for all in a safe and nurturing environment and will continue to uphold the strong emphasis on this going forward. A key focus this year is emotional health and wellbeing so be sure to ask your child about their 'mindfulness' activities in class and look out for events and displays around school.

As you may be aware the Council, schools and other public services have received significant cuts over the previous year and we are expecting more of the same with the new budget in April. I am sure you will be pleased to hear that our Governors are deeply committed to trying to maintain all the additional enrichment and wider support for our children that we currently offer. This includes free breakfast club, after school club, counselling, therapy, heavily subsidised educational visits and the many visitors who support learning in school as well as at camp. This may need to be reviewed over time but we will keep you informed and hope to continue the rich offer we currently do for all our children.

May I take this opportunity to remind you about applications for free school meals. We do apologise for pestering you but it is really so important that we are allocated all the funding that we are entitled to

by the government and a significant majority of that is based on free school meal entitlement. If you are unsure of your entitlement please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be very happy to confidentially talk through the issues involved.

The menu for school lunches is posted in the newsletter every week and is also on displayed on the notice boards and children can order on a daily basis a meal of their choice. We certainly urge all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to have a school meal - there is lots of choice and therefore unnecessary for you to go to the added cost of providing a packed lunch. We hope all parents in these groups are aware that you are entitled to a free meal for your child but in order for them to receive this you just need to register with the school office.

During the first week of term the whole school has focussed on a personal, social and emotional topic called New Beginnings. This is aimed at helping us all to settle in well into the school year and focuses on topics like how to deal with friendship difficulties, anti-bullying, anti-racism, showing respect for all cultures, religions, backgrounds and beliefs and positive behaviour.

This week your child will have brought home the Home/School Agreement that we ask all our families, children and staff to sign to show that we are all working together to ensure the very best education and experience for everyone at our school. Please make sure your child returns their document promptly as their classteacher will then take a photograph of all the children and display this in the school hall.

Just a reminder that children should be in the playground ready to go into classes by 8.50 and should be in class for registration at 8.55am. We are sorry but we cannot permit smoking or the bringing of any animals immediately outside the school grounds or within the playground for the safety of all our children, families and staff.

Finally I am usually available on the school gate every day, so please do take the opportunity to say hello!

Mrs Lang, Head Teacher.

Here is a reminder of all the new class names with their teachers:

Deputy Head - Miss Andrews		
Y6	Sorrell	Ms Stringfellow
Y6	Cinnamon	Miss Cefai
Y5	Star Anise	Miss Stevenson
Y5	Basil	Miss Brokenshire
Y4	Hibiscus	Miss Hasbrouck
Y4	Nutmeg	Mrs Neilan
Y3	Thyme	Mr Thomas
Y3	Black Pepper	Mrs Patch / Mrs Burchill
Y2	Sage	Miss Smith
Y2	Juniper	Miss Jones
Y1	Nigella	Miss Northcott
Y1	Fennell	Miss Fowler
YR	Urfa	Miss Undy
YR	Parsley	Mrs Pirie
Nursery	Herb / Spice	Mrs Britton / Mrs Larson

It was lovely to see all the children returning on Wednesday looking very smart in their school uniforms. Here are Blake and Heaven dressed beautifully, they are just an example of the many, many children that arrived in correct uniform. Please can we remind parents that jeans aren't permitted and your child should have a PE kit in school at all times.



The children wrote their class charters this week and read them out during assembly. These are the rules that each class will refer to throughout the year in

order to promote the best behaviour possible.

The rules are made and agreed by the children in each class.

Here are a few pictures of the children during New Beginnings week:



Miss Godwin - As most of you know Miss Godwin left at the end of term 6 to start her maternity leave and she wanted us to let you know that she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Arlo Stanley Paul on 31st August weighing 7lb 2oz. Both mum and baby are doing great! I'm sure you'll agree he's gorgeous!

This week's attendance:

<i>KS1 Position</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>% Attendance</i>	<i>KS2 Position</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>% Attendance</i>
1 st	YR Urfa	100%	1 st	Y3 Thyme	100%
2 nd	YR Parsley	100%	2 nd	Y5 Star Anise	100%
3 rd	Y2 Juniper	97.8%	3 rd	Y6 Sorrel	100%
4 th	Y1 Fennel	97.8%	4 th	Y6 Cinnamon	100%
5 th	Y1 Nigella	94.4%	5 th	Y3 Black Pepper	98.9%
6 th	Y2 Sage	94.4%	6 th	Y4 Hibiscus	97.6%
			7 th	Y4 Nutmeg	92.2%
			8 th	Y5 Basil	90.8%

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Comment</i>
99% - 100%	Outstanding
97% - 98%	Excellent
95% - 96%	Great (School attendance target is 95%)
93% - 94%	Satisfactory
Less than 93%	Must do better

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS - In a couple of weeks we will be holding our annual Meet the Teacher meetings for parents of children in Phase 2 (Years 1, 2 and 3) and Phase 3 (Years 4, 5 and 6). These meetings give you the opportunity of meeting your child's teacher and the expectations for the coming year. You can also find out some of the excellent learning that will be taking place. More information next week when we will send letters home - the dates of these meetings are in the Diary Dates at end of this newsletter.

Merit awards awarded for outstanding achievement throughout this week:



Enthusiasm: Callum Munford; Karson Nichols; Riley Grimmer; Riley Davis; Kiera Smith; Olivia King; Tianna-Mai Claridge; Alfie Baldwin

Challenge: Lillie-Rose Horlock

Learning Together: Max Dibble; Sande Amollo; Callum Evans

Trust: Logan Holgate; Nathan Powell



AWARDS: Lunchtime Legends: Basil Out of School Achievements: Joseph Marks for swimming and ballet

Menu for the week beginning 11 September 2017 - Week 2:

Monday: Beefburger in a bun : Vegetable Burger in a Bun : Salad Bar

Tuesday: Roast Pork & Roast Pots : Cheese & Potato Swirls

Wednesday: Spaghetti Bolognaise ; Quorn Spaghetti Bolognaise : Salad Bar

Thursday: Roast Chicken & Roast Pots : Meatballs in Tomato Sauce: Salad Bar

Friday: Fishfingers & Chips : Cheese & Tomato Quiche : Salad Bar

Dates for your Diary: Term 1

Wednesday September 6

Monday 18 September

Tuesday 19th September

Thursday 21 September

Friday 22 September

Monday 25 September

Friday 29 September

Friday 29 September

Monday 2 October

Friday 6 October

Friday 6 October

Monday 9 October

Wednesday 11 October

Thursday 12 October

Friday 13 October

Monday 16-20 October

Friday 20 October

Friday 20 October

Term 1 begins

Y4 Avebury

2.15pm Phase 2 Meet the Teacher

2.15pm Phase 3 Meet the Teacher

Sorrell class assembly

Y4 Avebury

Y3 Black Pepper to Caerleon

Y6 Cinnamon class assembly

Reception Urfa to Chew Valley Lake

Reception Parsley to Chew Valley Lake

Y5 Star Anise class assembly

Road Dahl Performances - all years

4pm - 7pm Parents' Evening

4pm - 6pm Parents' Evening

Harvest Festival

Y5 Barton Camp

World Day & Breakfast Club French Day

End of Term 1

*Inset days for school year 17/18 - Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 July
Friday 20 July last day of term*

Breakfast club will be running themed days again this year, which will take place on the last day of each term...



T1 - Friday 20th October - French Day - croissants, pain au chocolat, brioche

T2 - Friday 15th December - British Day - porridge, welsh cakes, Irish soda bread

T3 - Friday 9th February - Canadian Day - pancakes, waffles

T4 - Friday 23rd March - Spanish Day - meats, cheese, bread

T5 - Friday 25th May - Caribbean Day - exotic fruits

T6 - Friday 20th July - English Day - cooked breakfast (bacon, sausage, egg)

Useful info:

Bristol Libraries <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries-archives> - The service is free and open to all members of the public. They can offer temporary library cards for visitors and library cards for people with no permanent address. There are 28 libraries across the City of Bristol. The closest libraries to our school are Hartcliffe Library @ [Peterson Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol, BS13 0BE](#) (by Morrisons at Symes) tel; 0117 9038568 and Bishopsworth Library @ [Bishopsworth Road, Bedminster Down, Bristol, BS13 7LN](#) tel; 0117 9038566. Services on offer include: • Free access to books, computers and WiFi. • Access to audio books, DVDs and CDs for a small charge. Free access to our local studies collections and reference library. • Free access to online resources including reference materials, family history, business information, eBooks and magazines and more. • Activities, groups and workshops in the libraries hosted internally and also with external partners.



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!

Invitation to a money information event:

Karin Smyth MP has organised a free event at the Withywood Centre, Queens Road, Bristol, BS13 8QA on Friday 15th September from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm to give the local people the opportunity to sit down over a tea of coffee and talk with some of Bristol's financial

experts about entitlements.

She has arranged for experts from organisations including Citizens Advice, South Bristol Advice Services, Department of Work and Pensions and many more to answer your questions.

Class attendance rewards!

Last academic year all classes were issued with attendance token tubes. The tokens equalled a monetary value and this was saved and spent by the classes on a class treat either at the end of term 2, 4 or 6. In addition to this the class with the highest attendance in YR/KS1 and KS2 each week came to the lunchtime party table for their treat.

This year we will be continuing with the class token system but have changed the weekly class reward.

All classes will now be playing 'Classopoly'. This is a version of monopoly which has been specially made by Thomas, (Ms Stringfellow's son) just for us. Thank you Thomas!

This is an exciting game and we hope that all the classes will have lots of fun playing it over this academic year.



The class with the highest attendance each week from YR/KS1 and KS2 will have the chance to roll the dice and move around the board. They will then receive a class reward depicted by the place or utility they land on. For example; @Bristol = milkshakes for the class; Ashton Gate = top trumps/snap cards; Redcliffe Church = picnic; College Green = wicked workout; Pero's Bridge = Park fun.

To be in with a chance of your class winning the weekly reward we need all pupils to be in school every day possible and on time.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance then please contact either Mrs Charlton or Miss Cooper.