

# NEWSLETTER

## 22 September 2017

### This week at Fair Furlong



*Year 4 to Avebury - Hibiscus Class went on a Stone Age adventure to Avebury stone circle on Monday. We explored the enormous Sarson stones and learnt that some weigh as much as 6 double*



*decker buses. We thought about why Stone Age people built them and ran up and down the Henge ditches to find out*



*how deep they were. We also met a real life Stone Age man and held flint carved over 6000 years ago. A fantastic day was had by all and Hibiscus Class were excellent*

*representatives of our school.*

*Meet the Teacher - Many thanks to everyone who came to our Meet the Teacher events on Tuesday and Thursday. It was great to see so many of you attending. We hope that you found the events helpful and we are sorry if you felt the rooms were not quite big enough, due to the fantastic attendance. The information which was given out has also been sent home with your children, for those who were unable to attend; but if you felt that you missed anything, or if you simply have some questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.*





*Sorrel Class Assembly - Sorrel class gave an interesting assembly about all the uses of the herb Sorrel. It has a taste similar to kiwi fruits or wild strawberries and it has also been used for medicinal purposes.*

### *Harvest Festival - Friday 13 October.*



*This year we will be celebrating Harvest Festival for Reception, Years 1&2 at 9.15 am and for Years 3,4,5 & 6 at 10.15 am. As the school has grown we are no longer able to fit everyone in for one assembly and appreciate that some of you will want to come for both. Please join us for our celebrations.*

*Healthy packed Lunches - Please can we remind you that if your child brings in a packed lunch it should be a healthy one. Grapes must be cut in half. If your child has a chocolate bar it must be more biscuit than chocolate. Sweets are not allowed, not even little packs of Haribo*



### *Parents Evening Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October -*

*The booking system will be open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October for you to book your child's appointment with their class teacher. If you have any problems making an appointment please ring or pop into the school office where someone will be happy to help you. Please note: If you haven't stated that you are a Mrs you will have been entered onto the system as Ms and your first name will be just the initial, for example: Miss Jane Smith will be Ms J Smith.*

**Attendance** - Well done to the following classes for winning a chance to play classopoly this week. Their rewards were: Sorrel - Ipad time; Star Anise - Baking Busters; Parsley - Handball; Urfa - Lunchtime party table



### Menu for the week beginning 25 September 2017 - Week 1:

**Monday:** Macaroni cheese : Cheese & tomato pizza : Salad bar  
**Tuesday:** Roast gammon & roast pots : Cheese & red pepper frittata  
**Wednesday:** Sausages & mash : Veggie sausages & mash : Salad bar  
**Thursday:** Roast chicken & roast pots : Lentil & veg curry  
**Friday:** Fishfingers & chips : French bread pizza & chips : Salad bar

KS1 Position	Class	% Attendance	KS2 Position	Class	% Attendance
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sage	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>	Star Anise	98.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Urfa	98.7%	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nutmeg	98%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fennell	94.7%	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hibiscus	97.1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nigella	94%	4 <sup>th</sup>	Black Pepper	95.3%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Juniper	94%	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sorrel	95%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Parsley	91%	6 <sup>th</sup>	Cinnamon	94.6%
			7 <sup>th</sup>	Basil	94.3%
			8 <sup>th</sup>	Thyme	87.1%

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

### Merit awards awarded for outstanding achievement throughout this week:



**Enthusiasm:** Stevie-Leigh Tolliver; Meikko Dyer; Boe Bowden; Willow Wiltshire; Riley Jones  
**Challenge:** Ruby Portingale; Ashleigh Gould; Liam Bateman; Oliver Naser  
**Learning Together:** Heaven-Leah Young; Kayden-Ronnie Nelson; Chloe Daszkiewicz-Saunders  
**Trust:** Ava Parsons  
**Respect:** Lacie Perryman



**AWARDS: Maths Badges:** Charlie Sherwood; Ashton Tratt; Sam Campho-Smith; Heaven-Leigh Young; Kezia McGill; Cassie Hollis; Jake Chapman; Lilly-May Davis; Ollie Dowling; Rosie James; Alayah Taylor; Aaliyah Viner; Emmy White  
**Lunchtime Legends Urfa class Golden Good Manners Table:** Molly Powell; Mollie Ward; Dylan Moore; Sierra Vollero; Talia Thomas  
**Out of school achievement:** Joseph Marks (Bubble Rush Walk for St. Peter's Hospice)



# Emotional Health and Wellbeing

## Newsletter Sep 2017

### What is Emotional Health and Wellbeing?

It includes being happy and confident. It's about having good relationships with others, being able to cope with the day-to-day routines without feeling anxious or depressed.

This year we are working with Public Health Bristol to implement the role of 'Emotional Health and Wellbeing lead'.  
Our lead for this is Miss Alis Cooper



### What does this mean for our school?

Over the year we are going to be working with our children to continue to promote a positive environment which promotes positive emotional health and wellbeing. All children from Reception - Year 6 will take part in short mindfulness activities after lunchtime, along with many other things throughout the year... watch this space!

### What is mindfulness?

Mindfulness is about clearing the mind, and letting it relax. It's about fully attending to what's happening, to what you are doing, to the space you're moving through. Our mind often wanders and we lose touch with our body and the present moment. When our minds wander we can very quickly become engrossed in other thoughts that become too big and can lead to us feeling anxious. Mindfulness allows us to reign in our thoughts and concentrate on the 'here and now'



**Useful info:** Pennywise - Who is the service for? Anyone aged 25+ who needs budgeting support, help to reduce bills, tools to better manage their money, ways to save  
Geographical reach of service Bristol - office-based appointments at different locations in Bristol. Home visits may be an option in exceptional circumstances. What services do they offer? • 1-2-1 budgeting advice. Help to increase financial confidence, reduce financial exclusion. Help to reduce bills and ways to save. Ensure people are getting full benefit entitlement • Workshops and community events.

Referral route via their website <http://www.pennywise.org.uk/> or via email [pennywise@placesforpeople.co.uk](mailto:pennywise@placesforpeople.co.uk) or alternatively call their office on 0117 9704548.

### Dates for your Diary: Term 1

Monday 25 September	Y4 Avebury - Nutmeg class
Friday 29 September	Y3 Black Pepper to Caerleon
Friday 29 September	Y6 Cinnamon class assembly
Monday 2 October	Reception Urfa to Chew Valley Lake
Friday 6 October	Reception Parsley to Chew Valley Lake
Friday 6 October	Y5 Star Anise class assembly
Monday 9 October	Roald Dahl Performances - all years
Tuesday 10 October	4pm-6pm Parents' Evening Herb class
Wednesday 11 October	4pm-7pm Parents' Evening - whole sch
Thursday 12 October	4pm-6pm Parents' Evening - except Herb
Friday 13 October	Harvest Festival
Monday 16-20 October	Y5 Barton Camp
Friday 20 October	World Day & Breakfast Club French Day
Friday 20 October	End of Term 1

**Inset days for school year 17/18** - Tuesday 2 January, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 July Friday 20 July last day of term

Can we take this opportunity to remind you that Breakfast club is **FREE** and open to all children from Year 1 upwards. 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)

## Late attendance

8:50 am	Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best start to the day possible.	<p>Your child should be in school to start lessons at 8.50am. Classroom doors will be open until 9am and after this time entrance is via the school reception. Your child being late for school has consequences for their day ahead and they can miss vital information from their teacher at the start of the school day. Please can we urge all parents/carers to ensure their children are punctual for school just as you would be for work! This is helping give your child the best start to their school day and avoids disruption to the class. We understand that there may be times when this is tricky but this should not be a daily occurrence.</p>
9:00am	Your child has probably arrived just after most children as the school day starts at 8.50am	
9:01 am	Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day, being a few minutes late often unsettles children.	
9:05 am	Your child is late. 5 minutes late a day means 3 lost learning days a year	
9:10 am	Your child is late. 10 minutes late a day means 6 learning days lost of school a year	

## Attendance

Well done to all those pupils that have been in school all week, its been great to see you all. However, for those of you that didn't attend school all week, attendance has decreased by 2.2% and this is really disappointing after such a good start to the school year.

We expect pupils to be in school every day possible. If your child is feeling a little under the weather but not poorly enough to visit the doctor, then please send them in and inform their class teacher. We can call parents/carers during the school day if children become poorly.

<u>Percentage attendance</u>	<u>Days off per week</u>	<u>Time off per year</u>
100%	0 days	0
95% - Our pupil attendance target	$\frac{1}{2}$ of a day	9.5 days 1 week 4.5 days
90%	$\frac{1}{2}$ a day	19 days 3 weeks 4 days
85%	$\frac{3}{4}$ of a day	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ days 5 weeks 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days
80%	1 day	38 days 7 weeks 3 days
75%	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ days	46 $\frac{1}{2}$ days 9 weeks 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days
70%	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	57 days 11 weeks 2 days
65%	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ days	66 $\frac{1}{2}$ days 13 weeks 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days
60%	2 days	76 days 15 weeks 1 day
55%	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ days	85 $\frac{1}{2}$ days 17 weeks $\frac{1}{2}$ day
50%	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	95 days 19 weeks

**IMPORTANT!! Year 6 Parents** – The time has come for you to apply online for your child's secondary school place. The deadline is the 31<sup>st</sup> October, after this date you may not get the school of your choice so it is very important that you do not forget!! Below is some information from school admissions that may help you.

If you have problems logging on there is a number on the form below to ring or pop into the school office where someone will be happy to help.

## What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

- Check out the guide to applying for schools – available at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or by contacting School Admissions. The guide contains details on how and when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community secondaries the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.
  - Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
  - Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. The guide tells you when they are, or you can call the school.
  - Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
  - You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
  - Make sure you apply on-time. The deadline is 31 October 2017.
- School Admissions (PV)**  
Bristol City Council  
PO Box 3176, Bristol, BS3 9FS  
[www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
e [school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk)  
t 0117 903 7694



## Why apply online?

- The system helps you by checking for errors.
- There is no risk that your application will be lost in the post.
- It is quick and easy to do.
- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
- You will receive an email notification of the outcome of your application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.
- The system is available 24 hours a day until the final submission time of midnight on 31 October 2017.

Apply online [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)