



# NEWSLETTER

**Happy Friday!**

## **Meet The Teacher Meetings**

Thank you for coming along to the Meet the Teacher meetings this week if you were able to make it. I hope you found them useful. If you were unable to join us, the presentations the teachers shared are now in the year group sections of the website, so please click below and scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the presentation:

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## **Illness**

We have had quite a bit of staff illness over the last couple of weeks as various bugs have been bouncing around. Whilst the restrictions around covid have now gone, please can I ask you to remain vigilant about symptoms of this and other viruses and keep your child at home if they are unwell? I know how tempting it can be to dose them up, drop them off and hope for the best (!) but if deep down you know they're not really well enough please do keep them at home. Thank you.

## **Out of School Sports Update**

Before the summer I mentioned that we were developing a plan to ensure our involvement in sport competitions and fixtures continues to grow. Over several years we have built our level of involvement in sports activities to the point where we are now known for sending as many teams as possible to as many events as possible. As you may know, Mr Goddard, who worked so hard to build this up, left us last term and we are determined to keep building on this legacy. Today I am excited to be able to share with you how we are going to achieve that.

Mr Rogers, as many of you already know, is one of our Year 6 teachers. He is also a very passionate PE Leader and he will be co-ordinating the events and communicating with parents/carers. He will be supported by Jamie Dawson, an experienced sports coach who knows our school very well through his role as Director of Operations at Shine. Jamie's role will be to run at least one practice session in school to prepare the children before the fixture/ tournament and he will then accompany

the children to the event (alongside other members of school staff depending upon the ratio needed).

As I write I can see Jamie outside on the MUGA working with some year 6 children ahead of forthcoming tag rugby tournaments. I am really pleased that we have been able to develop this partnership and am excited to see our participation in school sports events continue to grow as a result.

### **Football Success**

Our girls finally got the chance to celebrate the success of England's women at the World Cup with the rescheduled Girl's World Cup Festival taking place at the Imperial Sports Ground. Fortunately, the summer sun stayed around for this one and the day was a huge success! We had 5 teams entered (made up of 40 girls!) and they were all given the chance to showcase their footballing skills. There were goals, passes, tackles and even ice cream on display from the girls, who all represented Southville with fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship along the way.

Of the 32 teams that were entered, our 'Southville A Team' managed to collect the bronze medal prize, which was a huge achievement given the number of teams involved.

Well done to all those that were involved and let's hope the weather continues to stick around for our Year 6 Girl's Tag Rugby Festival in a couple of weeks time!

Mr Rogers

### **Book Fair - Monday 25th to Thursday 28th September**

The book fair is back! It is a fantastic way of supporting the school as every book purchased raises money for us to update our libraries and classroom book corners. We were blown away with your support last year!

The book fair will be open 3.15 - 3.45pm at Myrtle (in the quiet room opposite the bike shed) and 3.30 - 4pm at Merrywood (in year 1 Bear classroom). To help spread out the crowds, we would encourage families to visit on the days specified below, but if that day is inconvenient for you please feel free to pop in another day:

#### Merrywood:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Reception

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Year 1

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Year 2

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - Anyone

#### Myrtle:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Year 3

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Year 4

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Year 5

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - Year 6

We can accept cash or card payments/apple pay using their online payment system.

Ms Thomas and Ms Armstrong

### **Pokemon Cards (and similar trading cards)**

Pokemon cards and other trading cards can be great fun out of school, but are a reliable source of upset in school!

I understand that some of our older children like to trade with each other in the park and on the way to or from school and I don't want to spoil their fun but please can you remind them that the cards have to be kept in their bags for the whole time they are at school, including on the MUGA at the start and end of the day as well as play and lunchtime? Thank you for your help with this.

### **Whole School Assembly Theme**

This week Mr Potter led assemblies on both sites about the next phase of our Outdoor Play and Learning journey. With lots of ideas brewing, Mr Potter is always keen to listen to the children's thoughts and we will share more detail about the plans for this year in the coming weeks.

### **Thank You**

After my plea a couple of weeks ago, I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who donated games to include in the 'Mystery Boxes' that we have prepared as part of our new reward scheme. The boxes are ready to be delivered when the moment comes and the buzz is growing as classes move closer to collecting all 20 'coins' on their chart.

### **Bristol Bears Ticket Offer**

Thanks to our partnership with Bristol Sports Foundation we have been offered a special deal on tickets for the Bristol Bears v Harlequins Gallagher Premiership game on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The offer allows a family of five (two adults and three children) to attend the game for £33, which is a fantastic price for topflight professional rugby. The tickets are for the E34 block of the Dolman Stand and the Atyeo Stand at Ashton Gate Stadium.

#### How to claim your discounted ticket(s):

- Tickets can be claimed online only. Link to fixture here: <https://rb.gy/62bpx>
- Discount available in Atyeo Stand and Block E34 of Dolman Stand
- Select your seats and select the non-Member categories, then add tickets to basket
- At the checkout page enter the discount code in the 'Enter Coupon' box and click 'Activate'
- Tickets will be reduced to relevant discount

### **Bridge Closure**

This week I received a message from Transport Engagement department at Bristol City Council related to essential repairs that will be taking place on Vauxhall Bridge. I have copied the full message below in case you have not received this information through other channels.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

### From Transport Engagement:

With Gaol Ferry Bridge restored and reopened, we now need to carry out essential and urgent repairs to Vauxhall Bridge to make sure it is safe and can remain open for many years to come. This is the next part of our £16 million repair programme for bridges along the New Cut of the River Avon.

Vauxhall Bridge is a Grade II listed footbridge connecting Cumberland Road and Coronation Road, between Southville and Spike Island. Work to secure the long-term future of the bridge will include removing the surface, repairing the structure and replacing some cross beams, as well as masonry repairs and repainting the bridge.

The £3 million restoration project at Vauxhall Bridge is expected to take up to two years and the bridge will remain closed throughout. The length of the repairs will depend on the condition of the bridge upon further detailed inspection, which is only possible when the full structure can be accessed once the bridge is closed. Diversion routes will be signposted, directing pedestrians and cyclists via either Gaol Ferry Bridge or Ashton Avenue Bridge. There will be no access between the Chocolate Path and Vauxhall Bridge throughout these works. The Chocolate Path will be open throughout the Vauxhall Bridge works.

For more information, the diversion routes, and updates on the project, please go to [www.bristol.gov.uk/](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/)

As well as keeping this web page up to date, we will display signage at the bridge and release updates through our social media channels and the local media.

We would like to thank you for your patience in advance of starting these essential repairs and apologise for any inconvenience.