



School-Wide News

Parents' Evenings

Our lovely teachers are very much looking forward to speaking with you next week about your children's progress so far this year. We will use the phone numbers listed on Pupil Asset to call the first parental contact and then if there is no answer, we will call the second parental contact in the order that they appear on your child's profile. The teachers will do their best to stick to time and call you as close to your booked slot as possible.

Merrywood: Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October (Ms Charnock will do Friday 23rd instead of Wednesday)

Myrtle: Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October

Preschool: dates and times as arranged with your child's keyworker

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Please remember that the final deadline for submitting the application form for secondary schools starting in September 2021 is Saturday the 31st of October 2020. We recommend that you complete your application at least a week before that date in case you have any problems with the system. It's essential that you meet that deadline as late applications are not processed by the admissions team until all other children have been offered places in March 2021. If you need any help getting online or understanding the application form, please contact Paula Mathias on paula.mathias@bristol-schools.uk.

www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply

Black History Month 2020 – Thursday 22nd October 2020

For the past couple of weeks, we have been discussing Black History Month in school with the children, explaining why we celebrate Black History. On Thursday 22nd October, we will dedicate a day to delving deeper, with a focus on influential black people who have been successful in their fields such as scientists, politicians and musicians. As much as possible, we're focusing on Black British History and ensuring we include some local history too. If you have any books at home that celebrate the achievements of black people, such as the Little Leaders series, please do read them with your children and help support their learning in school. We're also attaching a Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter that has some useful ideas for how to talk about race and racism with children as well as lists of books, websites and films for different ages.

Spooky Days – Friday 23rd October & Tuesday 3rd November 2020

If you ask children in our school what their favourite event of the year is, nine out of ten of them will say the Halloween Discos. Sadly, we aren't able to host these at the moment, so instead we thought we'd have some Spooky Days in school. Please feel free to dress up in your scariest outfits (the children too!). No charitable donations required – this one is just for fun! The teachers will plan lots of fun activities around a spooky theme.

These will take place on the following days:

Years 1–6: Friday 23rd October 2020

Reception: Tuesday 3rd November 2020 (to launch a term of celebrations)

Preschool: Friday 23rd October 2020 and Tuesday 3rd November 2020 (so that all part-time children can participate)

Bonfire Lunch – 5th November 2020

We're hosting a special school lunch on the 5th of November 2020 to celebrate Bonfire Night. Please see the menu attached for the 5th of November.



Bristol City Council SEND Survey

Bristol City Council is requesting feedback from parents and carers in the city on proposals for the High Needs Block funding process. This is funding that is provided to schools to support the needs of children with identified Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. There is a video explaining more. Please complete the survey by 22nd October 2020. www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SENDSurveyHNB/

Supporting Local Businesses

A couple of weeks ago, we sent you a link to a directory of local businesses that are run by parents of children at Southville. We understand that there were some issues with the link, so Emma Haverson has now put the information onto a website. Here's the link:

<https://emmahaverson.wixsite.com/parentsdirectory>

Reception News

Dear parents and carers,

Here is a rough outline of the activities that we will be covering but please note they may be completed on different days in each class. This week our Characteristic of Effective Learning focus is 'showing curiosity about objects, events and people' from the 'Playing and Exploring' strand.

<u>Monday</u> Parents' Evening 1	Reading books back to school Phonics – i Maths – making simple patterns PSHE Circle time – I am good at... Learning about Autumn
<u>Tuesday</u>	Jellyfish PE – scooters and bikes Phonics – n Maths – making simple patterns Listening and attention session
<u>Wednesday</u> Parents' Evening 2	Reading books sent home Phonics – m Maths – making simple patterns All classes – individual reading and book change RE – Who helps us to make good decisions?
<u>Thursday</u>	Octopus PE – scooters and bikes Phonics – d Maths – making simple patterns Listening and attention session
<u>Friday</u>	Starfish PE – scooters and bikes Phonics – word building using sounds of the week Maths – making simple patterns Listening and attention session



Scooters and bikes

For this week's PE session, we are inviting the children to bring in their own scooter or bike from home for an obstacle course session in the playground. Please see above for each class's designated day.

Book change

Please ensure that your child's reading book is in their book bag for collection on Monday morning. Books then need to be quarantined for 2 days before class teachers change the books on Wednesday ready to hand out. This is a school-wide system that all other classes are following. It is difficult for teachers to quarantine individual books throughout the week, so therefore if the books are not available for collection and quarantine on Monday, we will not be able to change the reading book. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Tapestry

Tapestry is now up and running and staff will begin posting observations of the children at school. Please feel free to add your own photos/videos for the teachers to see any learning that the children have done at home. Please also like or comment the observations that we put onto your child's learning journal.

Magic Marble treats

We have been collecting Magic Marbles in our classes. When the jars are full, the classes can choose a class treat to have. These will take place whenever the class jars are full throughout the year. Well done to the children for their excellent listening, lining up, tidying up and participation, among other things!

Spooky Day – date for your diary

The first day after half term, Tuesday 3rd November, will be Spooky Day in Reception. The children can come to school dressed in a spooky outfit of their choice. We will then take part in spooky themed activities for the rest of the week. We invite the children to bring in pumpkins at the beginning of the week for carving.

Year 5 News

Next term our exciting new topic is 'Out of this World', during which we will be finding out lots about space! During our 'Wow' day on Tuesday 3rd November, we will need some thin cardboard for one of our activities. Please could you bring in any you have from home (e.g. cereal boxes, cardboard sleeves) next week and we will quarantine what we have over half-term.

We are also very much looking forward to our Explorer Dome visit! Please read the letter and pay via Pupil Asset before next term.

PTA News

PTA Christmas Card Project

Hello Southville parents and carers! It's (already) Christmas card time again!

All the children's artwork will be couriered to Chameleon Create and will be scanned in over the half term holidays. Chameleon Create's online order shop will then open on the 30th of October and close on the 15th of November. You should receive a flyer (example attached) with instructions and your child's order code next week. Please look out for them as they are easy to mistake as junk mail, and loose! We will remind the class teachers to get them out before the end of term. You will need the code on the flyer in order to order your cards and



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products. If your child is not in when the flyer/letter are sent home, please ask your class teacher after half-term!

Thank you

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On behalf of the PTA