



School-Wide News

Lunchtimes in School

We have had some feedback from parents and carers that some of the children are finding lunchtimes a bit rushed at the moment. The timings at lunchtimes are tight, we understand that, but the children have plenty of time to eat and no-one is rushed to finish within their allocated time slot. This is how the lunchtimes are organised: each year group has a set time to go into lunch separate from all other year groups (for Covid reasons); at Merrywood, the children have 25 minutes and at Myrtle, they have 20 minutes before the next year group comes in to get lunch. Before the next year group comes into the hall, those children in the previous year group who have finished eating go out to play and those children who need a bit more time to eat move to tables that are separated from the main part of the hall to carry on with their lunch whilst the tables are cleaned ready for the next group. This means that the children have up to 40 minutes to eat their lunch at Myrtle and up to 50 minutes to eat their lunch at Merrywood.

We have noticed that some children rush to tidy up their lunch because they want to be the first to go out to play, so we have asked all staff who are in the hall to monitor how much children have eaten before they pack up and got out to the playground. We've also asked class teachers to talk to their classes about the importance of eating well at lunchtime to fuel their play and learning for the rest of the day. It would be helpful if you could reiterate that message at home as well. Thank you.

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

Food Bank over half-term

Paula Mathias will be at our Myrtle Street site on Monday the 26th of October 2020 from 10am—12pm to open our school Food Bank. Please do pop along if you require access to the food bank over half-term. Remember to wear a face covering when you come to school. Thank you.

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.

Reception News

Dear parents and carers,

The children have enjoyed a busy first term in Reception and we hope they have a well-deserved rest over the half-term period.

Our topic for Term 2 is 'Stories from Around the World', where we will be exploring stories from a range of cultures. Please look out for our longer Newsletter and Curriculum Map, which will be sent to you at the beginning



of next term containing more information. During our first week back, however, our focus will be on Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations. We will kick off the week with Spooky Day! **We invite all children to return to school wearing a spooky outfit on Tuesday 3rd November.**

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.

<u>Monday</u>	INSET DAY
<u>Tuesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spooky Day! • Reading books back to school • Designing pumpkins, exploring pumpkins, toasting pumpkin seeds! • Focus story – Spookley the Square Pumpkin • Phonics – g • Maths – Representing 1, 2 and 3 • Jellyfish Class PE (Yoga) • Listening and attention session
<u>Wednesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics – o • Maths – Representing 1, 2 and 3 • Writing task – Writing a caption for their spooky outfit photo • Octopus Class PE (Yoga) • Gardening Club – Starfish • Philosophy circle time – ‘Is magic real?’
<u>Thursday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about Bonfire Night – fireworks arts and crafts • Phonics – c • Maths – Representing 1, 2 and 3 • All classes – individual reading and book change • Listening and attention session • New reading books will be sent home
<u>Friday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starfish Class PE (Yoga) • Phonics – k • Maths – Representing 1, 2 and 3 • Listening and attention session • PSHE – ‘Being at school’ • Focus book – The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Book change

Please note the change in book swap for this week due to the Inset Day. The books will be collected in on the Tuesday and we will send new ones out on the Thursday. It will resume to Monday/ Wednesday on the following week. Once we give out new books, please make sure the book and reading record is brought into school every day in your child’s book bag. Teachers will listen to children read their books throughout the week.

Morning drop-offs

If you arrive in the morning and the gate is locked, please go around to the main office to sign the children in. The staff who are managing the gate need to be back inside the classroom promptly for morning activities. Thank you



for your co-operation.

Pumpkin donations

On Spooky Day, we welcome any donations of pumpkins for the children to carve and explore during the week. Our focus book is Spookely the Square Pumpkin, which is all about a pumpkin who overcomes his fears of feeling different. Therefore, we welcome pumpkins of all different shapes and sizes – big, tiny, nobbly, spotty, green, stripey – anything goes! Your regular round and orange pumpkin will of course be fantastic too! Many thanks in advance for your help.

PTA News

PTA AGM Wednesday 4th November, 7:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86905524524?pwd=eVFydmE1a1RFS2g1aFRmK3RHTnd0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 869 0552 4524

Passcode: Southville

New secretary: After 6(!) years, Andrea will be stepping down at the next meeting and we will need a new secretary. If you are interested in the role, please get in touch.

Contact: Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com

Please join [Southville Primary PTA facebook](#) page to keep up-to-date

Exciting times – we have a PTA donation website!

<https://donatemyschool.com/southville-primary-school-parents-teacher-association-2348>

This has been requested by the school community as a way to give money to the PTA (e.g. for those who sold uniform on our Facebook page) during these times when normal fundraising is tricky (no quiz or winter fayre this year). We understand that many in our community have been adversely affected by the global pandemic and so there is no expectation for anyone to donate.

If you are able to donate and you want to, you have the option to make a one-off donation or set up a regular payment. The website will also enable gift aid to be claimed if you are a taxpayer.

If you have any questions, please send them to southville.primary.pta@gmail.com.

We also have a QR code to take you to the donations page!

