

School-Wide News

Chickens!



We've got new chickens! We're so excited to welcome these eight new members to our school community. The chickens have retired from the Tobacco Factory's farm and come to live with us instead. They have been with us for about 10 days now and have settled in really well, laying some eggs so they must be pretty happy and calm.

The chickens are currently nameless so each class has been putting forward ideas for what they could be called. There are some very funny suggestions being proposed. Mr Bob will pull eight names out of a hat soon to give our new friends their new names.

Reminder about Year 6 Secondary Transition Meeting

We are going to host a Zoom meeting for all parents and carers of year 6 children to support you with your applications to secondary schools. **This will be held on Monday the 28th of September at 4pm** (Zoom link to be emailed nearer the time). In this meeting, we will go through the key aspects of how to apply for secondary schools as well as talk through what your options are and how you might approach your decision-making to give you the best chance of getting a school you are happy with. It would be great if as many of you as possible could be there as some of the advice is useful for everyone to hear, even if you feel confident that you have already made your decisions.

Coronavirus testing

Please find attached a letter from NHS Test and Trace for your information.

School Fruit and Veg Scheme

In March 2020, the government suspended the funding of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. This has now resumed and so we are receiving deliveries and sharing this out amongst the children at Merrywood. The scheme funds a daily piece of fruit or veg per child up to the age of 6. In reality, we often end up with enough to share it out across all classes at Merrywood, including children in year 2 after they have turned 7 years of age.

Information from SENDIAS

Please find attached two leaflets from the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Independent Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS) for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

Food Bank

We are still operating our school Food Bank to support as many families in our school community as we can. If you would like to donate, we're currently short of pasta, pasta sauces, tuna, cereal, long-life milk, tinned veg (sweetcorn is always good), coffee, tea, washing-up liquid, shampoo and shower gel. Please drop any donations on the table outside the school office at Myrtle Street for us to add to the Food Bank. We can also take financial donations but would prefer supermarket vouchers if at all possible.

If you would like to access the Food Bank for your family, please contact Paula Mathias by emailing paula.mathias@bristol-schools.uk or by calling the school mobile on 07745 954 213.



Reception News

Special photo from home

For our 'Superhero Me' topic, we will shortly be having a circle time where we will ask the children to share and talk about a special photo from home. This photo will then be put on display in our classrooms for the remainder of the term. We ask children to bring in their chosen photo by Friday 2nd October in preparation for the circle time the following week.

Toys

Please remember that, unfortunately, children should not be bringing in any toys from home at the moment.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team

PTA News

PTA meeting Thursday 1st October

Time: 8:30pm - 9:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83018858729?pwd=ZmpCL3dhVTJidFh0LOhxTk83bHNKZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 1885 8729

Passcode: Southville

Agenda

#	Item	Lead
1	Accept minutes from last meeting (Feb 2020)	TKK
2	Treasurers report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cash donations	LN
3	Class reps update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need reps for Octopus, Jellyfish and preschool	CTB/TKK
4	Planned events <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas cards	MS
5	Other events <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teatowels• Virtual balloon racing• Christmas Trees?	CB CTB CTB/CB?
6	AOB	All
7	Date of next meeting (AGM) Nov 5 th /12 th via zoom TBC	TKK

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