



### **School-Wide News**

#### **Parent Governor Elections**

It has come to our attention that the link to the Parent Governor Nomination Form closed earlier than intended. The nomination form can now be accessed using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SHQV8QG>  
The deadline for accepting nominations has been extended until 7pm on 30th November 2021. Thank you for the nominations that have already been received.

#### **Christmas lunch**

As usual, we will be serving a special Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings to the children towards the end of term. Covid might have put a stop to lots of things, but it's not going to stop us from enjoying a festive meal together. This will be served on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at Merrywood and Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December at Myrtle. We will send out information nearer the time about how to book this Christmas lunch.

We will need to organise things a little differently this year, but we'll do our best to make it as fun and normal as possible. The PTA have kindly bought us crackers for every child (eco-friendly ones, like last year) but sadly we won't be able to have parent helpers in this time round. If your child wants to, they can wear a Christmas jumper on this day, but don't feel that there's any pressure to. A piece of tinsel does the job just as well!

#### **Thank you to the Jolly Hog**

We'd like to say a huge thank you to the Jolly Hog, who very generously donated veggie and meat hot dogs to our staff today. They have been supplying such treats to staff at Southmead Hospital for a few months and decided to extend the offer to some other keyworkers. It's nice to feel appreciated and we are grateful for their generosity.

#### **Winter Performances**

As the usual winter performances will not be able to take place this year, we are organising an alternative way for the children to share some singing with you. We will be filming the children singing seasonal songs and uploading the films as Unlisted Videos on our YouTube channel, which will mean that only people with the link are able to view the videos. We will send the link to all parents and carers and ask that you keep this link private, only using it within your own immediate family. We will remove these videos after one month.

The filming will take place in two ways. Firstly, one of our very kind parents has offered to film and edit a whole-school performance of a song. This filming will be done in small groups on Thursday 10th December for Reception to year 6 and then edited together. We ask that the children come to school on that day wearing school uniform, but with a Christmas jumper or accessories such as scarves and hats so that the films are jolly and festive. Secondly, each class teacher will film their own class singing a song of their choice. These will be filmed at some point during that same week, between the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

***If you do not wish for your child to be filmed, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible, but definitely before Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.***

Many thanks, Alex Pearce

#### **Food Bank**

Paula Mathias is putting together holiday/Christmas hampers before we break up for the two-week break in December. As well as the usual everyday items, she would like to put some nice things in for the holidays such as chocolate, cakes and other little treats (savoury or sweet). If anyone would like to receive a hamper, please contact Paula on [paula.mathias@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:paula.mathias@bristol-schools.uk).



The basics that we're currently running short of are clothes washing liquid/powder, fabric softener, shampoo and toilet roll. Paula has set up a Paypal Pool account for anyone who would like to donate financially:

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8qlnlltXQg>.

### Reception News

Dear parents and carers,

Next week we have two focus books. We will read *What If We Were All the Same?* by C.M Harris, a book celebrating differences in all living things. We will also read *What Do Grown-Ups Do All Day?* by Virginie Morgand, which explores a diverse range of workplaces and what grown-ups might do there. The book depicts punk rock drummers, journalists, nurses, chefs, designers and more! Anything is possible for girls and boys! The children will have the opportunity to write about what they want to be when they grow up in their writing book this week. Here is a rough outline of the activities that we will be covering next week but please note they may be completed on different days in each class.

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Reading books to be collected in</b></li><li>• Reading our focus books</li><li>• Phonics – Sounding out and blending with Phase 2 phonics</li><li>• Maths – Circles and triangles</li><li>• PSHE – Our Responsibilities: learning what being responsible means</li></ul>
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phonics – Sounding out and blending with Phase 2 phonics</li><li>• Maths – Circles and triangles</li><li>• Jellyfish Class PE (Yoga)</li><li>• Listening and attention session</li></ul>
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phonics – Sounding out and blending with Phase 2 phonics</li><li>• Maths – Circles and triangles</li><li>• Writing task – What do I want to be when I grow up?</li><li>• Octopus Class PE (Yoga)</li><li>• Gardening Club – Octopus Class</li></ul> <p><b>New reading books will be sent home</b></p>
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phonics – Sounding out and blending with Phase 2 phonics</li><li>• Maths – Circles and triangles</li><li>• Listening and attention session</li><li>• Circle Time – Should we share everything with our friends?</li></ul>
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Starfish Class PE (Yoga)</li><li>• Phonics – Sounding out and blending with Phase 2 phonics</li><li>• Maths – Circles and triangles</li><li>• Listening and attention session</li></ul>

### **Phase 2 phonics**

We teach the children to read and write through the Letters and Sounds phonics programme. We have just come to the end of teaching Phase 2 phonics. Next week we will assess how they have got on so far with recognising the



letter sounds, blending sounds into words (for reading) and segmenting words into sounds (for spelling).

The phonemes/ graphemes in Phase 2 are:

Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
s a t p	i n m d	g o c k	ck e u r	h b f, ff l, ll ss

In Phase 2, the children have also been exposed to 'tricky words'; words that cannot be sounded out.

These are: **the, no, go, into, to, I**

If you would like more information on phonics, please visit our Documents tab on Tapestry where we have uploaded *A Guide to Phonics for parents and carers*.

#### **Email communication**

Thank you for your communication to us via email. We are sorry we cannot offer the same face-to-face communication as we usually do. Receiving and replying to emails from parents/ carers is new to us this year and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can.

### **PTA News**

#### **School Christmas Trees Need Decorating!**

The PTA will be donating two trees to the school, one for each site. These trees need decorating. On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, when collecting Christmas Trees and Crackers, there will be a "decorations donations" box. Please bring one or two items (tinsel, baubles, other) if you can. We can then quarantine the items before use.  
#manyhandsmakelightwork

#### **Virtual Balloons, Christmas Trees & Eco Charity Christmas Crackers**

All available via [PTA events](#)

Christmas Trees and Crackers sale ends on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. There are only 7 trees left. (Pay in advance and then collect on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December from Merrywood playground.)

Balloon sale ends Tuesday 1st December and free entry by post closes on Thursday 3rd December. Please take a look at <https://www.balloonrace.com/southvillepta> for more details about the "Free entry by post" option. Please remember, all proceeds will be going towards the new library at Myrtle site.



#### **Other ways to donate**

You can use [Easyfundraising](#) or **Amazon smile** for online shopping.

Or there is [Donatemyschool](#) for one-off or monthly donations.

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