



School-wide News

The school has been buzzing again this week with the return of all children. It has been wonderful to see them all playing and learning together, re-connecting and restoring Southville back to its usual hive of activity. We have been so impressed by the resilience of the children. This week we have been recapping much of the learning done during the last two months and assessing the children to help us plan for and support their next steps.

School guidance and social distancing rules

Please continue to follow the systems and timetables in place, as well as wearing masks while near or on the school grounds. Adhering to your allocated timings is very important as it allows for the necessary staggered arrival of parents and avoids unnecessary crowding outside the school. We would also like to remind all parents and carers to ensure we are following social distancing guidance and leaving the area as quickly as possible at the beginning and end of the day.

Year Group News and Reminders

We appreciate you are currently getting a lot of news, updates and reminders coming your way. To ensure you are not overloaded with emails, we will endeavour to put your child's year group information in the newsletter (see below!). Any key information will continue to be sent out separately.

Snacks and lunch box items

Please can we remember that we are a nut-free school. We have recently spotted cereal bars and other snacks containing nuts coming into school. For the safety of our children, please refrain from sending in any snacks containing nuts or sesame seeds (including houmous).

Toys

Please can we ensure that no toys are brought into school.

Uniform

Please can children remember to wear full school uniform:

- Plain or with school badge red school sweatshirts or cardigans
- Plain or with school badge white or red polo shirts
- Dark grey or black trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses
- Dark grey or black shorts may be worn
- Plain grey, black or red tights
- Plain white, grey or black socks
- Black flat shoes or sandals (as children will be doing the 'Daily Mile', trainers are also acceptable)
- Red gingham dresses may be worn in summer

Please make sure that clothing is labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

Library

Our exciting new library project is due to start over the Easter break. We will update you with progress and final pictures!

Comic Relief

Thank you for your support for our dress down day in aid of Comic Relief. The children looked great and we particularly enjoyed the jokes!

Community News

Easter holidays at the Bristol Cycling Centre

Get ready for the Big Pedal at the Bristol Cycling Centre during the Easter holidays with Bikeability course, family cycling, Dr Bike, and more!



The poster features the Bristol Cycling Centre logo on the left and the sustrans Big Pedal 2024 logo on the right. The main title is 'EASTER AT THE BRISTOL CYCLING CENTRE' with the subtitle 'Get ready for the Big Pedal'. Below this is a table of activities for each day of the week.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
All day event		Travel Roadshow	Travel Roadshow		Travel Roadshow	Travel Roadshow and Dr Bike	Travel Roadshow and Dr Bike
10am - 10.45am	Level 1 * or Rock up & Ride	Cycling Q&A and Rock up & Ride	Cycling Q&A and Rock up & Ride	Cycling Q&A and Rock up & Ride	Cycling Q&A and Rock up & Ride	Cycling Q&A and Rock up & Ride	Level 1 * or CycleKidz
11.30am - 12.15pm	Level 1 * or Rock up & Ride	Disability	Disability	Disability	Disability	Learn to Ride	Level 1 * or Learn to Ride
1.15pm - 2pm	Disability	Level 1 * or Learn to Ride	Level 1 * or Learn to Ride	Cyclo-X ** or Learn to Ride	Level 1 * or Learn to Ride	Level 1 * or Learn to Ride	Learn to Ride
2.45pm - 3.30pm	Learn to Ride	Level 1 * or Family Cycling	Level 1 * or Family Cycling	Cyclo-X ** or Rock up & Ride	Level 1 * or Family Cycling	Level 1 * or CycleKidz	Cycling Q&A and Rock up & Ride

*Bikeability Level 1 course. The course last for two hours.
**Introduction to Cyclo-X. You will need to bring your own bike.

This Easter the Bristol Cycle Centre are reopening their doors to the public with a bang! Not only do they have our regular roster of sessions for you to attend, but they are also offering regular Bikeability Level 1 courses to help children grow in confidence on their cycles. The Sustainable Roadshow Team are joining them with Dr Bike to answer all your cycling queries. From the **5th to the 18th of April**, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. For more info and to register your interest for the events, click here: <https://betterbybike.info/news/easter-holidays-at-the-bristol-cycling-centre/>

Whitehouse Street area development

Action Greater Bedminster, the local community partnership, is running the community consultation stage of a new development proposed for the Whitehouse Street area. They are keen to gather views on what the local community would like to see as part of the development. You can visit their website and complete an online survey here: [Help shape the future of Bedminster \(whitehousetreet.com\)](http://whitehousetreet.com)

Thanks to your ongoing generous donations, we have been able to provide a substantial weekly parcel for families in need, containing not only the store cupboard essentials, but a good variety of fresh food.



If you wish to make a financial donation, I am happy to shop for the items we need.

If you would like to donate items, my shopping list for this week is shampoo, shower gel, washing liquid (clothes), fabric softener, toilet roll, breakfast cereal, tomato sauce, tinned veg and tea bags.

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

Please contact me if you need a food parcel.

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Government message:

Free school meal provision over the Easter holiday

Schools and further education providers do not need to provide lunch parcels or vouchers during the Easter holidays. The COVID Winter Grant Scheme is in place to support individuals, families and children with food and other essentials outside of term-time and will operate through the Easter holidays. This scheme, run by local authorities, operated successfully in the Christmas and February half-term holidays and ensures that families and children who require it, including those eligible for free school meals, can receive the support they need.

Further information on the provision of free school meals and the COVID Winter Grant Scheme can be found in our guidance on [providing school meals during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#).

Year Group News and Reminders

Preschool

Labelling

Please can you make sure that clothing, water bottles and food containers are labelled with your child's name so that we can get them back to you if they go astray.

Independence

We are supporting the children to become more independent in managing their belongings, putting on their coats and shoes, and eating their food. Please help your child at home by encouraging them to do things for themselves and celebrating 'what I can do for myself'.

Reception

Next week at school our focus is exploring 'Underwater Dinosaurs'. The Characteristics of Effective Learning focus will be 'Finding Out and Exploring - showing curiosity about objects, events and people'. Here is a rough outline of some of the activities that we will be covering but please note they may be completed on different days in each class. We will be carrying on with phase 3 phonics assessments throughout this week.

<u>Monday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics – writing sentences using phase 2 and 3 sounds• Maths – 3D shape and practical activities• Jellyfish P.E (Ball skills- rolling and throwing)• Reading Books and Reading Records will be collected to be quarantined• PSHE: Food, Glorious Food
<u>Tuesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RE - What is important to us?• Phonics – writing sentences using phase 2 and 3 sounds• Maths – 3D shape and practical activities
<u>Wednesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading - New reading books will be issued and sent out.• Phonics – writing sentences using phase 2 and 3 sounds• Maths – 3D shape and practical activities• Octopus PE (Ball Skills - rolling and throwing)• Gardening Club - Octopus Class (moved from last week)
<u>Thursday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics – writing sentences using phase 2 and 3 sounds• Maths – 3D shape and practical activities
<u>Friday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics - writing sentences using phase 2 and 3 sounds• Maths – 3D shape and practical activities• Starfish PE (Ball Skills - rolling and throwing)• Jellyfish Magic Marble Treat (separate email to follow)• Celebration Assembly

Reading records

We will be replacing any lost reading records this week, but from now, there will be a charge for any lost reading books or records, in accordance with the whole school policy. Please let your class teacher know ASAP if your child's reading record cannot be found at home or at school.

Please continue to read regularly with the children throughout the week, as it is important for them to practise their learned and new sounds in word reading. We are completing phase 3 phonics assessments this week, after which we will be letting you know which sounds the children will be focusing on moving forward.

Messages for staff

We would like to ask that all urgent, important or personal messages for teachers are emailed to the office FAO the teacher in question and they will endeavour to get back to you the same day, although sometimes this may not be possible. Any day-to-day and non-urgent messages can be passed on to the staff member on gate duty, who will pass this to the class teacher. Thank you for your cooperation and we appreciate that it is difficult not being able to speak to your class teacher directly about these matters.

Labelling school uniform

Please ensure that your child's school clothes are **labelled with their name**. We are still having lots of jumpers going missing without names and it is hard to locate them to give them back to the children.

Year 1

Daily Mile

The children will be taking part in a daily mile throughout the week on the days they don't have P.E please bear this in mind for children's foot wear being suitable for running.

Spellings

Just a reminder that the spelling list for term 4 is on Google Classroom in the 'classwork' section.

PE

Bears – Mondays and Thursdays

Badgers – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Butterflies – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Please be aware that in the final week of this term, Year 1 will have PE on Tuesday 30th March instead of Thursday 1st April.

Please can your child bring in a bottle of water with them every day.

Year 2

Singing

This term year 2 are taking part in a singing event organised by Bristol Plays Music. We have started learning the songs this week and on Tuesday 30th March we will be joining – virtually – schools across Bristol to sing the songs together. We will be singing four uplifting songs all about being the best we can be – and we'll even be learning some sign language to go with them.

Immersive Learning

The Year 2 children have now chosen their Amazon animal that they will research and write about next week. If it is possible at the weekend, please could you do some extra research with your child about their chosen animal. Any research conducted can be brought into school on Monday.

PE

Falcon – Mondays and Tuesdays

Flamingo – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Fox – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Please be aware that in the final week of term, Year 2 will have PE on Thursday 1st April instead of Tuesday 30th March.

Year 3

Art

Heron and Hedgehog classes will be still life sketching on Monday 22nd March. Please can each child bring in a piece of fruit/veg to draw.

PE

Heron - Tuesdays

Hedgehog – Tuesdays

Honeybee – Fridays

Year 3 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Spellings

The current spelling lists for term 4 are still on Google Classroom in the 'classwork' section. If you would like a hard copy then please ask.

Reading

Hérons--Please ensure that your child brings their book bag and reading record to school every day next week – it is essential that I can get an idea of the current level of your child's reading. Thank you!

Mr Smith

Year 4

Spellings

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PE

Kiwi – Mondays

Kangaroo – Wednesdays

Koala - Thursdays

Year 4 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Year 5

PE

Lemur – Mondays

Leopard – Tuesdays

Lion – Mondays

Year 5 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Year 6

PE

Puffins – Mondays

Penguins – Thursdays

Pelicans – Thursdays

Year 6 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays

Human Banksys!

Over lockdown, we set the children a competition to create a 'Human Banksy'. The competition was tough, but here are our finalists!



Bristol's longest painting* - by Mini inspired by Banksy

