



Happy Friday!

Festive Performances... We are really excited to be able to invite you to enjoy your child's Christmas performance in person this year, although we remain mindful of the ever-changing impact of covid. The dates and times of each performance, including covid-precautions, are outlined below. As in previous years, Years 2 and 6 are singing carols outside and will also do an end of year performance in the summer. Where year groups are doing two performances, you should **choose one** to attend.

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| Reception | 7.12.21 @9.15 | 8.12.21 @2.00 | Covid: Strictly 2 seats per family. Please wear masks. |
| Year 1 | 13.12.21 @2.00 | 16.12.21 @9.15 | Covid: Strictly 2 seats per family. Please wear masks. |
| Year 2 | 16.12.21 @3.25 | | Covid: Carol singing outdoors, 2 people per family |
| Year 3 and 4 | 9.12.21 @2.30 | 13.12.21 @5.00 | Covid: Strictly 2 seats per family. Please wear masks. |
| Year 5 and 6 | 17.12.21 @2.45 | | Covid: Carol singing outdoors, 2 people per family |
| Details of how to reserve seats will be sent out nearer the time. | | | |

Theatre Visits... The PTA have kindly offered to contribute funds to a theatre experience for all of the children again this year. Mrs Flaeher has been busy organising a full programme of performances and we have tried to pick out really good quality productions. Thanks to the PTA, the cost per child is greatly reduced and the payment for your child's performance is now live on pupil asset. The details of the visits are as follows:

| Group | Show | Date | Venue | Time | Duration | Cost per ticket/child |
|---------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Nursery | The Reluctant Dragon | w/c 13/12/2021 | Virtual Show | N/A | 50 min | £2.00 |
| Rec | Anansi's Big Adventure | 17/12/2021 | Bristol Old Vic | 10.30 am | 50 min | £3.60 |
| Y1 | Anansi's Big Adventure | 17/12/2021 | Bristol Old Vic | 1.30 pm | 50 min | £3.60 |
| Y2 | Robin Hood | 14/12/2021 | Bristol Old Vic | 10.00 am | 2 hours | £5.30 |
| Y3 | Robin Hood | 14/12/2021 | Bristol Old Vic | 10.00 am | 2 hours | £5.30 |
| Y4 | Oz | 16/12/2021 | Tobacco Factory | 12.00 pm | 1.5 hours | £6.00 |
| Y5 | Oz | 15/12/2021 | Tobacco Factory | 1.00 pm | 1.5 hours | £6.00 |
| Y6 | Oz | 15/12/2021 | Tobacco Factory | 1.00 pm | 1.5 hours | £6.00 |

Anti bullying week... Monday 15th November is **Odd Socks Day** in school to launch our Anti-Bullying week. No need to bring a donation, it's just a fun way to start an important conversation. More details on page 2...

Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman

Whole school values... We continue to build our whole school values as part of our ongoing commitment to the children. As part of this we would like to consult with each family. We are doing this in stages to ensure we capture the breadth of opinion across the school community and **would now like to invite Year 1 and 2 parents** to follow this link to our survey...

Year 1 only: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6N8TLW3>

Year 2 only: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3CLH9PP>

Christmas/Winter food parcel... Last year's winter food parcels were so successful we are repeating them this year. We were able to provide over 30 parcels to families within school community.

This was only made possible because of your generosity, providing either food or financial donations. So, we are asking for your help again.

To provide a financial donation please click on this link

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/southville-primary-school-2730>

Alternatively, if you would like to donate food or store cupboard items, I am happy to collect from either office.

If you would like to receive a parcel, please email me directly

paula.mathias@bristol-schools.uk

Thank you , Paula Mathias

Family Liason

Anti-Bullying Week...

This year the theme is One Kind Word. In school the children will be all have several assemblies around the theme and a lesson in class. There will be plenty of opportunity for discussion.

On Monday 15th November all your child needs to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique for the start of our Anti-Bullying Week

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have put together some resources for parents and carers. If you are interested then please follow the link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>



For Parents and Carers - Anti-Bullying Week

As parents and carers, we all want our children to be happy and safe and it is natural to worry about bullying - particularly if we have experienced bullying ourselves, or we think our child may be more vulnerable to bullying.

anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

Mental Health Awareness: HappyMaps... <https://happymaps.co.uk/>



HappyMaps | Support for Your Child's Mental Health

What is HappyMaps? HappyMaps is a charity developed by GPs and CAMHS professionals with help from parents and young people. We've pooled what we think are some of the best mental health resources for parents and carers, and for young people and

happymaps.co.uk

HappyMaps is for parents to find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children, from babies to young adults. There is general national information and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and parenting groups for the South West.

Year Group Updates

Nursery...

This week in preschool, we have been talking about our wonderful listening ears! We've played lots of games listening to and identifying sounds. This is just the start of our listening journey, preparing us to be ready for learning our phonics!

Thank you for all the beautiful autumn items donated to class. We have been doing lots of seasonal learning; Talking about the natural treasures we've found, mark making with sand, pumpkins and sticks, practising our scissor skills to make autumn pictures. Don't forget to check out the schools Twitter account, to see photos of what we've been up to!

Spare Clothes shout-Out!

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is looking bare! Please can we ask for any Nursery spare clothing that may have been borrowed, to make its way back to class. Then we are all topped up and ready for any little accidents.

Many thanks.

Reception...

Dear Families,

Next week our focus will be different jobs people do at a hospital. Thank you so much for the dentistry talks run by parents this week! If you would like to come in and talk to the children about your job, please speak to us. Everyone is welcome! We've had lots of variety in the past, from artists to electricians to submarine engineers to astronomers to hairdressers!

Each week our children will be accessing resources from our continuous provision. Here are our specific focuses for the next week:

| <u>Area of Learning.</u> | <u>Week beginning 08.11.21</u> |
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| Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying Week - Tyrannosaurus Drip • Our Rights • Zones of Regulation |
| Communication and Language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Bucket Time' (Attention Circle Times) • Philosophy Circle Time - Should we always tell the truth? |
| Physical Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cosmic Kids Yoga • Learning a dance for the winter performance |
| Literacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus text - What do grown ups do all day? The Hospital • Phonics - Phase 2 - We are learning: ck, e, u, r • Writing task - Writing signs and labels in their play • 1:1 reading |
| Mathematics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparing 1,2,3 • Numberblocks |
| Understanding the World | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening Club with Mrs Kerr - This week it will be the turn of Starfish Class • Forest School - Friday 19th November - Jellyfish Class • What makes us joyful, peaceful, wonder, reflective, happy and sad? |
| Expressive Arts and Design | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music - learning songs for the winter performance • Leaf Jewellery at Forest School |
| <u>Characteristic of Effective Learning focus</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing curiosity about people. |

Reception continued...

Additional Information

Forest School

A reminder about the Forest School dates this term:

Friday 19th November - Jellyfish Class

Friday 26th November - Octopus Class

Friday 3rd December - Starfish Class

Friday 10th December - Jellyfish Class

Octopus Class will be the first class to go after the Christmas break.

If you would like to volunteer to help at Forest School, please speak to your child's teacher.

Year 1...

The children have had a busy week of learning! In PE, they have been enjoying their gymnastics lessons with Bristol Sport. They have learned lots of facts about Florence Nightingale and wrote some super sentences about her life. In maths, the focus has been addition and subtraction. The children have been recalling number bonds and adding and subtracting single-digit numbers.

Thank you to all parents and carers who met with us during the Parent Meetings this week.

Just a reminder that PE days this term are:

- Badgers: Tuesday and Wednesday
- Butterflies: Tuesday and Wednesday
- Bears: Monday and Tuesday

Please remember to label all clothing and water bottles.

Numbots

Lots of you are enjoying playing on NumBots at home. If you haven't yet logged on and need your log on details again, just let your teacher know.

Winter production!!

We are pleased to announce that we will be doing a Winter Production this year. The production, Ralph the Reindeer, will be shown during the last week of term, on Monday 13th December at 2pm and on Thursday 16th December at 9:15am. We will send home more details next week including information about costumes. Details about booking a place to see the show will be sent out closer to the time.

Year 2...

Forest School

The children in Flamingo class showed such enthusiasm and creativity during their first Forest School session at Wraxall Piece on Wednesday. They identified minibeasts, made 'mini-forest Schools', climbed trees and had lots of fun playing with all the Autumn leaves!



Year 3...

Year 3 are really looking forward to getting started on our artwork for the Lantern Parade in the coming weeks! The parade will take place on **Saturday 8th January 2022**.

Year 6...

Thanks for attending our year 6 parent meeting zoom sessions this week. It was great to meet all of you and to have a chat about the children and to inform you of next steps in your child's learning.



Hello All,

This is a busy time of year for everyone, including your PTA, there's lots of information to digest!

Following the PTA AGM last week, your new elected Committee is:

PTA Chair: Helen Beach

Vice Chair: Elspeth Steel

Secretary: Emma McCormack/ Alex Leigh

Treasurer: Liz Newton



HUGE thank you to Tarnjit Kahera and Charlotte Todd Brady for all of their dedication over the past few years. They both remain integral members to the team

Christmas Cards: Every child should have received a letter with a bespoke code from their class teachers.

If you haven't please gently remind them!

You should get a letter which looks like this:

The letter has a code at the top. All instructions are on the letter detailing how to order.

You only have until **Monday 15th November** to order your cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, mugs etc!



Christmas Trees:



Sales are live on the PTA events page for trees, you can collect from Merrywood playground on Saturday 4th December from 11-3pm. These are locally grown Christmas Trees from Frenchay Christmas Tree Farm, a family run business who we have been supporting for many years now. They are high quality, Nordman Fir, non drop, in 2 different sizes. Or order a potted tree which you can reuse year after year. We also have a few stands available. These are for pre order only, no trees will be available to purchase on the day.



Sales for Christmas Trees close on the 25th November.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta/>

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Christmas Crackers:

Do you also need some crackers for Christmas? Why not purchase these through the PTA events page? These eco crackers are not only recyclable, they are made from already recycled material too. Helping to support The Trussell Trust, a network of food banks to provide emergency food and support throughout the nation. With a classic paper hat and joke inside, as well as a beautiful 2D hangable tree decoration, these crackers will make Christmas that bit more special, and spread that holiday cheer.

These are for pre order only, no crackers will be available to purchase on the day.

Sales for crackers close on the 2nd December, ready for collection on the 4th December from Merrywood site between 11am and 3pm.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta/>



Santa's Grotto:

A few tickets are left for the grotto which is running from 11-2:30pm on the 4th December at Merrywood Site.

Sales for tickets close on the 24th November. Pre-booking only via PTA Events:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta/>

Volunteers Needed!

We can't run these lovely events without parents volunteers, if you can spare an hour on Saturday 4th December to help with Christmas Trees, crackers, mulled wine or want to dress as an Elf for the Grotto, please can you add your name and contact details to the volunteer sheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1B4h6lwtP3o4RsYDIqSZPMFtdOWxAEI MMHATAhSz2zoA/edit?usp=sharing>

Your PTA has an app!

In order to streamline all your bookings and volunteering, please download the PTA Events App; the app will look like this:

It will ask you for an organisation code, which is: **southvilleprimarypta**



Finally, thank you for all of your donations, whether this be a cake at the welcome picnics, buying second hand uniform, your time, or contributing towards the Halloween dress up or down day. It has enabled us to pay half the cost of the 2021 Christmas Theatre Trips for all year groups!

Next PTA meeting – Wednesday 12th January 2022

Location: Myrtle Site

Time: 7:30pm