

#### Happy Friday!

Making a difference... I was very proud to hear this week about Nyla in year 3's brilliant fundraising efforts. She noticed a cause that she cared about and set about making a difference, gaining sponsorship to run 3 miles. The £50 she raised will enable a young person to stay in warmth and safety for four nights. She even wrote a lovely letter she sent to Centrepoint with her donation. Well done Nyla!

**Disco fever...** Yesterday evening it was the turn of our Year 1, 3 and 5 children to dance the night away and it was fantastic seeing them throwing themselves into it with such joy and gusto! It was a really beautiful moment seeing our Year 1 children arriving at Myrtle (many for the first time) to enjoy their first school disco all together. Thank you to Helen whose organisation meant everything ran so smoothly and thank you to the volunteers from each year group too for supervising, glittering, serving and dancing!

More clubs coming soon at Merrywood... Mrs Flaecher has been at it again, and I am delighted to be able to share news of three new clubs which will be starting next term: Lego, Magic and Yoga and Chill! Each of these clubs will be based in the church hall directly opposite school, but the children will meet the club leader, and be returned to their parent/carer, from the Merrywood playground. Each club using the church hall will be run by two instructors, both of whom will have enhanced DBS certificates. The clubs are open to children from Myrtle too, but they will need to be walked by an adult to the meeting point on the Merrywood playground.



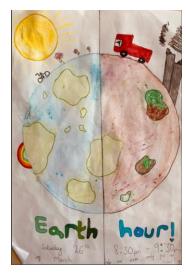
The summer booking for all other clubs is now open and can be <u>accessed from our website</u>.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

**Climate Action**...This week we have been talking about climate change: the causes, the effects and the solutions. Thank you to Dr Schmidt and Mrs. Luke for coming in to talk to the children and sharing your knowledge.

The children produced some brilliant posters to promote "Earth Hour"- a global event taking place tomorrow which involves people and businesses (and places such as the Eiffel tower!) turning off non-essential electric lights for one hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 pm, to raise awareness about climate change.

Please ask your children about what they have learnt this week!





Climate Action and Sustainability Group...A big thank you to all of the parents who filled in the Google Form stating your interest in helping promote climate action at the school and giving an indication of how you could possibly help. We are very lucky to have so much expertise in our parent community!

We will be in touch shortly about "meeting up" to discuss next steps.

**Southville Food-larder...**Our school larder has been providing much needed food for families for over two years. It was set up to help families affected by the pandemic. We had just started to hope things would be returning to some kind of normal soon, but are now facing a huge rise in the cost of living, which is leading to families having to make difficult decisions about what they can afford. Our food larder is needed now as much as ever.

Our food larder is open Monday-Friday. To access the larder just email or call Paula Mathias,

Without donations this would not be possible, and the larder is running low. If you are able to, we really need the following:

Tea,
Coffee,
Toiletries,
Washing liquid,
Nappies, size 3-6
Tins: veg, tuna, soup, fruit,
Sauces,

If you are able to, you can also donate at: <a href="https://app.investmycommunity.com/fundraise/southville-primary-school-2730">https://app.investmycommunity.com/fundraise/southville-primary-school-2730</a>

#### **Easter Holiday Help**

We would also like to be able to offer a holiday parcel for any families who would benefit from a little extra during the upcoming school holiday. Please contact me if you would like to receive one at paula.mathias@bristol-school.uk.

#### **OPAL play**

Looking through the **OPAL window** into our playground. What can you see?



We see every day the creativity and teamwork that OPAL has brought to our playgrounds but this week we were thrilled to hear that it is spreading even further and giving children ideas for new ways to play at home too! (Nice to see the next generation getting involved as well!)





#### **Donations**

We continue to need natural materials for both sites: planks, logs, drain pipe etc

The children also love to make dens using tarpaulins. If you have any spare ones, in good condition, around your property that you would like to donate then please deliver to Mr Potter.

# **Year Group Updates**

#### Nursery...

In Seahorse Class this week we have been caring for lots of babies (dolls!)! The children have been amazing at washing them in the bath, brushing their hair, cleaning their teeth and even practicing putting a nappy on! We were lucky enough to have Mrs Jones to come and chat to us about her fabulous baby bump. She showed us the picture of her scan and heard about all the things she is getting ready for her baby's arrival. Such an exciting time!

We have enjoying trying out some new veggies this week in Nursery, like the rest of the school. We even got to do a bit of printing with some of the types of vegetables that we have tried. Which one was your favourite?

It has been wonderful to have such nice weather, so we have been making the most of it, spending lots of our day out in the sunshine. We have been digging in the sand, playing with water and using all of our pots and pans for our interesting concoctions. We've had lots of sporty activities going on; running games and some children have been trying a bit of tennis!

In our small group time we have continued introducing new games outside. It has been lovely to see children taking turns being the leader and choosing what they want their friends to do. Some of our pesky pirates have been trying to steal treasure away from us in one of our exciting new games. In other groups inside we been exploring numicon and playing a rather fun game of 'rhyming soup'.

**Next week**: We are going to be practising lots of sorting activities with our natural loose play objects in the classroom. So, I'm sure our tidying up skills will be getting even better! Who knows what other new games we might try too?

#### Reception...

Dear Families,

Next week we'll be learning about dinosaurs and reptiles that lived underwater!

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

Area of Learning	Week beginning 28.03.22
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul><li>Zones of Regulation</li><li>Keeping clean</li></ul>
Communication and Language	<ul> <li>Philosophy Circle Time - what is the oldest dinosaur ever found?</li> </ul>
Physical Development	PE - Dinosaur dance
Literacy	Writing - fact sentences about dinosaur focus of the week     Phonics focuses: Reviewing phonemes and tricky words based on outcomes from last week's assessments     Reading Practice Sessions
Mathematics	Patterns
Understanding the World	RE - Easter Forest School - Jellyfish Class 1st April Experimental cooking - Groups of Octopus Class
Expressive Arts and Design	Music - singing (Charanga scheme)     PE- Dinosaur Dance
Characteristic of Effective Learning focus	Creative and Critical Thinking - working with ideas

#### Rec continued...

#### **Additional Information**

Forest School... We currently have few volunteers for Jellyfish's Forest School next Friday 1st April.

Please email the office or let Mrs Parker know if you are available to come with us. As always, thank you so much for your help, it is much appreciated!

**Phonics assessments...** This week's Phonics lessons will be based on the outcomes from last week's assessments and we will be focusing on phonemes and tricky words that the children are not sure of. We will be communicating these to parents if you would also like to continue practicing them at home.

#### Year 1...



We have been really lucky to welcome two visitors in to year one in the last two weeks. Last week, \*\*\*\*\* came in to share her adventures as a deep sea diver, and this week Dr Chrissy Hammond came in to share her expertise on Zebrafish (pictured). Both visits have really inspired and excited the children during our 'Life Under the Sea' topic.

#### Year 2...

Year two have had a fantastic week. In maths we have been practising adding and subtracting using a number line and in Immersive we have been putting together the finishing touches to our rainforest animal presentations ready for next Friday!

#### **Animal Presentations...**

- On Friday 1st April, year 2 will be presenting their animal fact presentations to year 1 and after school to their parent/carers. The presentations will take place in the Merrywood school hall from 3.30pm to 4pm. We ask that no more than two adults accompany each child due to space. The presentation will be in a science fair format and children are welcome to dress up and come to school as a rainforest explorer or scientist. Think along the lines of David Attenborough.
- For our upcoming animal presentations, we will need to display our work on cardboard. If you have not already, please can each child bring in a plain piece of cardboard approximately 80 x 80 cm or a little bigger by **Monday** at the latest. These will be painted on Monday and their information will be attached.

**Zoo Trip...** We are very much looking forward to our zoo trip next **Thursday the 31**<sup>st</sup> **of March**. Please can children come to school in their school uniform and bring a coat, water bottle and packed lunch, the school are also able to provide cold packed lunches for those that want them. Please can chosen parent helpers, bring a packed lunch and arrive at the school by 9:15am. We will be returning at 3pm at the latest.

Year 2 team

**Year 4... Drop Everything And Read...** Please make sure that your child has their school book(s) and their reading records in school for Drop Everything And Read. Its really important that they remember to do this so we can monitor their reading and listen to them read their books. If their reading record is full we will give them a new one. If it is lost please contact the office to buy a new one. Many thanks!

**Year 6...** Chess returned to year 6 this week, with our Monday chess lessons. It was great to see the children enjoying playing and using their logical thinking.

On Saturday (26th), it is Earth hour. People taking part will turn off their lights for one hour, at eight thirty. This is a way of saving energy and reminding people about the dangers of climate change. The children have designed Earth hour posters. They will be bringing them home today for you to put up in a window at home. Many thanks, The Year 6 Team







Wow what an amazing night last night was for our Y1, Y3 and Y5 Discos! Thank you to all the volunteers last night who helped the events run so smoothly. It was so lovely to see the children all together having fun and displaying some impressive dance moves!

We are already looking forward to the Y2, Y4 and Y6 disco's next Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. **Ticket sales close on the 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.** Please purchase your tickets via PTA Events:

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

#### **Events:**

Two big dates for your diaries are:

6<sup>th</sup> May Games Night – run by Toyville Games – details to follow 22<sup>nd</sup> May Summer Fayre

#### **Summer Fayre:**

For the fayre to be successful each class takes charge of a stool, there are a few key stools which we run every fayre such as the café, prosecco (!), secondhand uniform etc. However, if you have your own ideas for a stool for your class this is also an option! A sign-up sheet for stools at the summer fayre will be coming to you via your class reps shortly.

There will be a secondhand uniform sale at this event, please **do not** give the office any donations of uniform until we have established which class is running this stool and we have a drop off point.

Thank you for your understanding!

Should you wish to have a private stool at the fayre, please email me at southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com and I will note your interest.

#### **Camping Trips:**

Some year groups are organising, or have organised, year group camping trips for this summer. Whilst these are **not organised** by the PTA, to avoid clashes with other year groups we have created an editable calendar so you can add your year group trip to a weekend / check if a weekend is being used by another year group. This can be found on our Friends of Southville Primary PTA Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/734023813350596

#### PTA News continued...

#### Y6 Parents:

The Y6 Leavers Team are working behind the scenes to put together your child's yearbook, you should have received an email this week with the form to be completed, along with a request for photos. Please can these be completed ASAP and added to Google classroom, or emailed to:

Southvillepleavers@yahoo.com. These need to be in by the end of this term (8<sup>th</sup> April) to ensure there is enough time for the books to be collated and printed for the end of the year.

#### **PTA** Website:

The minutes for this week's PTA meeting will be available on the school's website should you wish to read them, along with details of your class reps, links to donate my school and PTA events.

Next Meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – 7:30pm Myrte Site

## **Community News**

### **CALLING ALL STAFF + PARENTS!**

JOIN THE SHINE TEAM!

**HELP US DELIVER WRAPAROUND CARE AT YOUR SCHOOL!** 

BREAKFAST CLUB | AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
1:1 SUPPORT | LATE SESSION

Salary negotiable depending on experience.

(I) FREE CHILDCARE

**S FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS** 

**⊘ TRAINING AVAILABLE ⊘ MAKE A DIFFERENCE** 



## Redcliffe Holiday Club



For 3-8 year olds



Activities will include:

Arts & Crafts

**Experimental cookery** 

Themed days (bugs, science, film) Outdoor water play

Talent shows and more.....

Sessions & Prices

(per child, per day. £10 reduction per day for 2nd child):

9.00am-3.00pm £40.00

9.00am—5.00pm £50.00







To make a booking, please visit our website:

www.redcliffenurseryschool.co.uk

Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment

Redcliffe Nursery School, Spencer House, Ship Lane, BS1 6RR TEL: 0117 9030334

# Holiday Activities Holiday Activities Holiday Activities

Activity	Time ♦ Price	Age		
Monday 12th April 😓				
Escape Zone	Full Day (£17) - Extended Day (£20)	4-14		
Archery	8.30am—1230pm (£20)	8-14		
Escape Zone (PM)	12.30pm-4pm (£8.50)	8-14		
<b>₩</b> Tuesday 12th April				
Escape Zone	Full Day (£17) - Extended Day (£20)	4-14		
Football Day	Full Day (£20)	5-14		
Kayaking	8.30am—1230pm (£20)	8-14		
Escape Zone (PM)	12.30pm-4pm (£8.50)	8-14		
Wednesday 13th April 😞				
Escape Zone	Full Day (£17) - Extended Day (£20)	4-14		
Dance	8.30am-12.30pm (£8.50)	6-10		
Escape Zone (PM)	12.30pm—4pm (£8.50)	6-10		
Paddleboarding	1pm-4pm <b>(£20)</b>	8-14		
Escape Zone (AM)	8.30am—12.30pm (£8.50)	8-14		
Thursday 19th April				
Easter Party Day	Full Day (£20) - Extended Day (£23)	4-14		
Friday 15th April - CLOSED 🔱				

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Childcare Voucher Payments are accepted.

All Childcare Voucher Bookings need to be made and enquired via email We cannot accept Voucher Bookings throughour School Hire website



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Activity	Time + Price	Age		
Monday 28th April -CLOSED				
Tuesday 19th April 😞				
Escape Zone	Full Day (£17) - Extended Day (£20)	4-14		
Orienteering	8.30am—1230pm (£20)	8-14		
Escape Zone (PM)	12.30pm-4pm (£8.50)	8-14		
	ednesday 20th April			
Escape Zone	Full Day (£17) - Extended Day (£20)	4-14		
Kayaking	8.30am-1230pm (£20)	8-14		
Escape Zone (PM) + KARATE	12.30pm-4pm (£8.50)	8-14		
Archery	1pm-4pm (£20)	8-14		
Escape Zone (AM)	8.30am-12.30pm (£8.50)	8-14		
Karate (Taster session)	8.30am—12.30pm (£8.50)	6-14		
<b>a</b> .	Thursday 21st April			
Escape Zone	Full Day (£17) - Extended Day (£20)	4-14		
2	Friday 22nd April 👩			
Escape Zone	Full Day (£17) - Extended Day (£20)	4-14		

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All bookings MUST be made online via; https://ashtonparksports.schoolactivity.co.uk/



Escape Zone Full Day 8.30am-16.00pm Extended Day 8.30am-17.00pm



