

Happy Friday!

Anti-Bulling Week... This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week and we kicked off with Odd Socks Day and an Anti-Bullying assembly. There have been follow-up sessions in class throughout the week around this year's theme of 'Reach Out' (conveniently linked to our Connection value). You can visit the official website and find out more about the Anti-Bullying Alliance <u>here</u>.

Merrywood Windows... I wanted to update you with the situation with the windows at Merrywood, some of which are currently boarded up awaiting repair. This is because in several places the frames have become rotten to the point that if they were left there is a risk they would soon become unsafe.

Contractors are overseeing this work and we are told that unfortunately it will not be completed until the Spring Term due in part to the complexities of working on this beautiful old building of ours. We are in ongoing communication with them about this and will update you as soon as we have more information.

Children In Need... There have been a fair few pairs of Pudsey ears and even the odd onesy wandering around school today in support of Children In Need. Thank you to those of you who donated via Parentmail – we will keep this option available over the weekend for anyone who would like to use it.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman



OPAL PLAY - A busy week in our wonderful world of OPAL play

Safeguarding & Mentoring

Coffee Morning update

These sessions are there for you to come along with any concerns you'd like to discuss with us, as well as having some outside agencies come in to give you advice and guidance in particular areas. Each week we will focus on a different area, the next 2 weeks are listed below, more to follow

We look forward to seeing you, Paula Mathias and Catherine Moody.

Practical and informative online sessions from your expert team of local School Health Nurses. https://cchp.nhs.uk/cchp/explore-cchp/school-health-nursing/school-nursing-webinars-parentscarers - Our webinars lasts between 30 and 45 minutes, with the opportunity to ask questions throughout. They're suitable for parents and carers of children and young people of all ages.

Keeping your child happy and healthy

For families who would like ideas to create and sustain a healthy lifestyle for the whole family. This webinar looks at diet and healthy eating, exercise, sleep, and emotional wellbeing. Book session: 15 December 2022, 10:30-11:30

Healthy eating and physical activity

Find out how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, with advice on diet and exercise. Book session: 24 November 2022, 10:00-11:00 Book session: 12 December 2022, 10:00-11:00

Emotional wellbeing

This presentation explores anxiety, low mood, self-harm and eating difficulties and provides parents and carers with strategies and information to build resilience and empathetic listening for children and young people.

Book session: 7 December 2022, 13:00-14:00

Eating disorder awareness

This webinar looks at behavioural, physical, and psychological signs of eating disorders including restrictive eating, emotional eating and binge eating. It includes information on where to get advice and support.

Book session: 29 November 2022, 13:00-14:00

Sleep

This webinar will provide you with hints and tips to help improve the duration and quality of your child's sleep.

Book session: 22 November 2022, 12:00-13:30 Book session: 14 December 2022, 10:30-12:00

Dental health

Our School Health Nursing Team will give advice on tooth brushing and tooth decay. <u>Book session: 1 February 2023, 13:30-14:30</u>



Bristol Parent Carers in conjunction with North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forums are running courses for parents and carers of children who are on the waiting list for an autism assessment.

The courses cover a range of topics relating to particular challenges that autistic people and their families can face.

Some of the courses are in person in venues around the city and outside it and others are over Zoom.

All of the courses are free to attend but do need to be booked in advance via Eventbrite: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bristol-n-somerset-and-s-glos-parent-carer-forums-</u> <u>41027867683</u>

If you would like further information, please do contact us at info@bristolparentcarers.org.uk



Winter Hamper



Last year, thanks to all the wonderful donations and helpers who put the parcels together, we delivered over 30 hampers.

They were amazing and gratefully received.

It would be so wonderful if we could do it again this year.

You can donate by dropping groceries/goodies at either site, or through the link below or the QR

code..



Chocolates/selection box, mince pies, Christmas cake, Gravy/bread sauce, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, Christmas pudding, tinned peas, tinned sweetcorn, biscuits for cheese, custard, chocolate/treats, tinned potatoes, tinned soup, tinned veg, tinned soup, pasta, nibbles, biscuits, coffee, tea, squash, shampoo, shower gel, washing powder. Toilet roll

If you would like to receive a hamper, please email Paula.mathias@bristol-schools.uk

Invest In My Community

Scan the QR code to make a donation using a smartphone. Download to insert it in a leaflet or poster or attach to a collection bucket for events.



Safeguarding & Mentoring



Lost Property at Merrywood

A huge thank you to members of the PTA who have made it their mission this week to take home, wash, dry and return all the jumpers that were in the lost property box. This has been a massive undertaking. The team have highlighted that a large proportion of the jumpers were unnamed. It is therefore impossible to return these to their owners. Please, Please, please can we request that you name all the children's clothes that come to school. The jumpers that have been cleaned and that are named will now be returned to their owners. The jumpers that have no names will now be shared with the school community at a donations table on Friday 25th November in the front playground.

Lunch Booking on Parentmail



Merrywood – Universal Free School Meals

We are seeing a big uptake in the school lunches being booked through the ParentMail App, thank you all, this is really helping the kitchen cut down on food waste. To avoid upset at lunchtime, please can you check your child is happy with the lunch option you have chosen or happy with the hot option if you haven't had a chance to book their lunch. Children can get upset at lunchtime when faced with something unexpected that they don't like, this results in a change of mind which can lead to the kitchen running out of certain options and not being able to provide those to children who have booked them.

Preschool and Myrtle – Paid School Meals

Please can we remind all parents that school meals must be booked and paid for in advance on Parentmail, including free school meals. Note, you can order meals for up to a term in advance to save you having to login multiple times.

Thank you to all parents who have been paying for school meals on Parentmail. We really appreciate your continued support with this.

Please note, children will not be provided with a school lunch unless it is paid for, except for those that are entitled to free school meals.

In a case when a school lunch has not been booked nor a packed lunch provided, the office will phone the parent to ask them to come to school with the money. Otherwise they must provide a packed lunch before lunch time.

If a parent genuinely forgets to pay in advance, the office will book the school meal but this must be paid for on the day. If the debt is not cleared, parents must provide a packed lunch until this is cleared. If payment of the debt is not received, we will ask you to attend a meeting to discuss the matter.

Thanks you!

Year Group Updates

Nursery

We've been doing lots of painting this week; print making, hand painting and our new favourite... butterfly prints! (Keep your eyes peeled for some beautiful butterflies, coming to the classroom soon!). We've really enjoyed investigating colour mixing and watching patterns merge and transfer.

Nursery Christmas Sing-Song

This week the Seahorses have been learning some jolly Christmas songs (as you may already have heard at home!). We would love to invite you into class at the end of term to perform these songs to you and to have a festive sing-song.

Our sing-song dates are as followed:

Tuesday 13th December at 2:30.

Thursday 15th December at 2:30.

This will be a relaxed and low key affair, just to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. we'll open the classroom doors at 2:30 and parents can come into class and we will sing our little songs to you, then you'll be free to take the children for home time (or just stick with the usual after school club arrangements).

We can't wait to wow you with our beautiful voices!

Children's Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 7th December it's Christmas lunch day! If the beginning of the week children (Seahorse 1) would like to stay to have the Christmas roast, they are more than welcome. They can then be picked up at 1:00 from the front stackpool gate.

If you would like your child to stay for the Christmas dinner, please let Ms Greenwood know and then prebook your child's Christmas dinner on the usual IRIS account.

Many thanks, the Seahorse Team

Myrtle - Friday 25th November (from 8am) Merrywood - Tuesday 29th November (from 8am)





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Reception

Dear Families,

This week our focus is "action-packed jobs", including firefighters, secret agents, police officers and more! Our key person this week is boxer Mohammad Ali and we will be reading his book from the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series.

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 21.11.22
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	Our ResponsibilitiesZones of Regulation
Communication and Language	 Philosophy Circle Time - Does something have to be sparkly to be beautiful?
Physical Development	 Yoga (Jellyfish Class on Thursday afternoons)
Literacy	 Focus text - 'Little Big, People Dreams - Mohammad Ali' Writing - CVC words linked to <u>I</u> Spy Detectives Phonics - Phase 2 - We are learning: <u>sh</u>, <u>th</u>, <u>ng</u>, <u>nk</u> and tricky words <u>she</u>, <u>push</u>, <u>he</u> and <u>of</u> Writing task - writing about action-packed jobs 1:1 reading
Mathematics	 Spatial awareness, <u>circles</u> and triangles Focus <u>Maths</u> groups Number Blocks
Understanding the World	 Careers Forest School - Thursday 24th November - Starfish Class
Expressive Arts and Design	 Music - learning songs for the winter performance Rehearsing our show on the stage Winter craft - scissor skill snowflakes, penguins A range of Forest School craft
<u>Characteristic of Effective</u> <u>Learning focus</u>	 Active Learning - motivation - keeping trying

Additional Information

<u>E-Books</u>

Over the next week, you will notice a new label on the front of your child's reading record. This has their login details for the e-Book library. Each week, teachers will now write down the e-Book being used for group reading sessions and this can be accessed at home as well if you wish.

Reading meeting

A reminder that our phonics and reading meetings will take place in your child's class this week on **Tuesday 22nd November at 4pm**. We will be sending out a copy of the presentation slides if you are not able to make it at this time.

<u>Winter performances</u> The Winter performance times are as follows: **Monday 5th December at 2pm Tuesday 6th December at 9.15am**

Reception cont.

We will be in touch in due course about ticketing.

Jellyfish Photos

As photo day falls on our Forest School session in a few weeks, Jellyfish class will instead walk to Myrtle site to have their photos taken on **Friday 25th November**.

Donations

We are currently rejuvenating our outside area and would welcome any donations of large planting pots and herbs for gardening sessions with the children.

Year 1

Another super week in Year 1!

Winter performance

The children who requested a speaking part in the Winter performance will have come home this week with their parts stuck into their reading records. Please can the children start learning their lines at home as we will be starting our rehearsals next week. The school office will be in touch shortly with details about the distribution of tickets to view the performances. Class teachers are not able to help with this.

Walkers for the Old Vic Christmas show

We are still in need for parent helpers to help walk us to and from the Old Vic on Friday 15th December when the children will be visiting. Please speak to the Year 1 teachers if you would like to lend a hand walking us to and from the Old Vic, unfortunately we cannot provide parents with a ticket.

Reminders

-Please only send your child to school in laced shoes and trainers when they can tie them independently.

-Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather with them for the school day. Lots of children have been getting cold and wet this week due to not having jumpers or coats, we don't have spares in school.

Many thanks for your support

Year 2

Fire Fire!

Next week we will begin the second part of our Fire Fire! topic, which focuses on the present day fire service and fire safety. We are looking forward to kicking this off with a visit from the Avon Fire Brigade on Monday (for Fox and Falcon classes) and Tuesday (for Flamingo).

Inspired by this visit, we will be designing and building a fire engine toy for children in the nursery to play with. We need to request two things that will help us with this unit of work.

- Fire engine toys. We will be looking at and evaluating real fire engine toys to give us ideas for our own designs. If you have a fire engine toy at home, please send it in on Monday or Tuesday next week. We will look after them and will only need them for a couple of days.
- Cardboard boxes. We need a mixture of sizes shoe boxes are ideal, plus some smaller boxes too. If you have any of these, please start sending them in as soon as possible - we will be aiming to start using them at the end of next week.

Here's a picture of a finished fire engine toy from last year to give you an idea of what we are aiming

for



<u>Chess</u>

The children have now been introduced to the website Chess Kid and have their own login, which has been stuck into the front of their reading

record. <u>https://www.chesskid.com/login</u> If they are keen to develop their chess skills, they can login and go to the 'Learn' section, where they will be able to work through a series of lessons and activities.

Year 3

Please can children come to school with a waterproof coat as we still go outside for play when it's raining.

Year 4

Museum Trip

Year 4 all had a brilliant time at the Ancient Egypt workshops at Bristol Museum -- many thanks to our helpers who made the visits run so smoothly!

Year 5

We all enjoyed watching the Greek play on Tuesday - Perseus & Medusa. This was followed by an exciting drama workshop for everyone. Thanks so much for the parental contributions which enabled the children to have this experience. Ask them if they can retell you the story they saw. The dressing up costumes also looked great - Medusas, Minotaurs, some Zeuses and lots of other creative ideas too.

Whilst learning spellings each week is going really well, many children do not understanding the meanings of the words. They cannot use them in a sentence. We have mentioned this a lot to them; that it's only useful to know how to spell the word, if they know what it means. Please check they know the meaning, explain it, or better still ask them to look it up in a dictionary (real or online). Each week, we pick one of the words, for them to write in a sentence to prove they understand and can use it; Extra house points are available!

Year 6

Time seems to be travelling fast! we are almost halfway through term 2. Year 6 are busy learning about fractions and completing their Mayan myths. Soon we will be moving onto how the Maya lived their lives and theories as to why they disappeared as a civilisation.

As always please contact us if you need anything.

Best Wishes The Year 6 team

Lunchtime Choir

The children have been working hard at learning and practicing the songs ready for next Sundays concert. Here is a reminder of the key dates.

• Wednesday 23rd November - 4-5:15pm at St Paul's Church, Coronation Road, BS3 1DG.

• **Sunday 27th November**, children arriving 4:00pm for the concert.

The concert on the **27th of November** is from 5:00pm-6:00pm at St Paul's Church, Coronation Road, B3 1DG.

For the concert, please can the children wear block colours of red, orange or purple (black trousers are fine if you unable to wear full coloured outfit)

Tickets are available to purchase from Myrtle office for £5 adults and £2 child. Please have the exact money available.





Chess Club

Term 1 & 2 are now available to book in ParentMail. Pay for a term in advance, for your child to enjoy Chess Club.

<u>Mondays</u> at Merrywood from 3:30 - 4:30 for Reception to Year 2 children

<u>Tuesdays</u> at Myrtle from 3:15 - 4:15 for Year 3 to Year 6

YOUR CLUB PROGRAMME			
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TUESDAY	NY TIME WITH FUN WITH FOCO - YEAR 3 - 6 ATHLETICS & RUNNING CLUB - YEAR 3 NETBALL CLUB - YEAR 4 - YEAR 6	REFAXFAST CLUB POST SCHOOL CLUB SHORT SESSION SNACK & CHIL	
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Creativity Club from Chandos Atelier is booking for term 2 now. It's a lovely space to explore art materials and get creative, with guidance and encouragement from professional makers. Plus parents get a weekly email to let them know about the creative adventures.

Here is the

link: <u>https://www.chandosatelier.co.uk/creativemakers/</u> <u>creativity-club-southville</u>

"I just wanted to let you know how much F. enjoyed creativity club today. She came home absolutely buzzing and told us it was the highlight of her day. She loves it."



Acting Out classes help develop communication, self esteem, self confidence and mostly we have lots and lots of fun!

Our drama club helps children to find their own voices and develop creativity, make friends grow in confidence in a safe and fun environment. Our Sessions include games, vocal work, imagination, storytelling, improvisation, and most important lots and lots of fun.

For more details on us and what we do please check out our website www.actingoutdrama.com

Classes for the new <u>Reception</u> will start on **Thursday 3rd November – Thursday 8th December –** Merrywood - 15:30 – 16:30

Classes for <u>KS1</u> next term will start on **Tuesday 1**st November – Tuesday 6th December – Merrywood - 15:30 – 16:30

Classes for <u>KS2</u> next term will start on Wednesday 3rd November – Wednesday 7th December -Myrtle - in the Music Room 15:15 – 16:15

If you would like your child to join, please complete the registration form and photographs permission forms below

https://goo.gl/forms/ZGnxev6FuBtZlf453 https://goo.gl/forms/OnVcHrCRH089X8XA3

We will confirm by email you to let you know if your child has a place in drama club. Once your child's place has been confirmed please make payment of £42 (£6 a week) for term 2 by BACS (using your child's full name as reference) to Acting Out Ltd

Account Number: 92398568. Sort Code: 608371 Account Name: Acting Out Ltd .

Please encourage the children to bring a water bottle and a snack as drama can be hungry work.

Looking forward to meeting them



Jacqui Ham Acting Out Drama

http://www.actingoutdrama.com enquiries@actingoutdrama.com



Please visit the link to book your child's place.

If you have difficulties with payment or have further questions you can contact us on live chat kidsclub.org.uk

Southville Infant School

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to offer our clubs this term, led by our kind DBS certified expert instructors at your school.

No materials are required, your child simply needs to turn up!

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. https://www.kidsclub.org.uk/book/southville-infant/

After School Club - Autumn Term

th After School - 3:30-4:30pm

Week Commencing - 12th September - 21st October 2022 Week Commencing - 31st October - 5th December 2022

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

KIDS CLUB

Southville Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to offer our clubs this term, led by our kind DBS certified expert instructors at your school.

No materials are required, your child simply needs to turn up!

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. https://www.kidsclub.org.uk book southville-junior/

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th After School - 2:15-4:15pm

Week Commencing - 12th September - 21st October 202 Week Commencing - 31st October - 5th December 2022

Please visit the link to book your child's place.

If you have difficulties with payment or have further questions you can contact us on live chat kidsclub.org.uk

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Comedy Night:

Wow what a night last Friday! Thank you to the whole team involved, from sourcing the comedians, to stocking the bar, the staging and the delicious cheeses!

HUGE thanks to the legendary Stephen Merchant for our personalised video to kick start the show. We made a staggering £958 PROFIT!



Christmas Updates:

The Winter Fair is TWO WEEKS AWAY !

Saturday 3rd December 2-5pm Merrywood Site

If you haven't volunteered already, please sign up with your own class rota to help with their stall.

We are running a mini 'shopping quarter' for local private sellers to sell their goods at the Fair. Tables cost £20 for the whole event, there are very limited numbers available due to space at Merrywood. Only 3 private stalls remain available. Please purchase via the link to PTA events below.



Santa's Grotto: Tickets are selling out fast for Santa's Grotto. This will be based in the library at Merrywood which will be transformed into a grotto. Along with meeting your PTA elves, your children will have ten minutes to talk to Santa, have photos and receive a gift.

Book your tickets via PTA Events:

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

Christmas Trees:

We have ordered the beautiful trees from Frenchay Forestry again this year. The trees are high quality and very reasonably priced, and you will be supporting a Bristol Business, along with your PTA. There are 2 options available to pre-order:

Nordman Fir Premium Non-drop 150cm-175cm : £40

Nordman Fir Premium Non-drop 175-200 cm: £45



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

Christmas Lunches:

The PTA has paid for a cracker for each child to enjoy for their Christmas Lunch at school. Thank you for your contributions which enable us to do this each year.

Christmas Lunches : Once we have the schedule of lunches we will send out details of how to volunteer with your child's year group - watch this space!

Christmas lunch will be served 6th December at Myrtle and the 8th December at Merrywood.

Christmas Crackers:

You can order your eco crackers from us! By ordering crackers a proportion of their cost is donated to both The Woodland Trust and The Trussell Trust.

A 'collection of crackers' represents either 4 or 6 individual crackers, which you can then add additional individual crackers to your order.

These can be ordered via PTA events:

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

Raffle Tickets / Hampers:

We are also running the very popular hamper raffle again this Christmas, with the draw happening live at the Christmas Fair at 4:30pm. Each class donates a 'hamper' whether this is a physical hamper, or voucher based, and these are raffled off as prizes.

Raffle tickets should have been sent home with your children already.

Please return both sold and unsold tickets by Monday 29th November.

Additional books of tickets are available at the school office if you would like to sell more. They will also be able to be purchased on the day.

Donations:

Please see the poster -> for dates for all your donations. We NEED your donations! Please donate items for the tombola and lucky dip, the fair only works if we have things for the stalls!



Do you have any soft toys which need a new home? Our sponsor a teddy stall is the place to donate them! This is always a hugely popular stall for the children, so the more teddies the more fun!

Please ensure any donated jars are clean and fragrance free!

Following the success of the coat swap, Lemur class will also be running this at the winter fair. Along with coats, we are looking for donations for forest school items - waterproof trousers, and warm winter items - hats and scarfs etc. Please bring these to either site on the 30th / 1st or 2nd December.



Ashton Park School mail@ashtonpark.net 0117 3772777



Our Christmas Holiday Activity Programme is now 'Live!'

Bookings are to be made via School Hire using the following link;

https://ashtonparksports.schoolactivity.co.uk/booking?venue_id=12&activity_category_id=64

Head to our Holiday Camps page and you will see all of our activities on offer for December



Blackmoors Lane, Bower Ashton, Bristol, BS3 2JL

Our OFSTED regulated multi-sports Escape Zone, is available for 4-14 year olds. The children will take part in a mixture of different sports and games that can include Dodgeball, Tag games, Basketball, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Football, Parachute Games and much more.

Depending on the age, and amount of children booked in, they may be split into groups for different activities. Each day is different with the majority of the games being played indoors, but depending on the weather they may go outdoors.

Giving hope to grieving children

The emphasis is on children having lots of fun throughout the day and interacting and mixing with other children of different ages and abilities.



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Bristol's Clean Air Zone will start in less than 2 months. Now is the time to check you're ready, find out if you'll be charged and learn more about support and exemptions. Visit bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone

#CleanAirForBristol #CleanAirMatters

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Free meals Wednesdays 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome

FoodCycle Bristol Easton Easton Christian Family Centre St Jude's BS5 0SQ **Come in!** For tasty food and good company





Free meals Saturdays 1.30pm

Everyone is welcome

FoodCycle Bristol Barton Hill Settlement 43 Ducie Road BS5 0AX



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Kids Yoga 6 Week Course

Yoga through stories, movement, fun & play

For ages 4-6 years

Starts Wednesday 2nd November 4-4:45pm

> Course cost £50 (Introductory price 4 classes for Single session £12







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