



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

What a quiet week!

Ofsted Visit

As you will be aware, we were visited by Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The outcome is strictly confidential until the report is finalised so I am sorry I cannot tell you more, but I will share it with you as soon as I am able to.

I can however, say a huge thank you for your support this week. Whether offering messages of support at the gates or smiling encouragingly as we passed... staff really appreciated the moral support we felt from you.

There was also a really high number of responses to the parent/carer survey so thank you for taking the time to complete it if you did.

When the report is published I will of course make you aware.

Mrs Lyons

Having been a firm fixture in Starfish class for the last 12 months, today we said farewell to Mrs Lyons. She has been a wonderfully caring, skilful and committed member of the team and we are sad to see her go. She will be enjoying some time relaxing and travelling but will hopefully be available to pop back in to see us in between her adventures. I know those of you who know Mrs Lyons will join me in wishing her lots of love and luck for the future.

Lateness

Particularly at Merrywood, we are noticing an increasing number of children arriving after 9.00 in the morning. Not only does this mean they miss valuable learning time but children can often find it stressful entering a class that has already settled.

If your morning routine has been slipping a bit lately, after the holiday I would be grateful if you could prioritise getting your child here on time. Thank you for your support with this.

Food Bank

Mrs Mathias has once again been working hard (with the help of some willing children!) to pull together a total of 20 food parcels for the holiday period. We are so grateful for the support in our parent community for the food bank whether through donations of food or money.

Thank you also to BS3 Community Development who have donated wonderful veg boxes which have been distributed with the parcels.

If you would like to contribute to the ongoing food parcel fund, you can donate here <https://app.investmycommunity.com/southville-primary-school-2730>

Thank you!

Discounted Football Tickets

We have been offered HALF-PRICE TICKETS for the match at Ashton Gate between City Women versus Charlton Women. The match takes place one month today (Sunday 23rd April) and it's City's final home game of the season. City Women are currently top of the Women's Championship so this should be a thrilling encounter.

To take advantage of this brilliant offer, simply add the tickets to your basket and then at the checkout enter promo code: **GROUP50**

Note: there isn't a minimum or maximum number of tickets you can purchase for this offer so invite all your friends along.

To buy tickets for this fixture please click the following link: https://tickets.bristol-sport.co.uk/en-GB/events/bristol%20city%20women%20v%20charlton%20athletic%20women/2023-4-23_15.00/ashton%20gate%20stadium?hallmap

With this offer tickets will be just £4 for adults and £2 for juniors.

Come on you Reds!

Changes for autism and adhd assessment in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset

Sirona have announced that they have changed the criteria for carrying out the assessment and diagnosis of autism and adhd. They have moved to a needs-led model of support. They have introduced a strict criteria for assessment to target resources for the most severe and vulnerable children. This is in response to unmanageable waiting lists. They have not changed the actual criteria for the conditions. For further detail please see <https://www.sirona-cic.org.uk/nhsservices/childrens-services> This will not change the support your child should expect to receive in this school and for their education journey. We are being encouraged to continue to think in terms of neurodivergence and identifying and meeting needs, rather than focusing on a diagnosis.

Neurodiversity is a term that recognises people experience and respond to the world around them in different ways. Individuals may have aspects of life they find challenging for which they require different support at school and different approaches to parenting and behaviour.

Neurodiversity includes conditions such as Autism, ADHD, dyspraxia, dyslexia, language disorder, coordination disorder, tourette syndrome, and learning disabilities with many people having features associated with a range of neurodiverse conditions.

You will still be able to access the same support and opportunities for you child without a diagnosis. If you do have concerns and feel your child could be neurodivergent please discuss their needs with your teacher or contact Catherine Moody sensouthvillep@bristol-schools.uk

Places to contact for further advice, support, courses and groups include:

· Flora team (Families, Local Offer, Resources and Advice) Monday to Friday on 0117 352 6020. Or email flora@bristol.gov.uk · Parent Carer Forum <https://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk> · Sirona <https://www.sirona-cic.org.uk/nhsservices/childrens-services/advice-and-signposting>

· <https://www.bristolautismsupport.org>

· For girls <https://www.neondaisy.org.uk>

Date for your diaries

Coffee morning with parent/carers forum at Myrtle site on April 24th 9-10.30

Finally

Ramadan Mubarak if you are celebrating Ramadan at the moment. Happy Easter if you will be celebrating Easter during the holiday.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a restful holiday. Andy Bowman

Attachments:

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