



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

Whole School Assembly Theme

On Monday Mr Potter led an assembly of two parts. The first was all about Odd Socks Day and the important anti-bullying messages of valuing our differences and being kind to one another, to tie in with national Anti-Bullying Week. The idea of 'Making a Noise about Bullying' is all about encouraging the children to speak up when they are treated unkindly, and Mr Potter linked this to behaviour in the playground. This led smoothly into the second part of the assembly which was to officially introduce our new go-karts to our lunchtime play offer. Kindly funded by the PTA, there are three go-karts on each site and they are the first phase of us introducing more wheeled options to our play selection. So far it is fair to say they have been a huge hit!

Myrtle Street Parking

Following last week's newsletter, thank you to those people who have taken steps to ensure they are parking legally and safely around school. If everyone continues to do what they can then collectively we can make a difference so all efforts are very much appreciated. In relation to this, before challenging others on their decision making, please do bear in mind that some members of our community are blue badge holders and are therefore legally entitled to park on double yellow lines.

If you are not a blue badge holder, please do ensure you are parking legally (not on the yellow lines or zigzags) or even better parking away from the school and walking, scooting or cycling to get here.

Milford Street Home Zone

If you are in a car around our Merrywood site, please bear in mind that Milford Street is not intended to be a regular through road. Priority is given to cyclists, pedestrians and residents - please do resist any temptation to cut through in a car. Thank you.

School Dinners

Just to remind you that school lunches must be paid for in advance (including children who receive a free school meal) by using the Payments section in IRIS Parentmail and crediting the Shop/School meals option.

You have until midnight the day before to book a school meal. You will not be able to book on the day as the system will not allow you (the option will be greyed out). You will be able to see the menu for each day, and with your child, select your preferred option. There is the option to book by day, week, month or term.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, please ensure any outstanding dinner debts are cleared as soon as possible so that you are able to order further meals.

If you have any difficulties, please contact the school office for advice.

Fire Engine Visit

This week, Year 2 had a (planned!) visit from the fire service to complement their Great Fire of London topic. Among other things, they discussed the importance of regularly testing smoke alarms, and the children were encouraged to ask their parents or carers to test their smoke alarms when they get home.

If your home doesn't have a smoke alarm, you may not be aware that the fire service can install them for free. Please just call 0117 926 2061 to arrange a visit.

Term Dates 2024-25

The term dates for next academic year, as set out by Bristol City Council, are as follows:

Term 1: 2 September 2024 to 25 October 2024

Term 2: 4 November 2024 to 20 December 2024

Term 3: 6 January 2025 to 14 February 2025

Term 4: 24 February 2025 - 4 April 2025

Term 5: 22 April 2025 to 23 May 2025

Term 6: 2 June 2025 to 22 July 2025

This does not include the five INSET days, however I can confirm that the 2nd and 3rd of September 2024 will be INSETs, with the children returning to school on Wednesday 4th September.

Children in Need

If you chose to donate to Children in Need via ParentMail, thank you! We raised £61 at the last count. It has been lovely to see the CiN merchandise around school today.

Curriculum Surveys

Thank you to everyone who took a moment to add their thoughts to the curriculum surveys. We have had some fantastic ideas shared, including people, places, stories and examples that will fit into our new curriculum brilliantly.

I will keep the surveys open for another week - as I have said before, please do feel free to forward them on to family and friends with expertise to share.

History: <https://forms.gle/BpPPZzbodDwoxJt5>

Geography: <https://forms.gle/3EGhGWsTLnv5zR8n6>

Art: <https://forms.gle/PzKE4DFDP3GKXFYTA>

Design Technology: <https://forms.gle/KQywj5a4r1kxch59>

Science: <https://forms.gle/kmMdUYfH7NSJcjt5>

We have more exciting steps ahead of us with our new curriculum design and I will update you further as we go.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman