



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

Whole School Assembly Theme

This week in assembly we were joined by Andy Council, who is the first artist to visit us ahead of Southfest in March. He shared examples of his amazing work (some of which you can see here <https://www.andycouncil.co.uk/>) and asked the children to suggest landmarks to feature in the piece he is creating for us, as well as the animal they would like him to place at the centre of it. We are now collating all of the bits of paper and flipcharts to send Andy's way and we cannot wait to see what he comes up with!

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Farrah Fortnam who, like Andy, will be leading assemblies on both sites.

Uniform

Following my communication with you in the summer regarding our school uniform, there has been a noticeable improvement across the school in the consistency and general smartness of the children so thank you so much for your support with this.

If you would like to remind yourself of our expectations, here is the uniform policy: <https://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk/media/1886/uniform-approved-18723.pdf>

One of the changes in this policy was that we are moving away from children wearing t-shirts for PE in the colour of their school house, in favour of a white or red polo shirt or t-shirt. We built in a transition period so that previously bought t-shirts would still be allowed, so this is just a reminder that from September this will become the 'norm'. Thank you again for your support with this.

Reminder – closing date for Reception 2024 application 15th January 2024.

The closing date to make a Reception application for September 2024 is fast approaching.

For families living in Bristol, the preferred method of application is online at [Apply for a new reception primary place \(bristol.gov.uk\)](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/apply-for-a-new-reception-primary-place) It is quick and easy to apply, without the risk of the application form being lost in the post.

Families can also apply using a paper application form. Please send completed application forms to School Admissions by email at school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk.

Data Collection Sheet

Just a reminder that the deadline for data sheets to be returned to us (or just the slip confirming no changes) is next Friday (19th January). Please do return the slip to us even if there are no changes so that we know the information has been checked. Thank you so much for your help with this.

Fish Finger Thursday

For one week only, Thursday of next week will be Fish Finger Day at lunchtime to coincide with school census day.

That's it for this week. Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman.