



November 5th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see everyone back after the Autumn half term break. We hope you enjoyed a good rest and were able to get out and about in the little bit of sunshine we had.

Important Covid Information

I just want to remind parents and carers that if anyone in your family has symptoms and books a covid-19 test, please keep all your children at home until you receive the test result. If the result is positive, everyone must continue to self-isolate for a total of 14 days, even if your children do not develop symptoms. If the test is negative, your children may return to school. In either event, please notify school immediately. As the situation deteriorates, it is increasingly important that everyone acts with great caution to help us to keep all our school community safe. You have all been doing a fantastic job in this respect. Please keep going. Your care and concern is certainly enabling us to keep fully open and attendance high.

Harvest

Thank you for all your harvest donations. The North Bristol Foodbank were overwhelmed by your generosity. In case you did not see the pictures on Facebook, I have included them below. The first shows the contributions brought in and the second the foodbank representative collecting them.



FOLs Run for Robotics

Run for Robotics is officially over. Thanks to FOLs for this great idea and for coordinating the event. Classes managed to run the distance to the science museum between them - a fantastic achievement. We have already had a huge amount of sponsor money in and we will let you know the results as soon as possible. Please bring in any remaining money by Friday so FOLs can have a final tally and we can let you know how much you have raised.

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Curriculum Themes

All classes are well immersed in their new themes' These are:

EYFS: Flying High

Year 1: Me, Myself and I

Year 2: Poles Apart

Year 3: Rocks and Raindrops

Year 4: Smashing Saxons and Vicious Vikings

Year 5: Revolution!

Year 6: Lest We Forget

Your children are, as always very engaged and showing high levels of curiosity, creativity and resilience as they increase their knowledge and skills. Parent Overviews will come home this week if you have not already received them.

Tales by Torchlight

We were hoping to continue with our ever-popular Tales by Torchlight but as a result of the lockdown starting today, we will unfortunately have to postpone this. We are very optimistic that before the clocks go forward again in Spring we will be able to hold this event. All our staff are hoping so too as it is one of their favourite events! Later this term teachers will be reading some early evening stories by zoom to their classes so look out for those dates coming up. Some of the parent overviews may still have Tales by Torchlight on them. Please disregard this.

Technical Troubles

Our Harvest contributions have been proving a little tricky to download to the website. Most year groups are on there now under the class pages so do have a look. At Christmas we plan to record a whole school Christmas presentation of Nativity, dance and music onto a DVD and sell these at a nominal price to simply cover our costs. We will let you know about these plans in more detail during the coming weeks.

Dan Ross

It was lovely being able to introduce many of you to Dan Ross, our new Head Teacher this week. Dan will be visiting school most Tuesdays during this term. He has been into classes to say hello to children and staff and will be continuing to work closely with myself and Mr Jelf to help make the transition as smooth as possible. He is really looking forward to getting to know our wonderful children and families so do come and say hello when you are dropping or collecting children next week

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Contact

A number of you have mentioned that you have not been receiving email communications regarding inset days and other key dates and information. If you feel you have not received letters you should have received, please contact the office by phone or email to confirm your details. There are definitely some out-dated email addresses on our system!

Times Tables Rockstars

We are going to be having a big push on times tables this term in KS2 and we will be re-launching TT Rockstars with certificates being presented as the children improve their speed. It is also maths week in England next week so there is a nationwide competition on TT Rockstars that we have signed up to. A letter will be coming home to provide more information on this. Please continue to support your children with their times tables – they are vitally important to support them with the rest of their maths.

Sports

This month we are also going to be taking part in the South Gloucestershire Virtual Cross Country Event. Each class will need have specific distance run around the school field. There will be house points and certificates awarded from school and we will make sure we put photos on the website and Facebook so you can see the children in action.

Finally, we have our weekly list of children who have stood out in their classes for displaying our skills of curiosity, creativity, resilience, teamwork, participation and kindness. Well done everyone!



Week Ending 23rd October

Year 1 :	Layton (Resilience) Harry (Participation)	Catalaya (Kindness) Jacob E. (Participation)
Year 2:	Zac (Teamwork) Kobie (Resilience)	Layton C. (Curiosity) Isobel (Creativity)
Year 3:	Airida (Curiosity) Maya (Resilience)	Malvina (Creativity) Scarlett-Rose P. (Participation)
Year 4:	Imogen (Creativity) Maddie (Resilience)	Azalee (Teamwork) Olivia (Curiosity)
Year 5:	Caleb (Creativity) Layla (Resilience)	Jack (Resilience) Chyler (Curiosity)
Year 6:	Connie (Creativity) Beau (Participation)	Louis (Teamwork) Will (Resilience)

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Sadly, we are moving into a four-week lockdown now. However, unlike in March we are so happy that school remains open and your children can still learn in a safe and happy environment. As you can tell, there is still plenty going on to interest and motivate everyone. Please reassure your children that school is safe and do keep in touch with us over this period and let us know if we can do anything to help your family.

Kind Regards,

With my good wishes to you all.

Anne Sargent

(Head Teacher)