



St. Paul's Newsletter

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RISE Theatre: The Mustard Seed

We are very much looking forward to spending the day with RISE Theatre Team who will present the 'Mustard Seed Story' day as an official launch to The St Paul's Way. The interactive day features a morning assembly, drama workshops facilitated by the RISE team and art workshops facilitated by teachers, all culminating in a captivating interactive performance in the afternoon.

The day is based on the parable of the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32) with the performance telling the story of a Gardener who plants some small seeds. The journey of a seed is likened to each child. All are invited to journey together as the seed is planted, takes root and grows to become a mighty and colourful tree. Every child gets to become part of the story.

Children will be divided into workshop groups made up of Gardeners, Explorers, Warriors and Creators. Some will take part in art workshops and contribute to the props for the story and the others will participate in drama workshops and contribute to the telling of the story. Every child will therefore take part in the interactive performance, including opportunities to participate through song and actions.

It promises to be a fantastic day for all. Thank you all for providing some of the craft materials we needed.

NSPCC: E-Safety Presentation

A presentation for parents will take place on **Monday 8th October at 9.00am**. Refreshments available from 8.45am. Please make every effort to attend as it promises to be a really helpful and informative session.

You will have received

a Google form questionnaire regarding e-safety from Miss Smith by email and subsequent in a text with a link. Please do complete the survey so that we can continue to identify areas to support you and your children with the ever changing landscape of technology.



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Snacks at playtime

This is an on going battle we have to promote healthy eating and appropriate snacks at morning play.

We do have a long teaching morning and children are hungry by playtime at 11.00am. So, naturally they will want to have a snack.

We are encouraging children to make a healthy choice. Fruit is also available in Key Stage One.

Snacks of toast, fruit pots

and fruit juice cartons are available from the kitchen trolley too. Prices from 10p.

Staff will never confiscate a snack you provide, but will comment on the healthier choices.

I've said it before, but whole tins of pringles for example are not considered appropriate snacks. Bars of pure chocolate, give a short lived sugar boost, but rarely address the feeling of

hunger.

I hope you will support us in this. I have a few very frustrated parents, trying to do the right thing in providing a nutritious snack whilst having to listen to their child saying "but my friend takes a bag of crisps!"



Open Day Arrangements: admissions Sept 2019

We will be holding a series of Open Days for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2019.

If you have a child due to start school next year or have a friend who does and would like to make a visit please join us for a tour at any of the following times:

Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th October at 9.30am

Applications close on January 15th 2019.

If you would like to come, please let us know which tour you would like to come on

If you can't make any of these times, please phone 01454 866790 to make an alternative arrangement.

Helpers in school

We are always pleased to hear from anyone who may be able to offer some time to help in school, both on a regular basis and for the occasional session. If you would like to find out more about what you

could volunteer to help with, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Please note that volunteers in school are subject to DBS checks and clearance.

If you have a skill or talent

that you could share or demonstrate to the children, we would especially like to hear from you. Get your thinking caps on!

CAFOD: Brighten Up Day

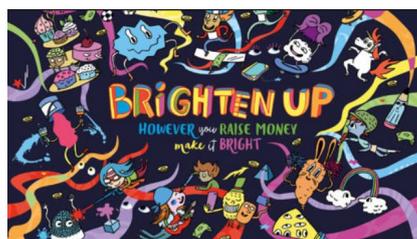
The Chaplaincy Team would like you to help make a difference by supporting the work of Cafod.

On **Friday 5th October 2018**, children (and staff) are encouraged to come to school wearing brightly coloured clothes in return for a donation to Cafod. Envelopes will be given to the children next week for their donation.

The money raised helps Cafod transform people's lives across the world. £1 buys seeds for a whole family to grow beans, £7 buys a treated mosquito net that keeps children safe

from malaria, £33 supplies one family with safe, clean water in their home and £300 buys a mobile health team for remote communities that don't have hospitals.

Lets brighten ourselves and brighten up the lives of others too.



Secondary School Applications

Important dates for Year 6 pupils:

Application for Secondary School must be made **by 31st October 2018** and places will be announced on March 1st 2019

South Gloucestershire Council highly recommend using the online application system. Individual schools advertise their own open days/evenings. Even though we are asked to pass on information letters from schools, please check dates and times directly with them as they are best placed to give you the up to date information.

Attendance

At the end of each month we under take an analysis of attendance for each child. If your child dips under 95% attendance, this will be flagged to you by letter. If attendance continues to decline, we will investigate the pattern with you, offering support as appropriate. Whole school attendance to date is currently 97.1%. Highest class attendance is in Year 5 with 99.38%

INSET Days

INSET days 2018-19 were published in the list of dates at the back of the last newsletter and are listed here again for you:

Monday 3rd September
 Tuesday 4th September
 Monday 25th February
 Tuesday 23rd April
 Monday 8th July

The school year is made up of 195 days, of which children are only required to attend 190. 5 days are reserved for training and development of staff.

Safeguarding

Reminder:

Parking on site is restricted to school staff only and those with a Blue Badge with permission to do so.

This parking rule applies to parents dropping off and breakfast club or picking up from an after school club. We simply do not have the space to invite additional cars on site. Don't be offend if you are moved on!

Fundraising Forum: Update

The fundraising forum met on Friday to review previous events and to plan for the future.

It was agreed that there was enough consistent support and commitment to re-establish the Friends of St. Paul's group and as such an AGM will be held on Friday 7th December at 9.00am at which an election of officers will take place. Please look out for nomination papers.

In the meantime....

Upcoming events:

Friday 9th November:
Super Hero Disco
Reception Class and KS 1: 5.30pm-6.30pm
Key Stage 2: 7.00-8.00pm

Friday 14th December:
Christmas Shopping/Christmas Fair

Clay Poppy Project

We are one of the 14 local Primary Schools that has received a pack of clay recently – in order for our pupils to make air dried clay poppies for the forthcoming Armistice 100 celebrations.

November 11th 2018 will mark 100 years since the ceasefire, which has come to be recognised and remembered by many as end of World War 1 (even if the actual end was a few months later). The event is being called Armistice 100 and various organisations from the towns / parishes of Yate, Dodington and Sodbury have been working alongside each other to pull events together that will remember the sacrifices made and to commemorate the 100 year anniversary.

Children in our school will be making clay poppies which will be on display in St Mary's church, Yate and will later be available for a donation to the Royal British Legion. They will be on display from 27th October 2018 – 12th November 2018.

If you would like to get involved in this project please, let the office know and we can align you with a class to support.

The National Child Measurement Programme

Every year in England, children in **Reception and Year 6** have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

The School Health Nursing Service (SHNS) will measure children's height and weight, record it privately and keep it confidential. No individual measurements will be given to school staff or other children.

As research has shown that parents want to receive their child's result, parents/carers of both Reception and Year 6 pupils

will receive their child's results unless they withdraw.

We will let you know when your child will be weighed and measured and you will have an opportunity to opt in or out.

More information about healthy lifestyles for all the family is available on the Live Well section of the NHS Choices web site:

www.nhs.uk and on the Change4Life web site at: www.nhs.uk/change4life

The weighing and measuring day for Year 6 will be Wednesday 7th November. Please note that you only need to return the form if you are **NOT** giving consent to the programme. It is an opt out programme, so your child will be weighed and measured, unless you tell us otherwise.

Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

October

Monday 1st: “St. Paul’s Way” launch day in conjunction with RISE Theatre (details to follow)

Wednesday 3rd: 9.30am Open Morning

Friday 5th: CAFOD: Non Uniform day
Swimming Starts for Year 6

Monday 8th: 9.00am NSPCC E-Safety Presentation for parents

Wednesday 10th: 9.30am Open Morning
Harvest Mass (tbc)

Friday 12th: Football Vs Watermore (A)

Monday 15th: Year 6 Marist Retreat Day
Football Vs Frampton (H)

Wednesday 17th: 9.30am Open Morning

Thursday 18th: Football Vs Crossways Junior (H)

Tuesday 23rd: Football Vs St Marys, Yate (A)

Wednesday 24th: 9.30am Open Morning
4.30-6.30pm Parents’ Evening

Thursday 25th: 3.45pm-6.00pm Parents’ Evening

Friday 26th: 9.00am Fundraising Meeting
Chaplaincy Team Training at St Gregory’s.
Bath

Last day of Term 1

Monday 29th-Friday 2nd Nov: HALF TERM BREAK

November

Monday 5th: Term 2 begins

Thursday 8th: Into Film Festival, whole school trip to the cinema (depart school 9.15am)

Friday 9th: Year 6 Class Assembly 3pm
Super Hero Disco

Reception and KS1 5.30pm-6.30pm
KS2: 7.00pm-8.00pm