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**Friday 20th July 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that another Year has passed by and what a busy one it has been with lots of exciting activities, trips, and sports and of course lots of learning. We had a beautiful mass yesterday a fitting tribute to all our leavers.

We have had another very successful year with great academic results (see below). Thank you for all your help and support we couldn't do it without you.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for all the generous gifts, cards and thanks that you have given us. We really do appreciate it all.

### **PTFA**

The summer fair was very well attended and everyone had a great day out. The PTFA raised over £3,000. Thank you to everyone that helped and took part. We particularly enjoyed the bake off challenge and thank you to Mrs Mougeot for organising.



The splash and dash was great fun we all got well and truly covered, thank you to Mrs Ahmadi-Ganj for organising.

We are very excited about the new children's kitchen which will be fitted in Gen's Room over the holidays. Thank you to every-one for contributing and the PTFA for organising.



***"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."***



Please keep an eye on the website for details of PTFA meetings and AGM in September.

## **PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTFA: THEY DO SO MUCH FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL**

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Attached to the email are the results of the parent questionnaire there were 13 returns (8.6%). A couple of issues were raised which we have addressed.

- *The early parent's evening being too early.* This essentially was a meet and greet and for you to express any concerns. We now have our meet and greet the teacher during the second week back. We have pushed the first parent's evening forward to the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of October so that we will have gathered more academic information to share with you.
- *Ongoing issues with the web site not being updated and not being stimulating or attractive.* We have changed aspects of the website and made it easier to navigate.
- *The medical room was very expensive and not being used as a medical room.* These projects are funded from a funding stream that can only be used for infra structure to do with health and safety and safeguarding. The medical room has been built as such but as usual with all small schools it is a multipurpose room that we can use for lots of other activities.

The chair of Governors will address the question re the flag pole in his letter to parents. (Attached to the email)

### **KS2 SATS results 2018**

No pupils 30	Met standard <b>actual (30 pupils)</b>	GDS	R,W and M combined	Average Scaled score
Reading	<b>94%</b> <b>(28 pupils)</b> 75% 76%		27 children met standard in all 3-90% 64% 64%	107 <b>105</b>
Writing	<b>97%</b> <b>(29 pupils)</b> 78% 79%	<b>33%</b> <b>(10 pupils)</b>		
Maths	<b>94%</b> <b>(28 pupils)</b> 76% 74%			106 <b>104</b>
SPAG	<b>88%</b> <b>(26 pupils)</b> 78% 74%			107 <b>106</b>

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### **KS1 Results/Teacher assessment- Year 2 30 children**

	Met standard + <b>actual</b>	Working at greater depth <b>actual</b>
Reading	67% (20 children)	33% (10 children)
Writing	64%	10%



	(19 children)	(3 children)
Maths	80% (24 children)	23% (7 children)

### **Phonics screening- Meeting expected standard**

**(Threshold 32/40)**

Year 1 (27 in class)
85% (23 children)

These are a great set of results and I would like to congratulate all the staff for their hard work and dedication and all the parents for their support, not forgetting the children for super effort.

### **SCHOOL MEALS**

Please note that the current menu will run through until the October half term. There will however be one change from September; there will be NO WRAP OPTION. Instead there will be jacket potatoes, with various fillings that will change daily.

### **CHARITY WORK**

St. Joseph's raised £182.00 for The Wallace and Gromit appeal-wrong trousers day.

Year 6 raised £332.00 for St Peter's hospice from a combination of their business fair and school play-well done.

### **E-Safety**

#### **DITTO eSafety Magazine (eSafety Advisor)**

Alan Mackenzie, the eSafety advisor has published the latest edition of his 'DITTO' magazine, on the theme of YouTube.

Download here: <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

More information about Fortnite

[Fortnite, Epic Games](https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/home)

<https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/home>

['Fortnite chat raises stranger danger fears from NSPCC', BBC News, 3 May 2018](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210>

[Fortnite: all you need to know, Net aware, from the NSPCC and O2](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-you-need-know/)

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### **SNAPCHAT**

There have been some changes to Snapchat and this guide from NOS will tell parents all about how they can help their child keep safe over the summer.

Snapchat ranked #4 in list of things that have negative impact on young people's wellbeing!

[https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/snapchat-guide-for-parents/?mc\\_cid=c05634919f&mc\\_eid=27873daa14](https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/snapchat-guide-for-parents/?mc_cid=c05634919f&mc_eid=27873daa14)



## **Safeguarding**

### **Lost Children – Finding Them Fast**

During the summer in particular, children regularly become separated from parents on days out in the excitement of a new place or adventure. This can result in numerous agencies being involved in searching for them – police, street wardens, beach rangers, security staff, etc and obviously the longer a child is lost the greater the risks for them. We want to make this process more efficient and as parents and carers you are in the best position to help us do this.

**Talk to your children and remember these three simple steps for any day out or crowded area:**

1. **Take a number:** Ensure the children in your care have your contact telephone number, e.g. on a wristband, on a temporary transfer on their wrist, on a piece of paper, on their mobile if they have one. This will enable them to ask a professional to call you if you become separated (e.g. police, security staff, shop staff, etc.).
2. **Take a moment:** Agree a safe place to meet in the event that you do become separated. The lost children safe place in Weston-Super-Mare town centre is at the Tourist Information Centre on the seafront so if you're planning a trip to the beach then this is a good point.
3. **Take a photo:** Take a full length photo when you arrive at your destination of the children in your care, so that if you do become separated you can provide a clear and accurate description of them.

**We have been trialling a new system with regards the green gates at the side of the school. After listening to parents views and consulting with staff and Governors it has been decided to keep the gates open as long as there are no children in the hall with the doors open. Unfortunately this might mean that we can't give parents notice if the above is happening and they might arrive to find the gates locked until just before 3pm. This will probably be only on a few occasions and certainly not likely to happen very often in the winter.**

## **Community News**

### **LIFESKILLS SUMMER CHALLENGE**

Can you get a balloon from A to B without letting it touch your body? Can you draw a realistic self-portrait while blindfolded? Get crafty, creative and competitive in the Lifeskills Summer Challenge. Take part in fun challenges inspired by 'Task Master' and 'The Button'. When? 13th and 23rd August, 10am – 12pm. Where? Lifeskills, The Create Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol, BS1 6XN. Entry is £2. Most suitable for 7-11 year olds but all ages welcome. Contact [johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk](mailto:johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk) or call 0117 922 4511 for more information.

### **LIFESKILLS DOORS OPEN DAY**

Come along to the Lifeskills Centre this September for a fun, family-friendly day out. We will have stalls from the fire service, the RNLI, Network Rail and more. There will be games, crafts and other activities including a puppet show. When? Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 4pm (last entry 3.30pm). Where? Lifeskills, The Create Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol, BS1 6XN. Free entry. Suitable for all ages. Contact [johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk](mailto:johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk) or call 0117 922 4511 for more information.



### **SHOES-Solelution The High Street Portishead**

Last year we, SoleLution, ran our Giving SoleLutions scheme asking parents to donate their children's used but wearable school shoes, via SoleLution, to the Za Foundation and Educate the Kids. In January this year, my son, George, and I were lucky to visit the Jolaurabi School in Kenya, run by Educate the Kids to fit some of the shoes we collected. Next January we would like to go again and take even more shoes.

Kind regards  
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Have a very happy and safe holiday.

God Bless  
Mrs Jackson

*'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.'* 2 Corinthians 5: 17

**Please see the school calendar on the website for all school events**

## Term dates 2018-2019

- term 1: Monday 3 September 2018 to Friday 26 October 2018
- term 2: Monday 5 November 2018 to Friday 21 December 2018
- term 3: Monday 7 January 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019
- term 4: Monday 25 February 2019 to Friday 5 April 2019
- term 5: Tuesday 23 April 2019 to Friday 24 May 2019
- term 6: Monday 3 June 2019 to Tuesday 23 July 2019

#### INSET DAYS:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019