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**This term's Christian Value is Perseverance:**

**'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me' Philippians 4.13**

### January 2023

- 15<sup>th</sup> Closing date for reception applications
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Camp Meeting at 2:30pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Scholastic Book Fair Week: Books on sale, Tuesday - Friday
- 31<sup>st</sup> Oral Hygiene workshops

### February 2023

- 6<sup>th</sup> **Inset day**
- 7<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Bedtime Stories
- 10<sup>th</sup> **End of Term 3**
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Inset Day**
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Start of Term 4**



### St Mary's Stars

**Little Acorns:** All of Little Acorns for their excellent Nativity performance.

Dougie R for naming five different types of dinosaurs.

**Little Oaks:** Tommy for being a great friend and helper in Little Oaks.

Harley for trying so hard with her reading and writing.

Zara for coming back ready to learn.

Wilf for joining in with our Fairy tale Role Play and spotting lots of characters in the books.

**Class 1:** Ezra for trying so hard with writing and wanting to do more.

Luca for great attitude, great worker and great behavior.

**Class 2:** Eleanor for clear instructions using imperative verbs.

Anna for great work all week, being kind to everyone and trying her best.

**Class 3:** Jacob for his improvement in reading.

Zack W for his effort since returning to school.

**Class 4:** Erinn for her fantastic piece of descriptive writing.

Nathan for his superb effort in maths this week and always trying hard.

**Class 5:** Niamh for always being compassionate

Jemima for her enthusiasm and determination in maths.

**Class 6:** Ryan for being so helpful and trying hard in lessons

Noah for his dedication and commitment to swimming and 100% attendance in class 5 & 6.

**Other Achievers:** Children in Year 6 who took part in the swimming gala.

Class 6 pupils who received their swimming certificates.





### Staffing Updates

We wish Miss Golden well as she leaves us to commence her maternity leave this week, we can't wait to meet her bundle of joy.

**IT'S A GIRL !!!**

Huge congratulations to Miss Beere who gave birth to beautiful baby girl at the weekend.  
Both mother and baby and doing well and enjoying some family time.



### Swimming Lessons

As we welcome children back to the New Year, we are resuming our swimming lessons as part of the PE curriculum for Class 5 on Wednesday afternoons until 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Pupils in Class 6 benefitted from two terms of swimming lessons before Christmas and Class 4 will be swimming from 19<sup>th</sup> April- 12<sup>th</sup> July.

The cost of the swimming lessons are funded by the school. However, due to the rise in transport costs we are ask parents for a contribution of £10 towards the cost of transport to and from the Sports Centre.

Please can we remind those who still owe from last term and those swimming this term that payments can be made on Parent Pay or cash at the school office.

We firmly believe that being able to swim is a fundamental life skill. Not only does it open up a world of opportunities – swim parties, paddle boarding, swimming and surfing in the sea, but practically it can save ones life.

For this reason, swimming lessons form part of the National Curriculum and are a compulsory element to our Physical Education offer.

### Learning and Curriculum

We have been refining our curriculum over the past few months and ensuring that it meets the needs of all our learners. One of our focuses has been to ensure our curriculum is progressive and each lesson builds on previous learning (weekly, termly and yearly). We have also considered how we make the learning 'stick'. This means ensuring that short term learning (key knowledge and skills) are firmly set in children's long term memory. We can support this through regularly reviewing what children have learnt and make links between the learning (building up schema) in topics. We also know that children love our wider, inspirational curriculum and below is an example from Year 1.



Class 1 have had been immersing themselves in 'The Gruffalo' this week and were even visited by a 'terrible creature with terrible claws...' Aaargh! Truly scary!

### Dance Umbrella Club - Terms 3 and 4

#### Exciting news!!!!

We have been informed by the Schools Sports Coordinator that Dance Umbrella will return this year on **Monday March 27th at The Forum in Bath.**

In previous years we have taken part in this event which has provided the children the opportunity to perform on the 'big' stage with a large audience alongside many other schools in the Bath Area. It is an AMAZING event! The children watch all the performances from the upstairs gallery taking it in turns to perform for parents and guests who are seated downstairs.

Children are transported to Bath on a coach, provided by school, and are collected at the end by parents or a nominated adult, who traditionally have bought tickets to watch this wonderful show.

The timescales of the event are:

PM: Children are transported to Forum with school staff and rehearse

Tea is preordered from McDonalds and eaten at The Forum

Evening: Parents arrive and are seated downstairs in the Forum to watch the show

At the end: tired performers (children) are safely handed to parents (or nominated adult) by members of staff to transport home.

All children that attend KS1 or 2 Dance Umbrella Club in Terms 3 and 4 will be expected to attend the Dance Umbrella on the 27<sup>th</sup> March as the dance taught by the teachers are geared towards this performance.

There will be a cost to attend the Dance Umbrella Club of £15 per pupil to cover the cost of costumes, McDonald tea and coach travel to the event.



### **Book Fayre**

Exciting news. The Scholastic Book Fayre will return on 31<sup>st</sup> January – 3rd February.

We are pleased to be able to welcome Scholastic back into school. For those who have not been to the book fayre there are a range of books available for children and parents to purchase and for every book sold the school benefits from being able to choose books. We will use these to add to our new school library.

Books will be on sale at the end of the school day.

### Reception Applications

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023, please be reminded the closing date for on-time Reception applications is **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**



### Torchlit Bed time Stories

We are excited to remind parents that our popular 'Bedtime Story Evening' will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Children are invited to return back to school at 5.30pm and stay until 6.30pm, dressed in pyjamas and slippers and armed with their bedtime teddy, cosy blanket (optional) and a mug for bedtime hot chocolate. The purpose of the event is to reinforce the importance of reading and to share in the fun and enjoyment of reading a good book before bed!

The teachers will be sharing their favourite stories and leading some book related activities.

This year we are supporting "Friends of Oleksandriya", which is led by Zhenya Shkil representing this area of Ukraine to get 25 generators urgently to our friends in Oleksandriya this winter

**If you are able to donate some spare change for this great cause please send your child to bedtime stories with a cash donation.**

"Oleksandriya is a city similar in size to Bath with 86,600 residents, and since the Russian hostilities it has become a place of refuge for over 11,700 displaced Ukrainian citizens migrating from war torn regions in the east of the country. 2,500 of these are children. This winter, the people of Oleksandriya are suffering power outages caused by Russian military action, enduring freezing temperatures and limited light. They urgently need our help to keep vital services working, and we would like your staff and pupils to be involved and help us provide this emergency support. Normal everyday activities are so difficult when you have no electricity and even bedtime story time has to be done by torchlight or candlelight"

Please note: **ALL** children must be collected from bedtime stories



### Oral Hygiene Day

The School Nursing Team will be in school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January to deliver an assembly to ALL students on oral health and healthy lifestyle choices. Classes 1 and 2 will also be taking part in a dental hygiene workshop during the day.

### Safer Internet Day 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Last week the children were reminded about keeping safe online during a whole school assembly and teachers used time in classes to teach reinforce this.

We regularly teach our children about how to live knowledgeably, responsibly and safely in a digital world through our JIGSAW (PHSE) scheme, which covers the following aspects.

- Self-image and identity
- Online relationships
- Online reputation
- Online bullying
- Managing online information
- Health, well-being and lifestyle
- Privacy and security
- Copyright and ownership

Additionally our Computing Scheme: Purple Mash is a great teaching resource with topics specifically for each age group on Internet safety.



### Medical Health Care Plans: Information update

We are in the process of updating Individual's Healthcare Plans on our computer system. IHCP's (Individual Health Care Plan) are put in place if your child has a diagnosed medical problem which requires regular medication or care. Common conditions which might require an individual healthcare plan include asthma, allergies, epilepsy and diabetes. As well as for more complex medical problems requiring specialist care.

If you have previously informed us of an issue we will be sending home a blank form for you to complete with updated information.

Likewise, if your child has a medical condition or requires medicine to be kept in school at all times please inform the school office.

### Community Notices:

*(We bring these to your attention, without necessarily recommending them)*

### Flu Immunisations

A message from HCRG Care Services Limited:

The School Aged Immunisation team have now finished visiting Primary schools to deliver the nasal flu vaccination. The flu season continues until the end of March, and we are already seeing high levels of infection and hospital admissions as a result of the virus. This year the vaccine is an extremely good match to the circulating virus, and it remains of benefit to your child, their family, and the community in which they live, to receive the vaccination throughout the flu season.

If your child has not yet received the flu vaccination and you would like them to be vaccinated, please use the link below to book into a community clinic in your area.

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/bookbanes>

If you have any queries or would like support, please contact our Immunisation SPA on 0300 247 0082 or email on [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)

  
**Cook it**  
**FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children**  
Join a group session to discover how to make easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person or online  

- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

**Upcoming start dates (one session per week):**

- Wed 18th Jan - 15th Feb, 4-5.30pm at Castle Primary, Keynsham
- Mon 23rd Jan - 27th Feb, 4pm-5.30pm at Paulton Scout Hall (no session 13th Feb)
- Thurs 2nd Feb - 9th March (no session on 16th Feb) 5-6pm Online
- Wed 1st Mar- 29th Mar, 4- 5.30pm at St Michael's Primary School, Twerton, Bath
- Mon 13th Mar- 10th April, 4-5.30pm at St Saviour's School, Larkhall, Bath (no session 3rd April)

**Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on**  
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