

October Newsletter

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We have a busy last fortnight of Term 1 coming up. Children in Year 4 are having a visit from Weston Museum later this week, and Year 6 children are visiting the Lifeskills Centre in Bristol. This is a fantastic venue that puts lifeskills into action, with children learning about first aid, stranger danger, safety and a range of everyday experiences in one venue. We know they will enjoy it very much!

We have a couple of special menus, the first is today where we are encouraging children to try new foods, with our Diwali celebration meal next Friday on the last day of term.

Next week also sees our Parent's Evenings, which you are able to book via the Arbor app, and the Halloween Disco that has been organised by our wonderful volunteers in the PSA group. As always, please volunteer your time to support these events so that they can continue to offer such a rich range of activities.

Have your contact details changed? Please update them on the Arbor App or let the office know.

Staffing

We say goodbye to Natalie later this week, who has worked for us for a number of years as a Learning Support Assistant and more recently as a Learning Mentor. She has contributed so much to the school and will be missed, however you may also be aware she is very talented as a singer and doing crafts. She is therefore going to be using her time with these talents, so look out for her at different events, the world is her oyster. Good luck Natalie, and thank you.

After half term we have Anna and Marlene joining us as Learning Support Assistants, adding some capacity to the team. We also have vacancies for support staff, and would particularly welcome applications from suitably qualified staff with experience working on a 1:1 basis with children.

Bike Shelter

The bike shelter within the school grounds is unfortunately presenting us with a number of issues on a daily basis. The plastic/ acrylic cover has become very brittle in sunlight and has cracked in several places, with a very large price (several thousand pounds) to get this repaired which we are unable to do due to severe budget cuts. The bikes and scooters are also proving to be very tempting for some children when outside, who take them from the shelter until asked by staff to return them.



It is therefore with regret that we are having the bike shelter removed from within the playground, with the bike mounts being relocated to the area adjacent to the kitchen doors outside of the gates. This will mean you will need to bring a lock for any bicycles/ scooters as they will not be within the locked playground perimeter. The bike shelter will be out of use from Wednesday this week, as we prepare for it to be removed and make sure it is empty.

This has not been an easy decision, as we love the fact so many children bike/ scoot to school, but we would still encourage you to continue to do so but ensuring it is locked at the beginning of the day.

Collecting Children

We have been asked a few times whether other family members or siblings can collect children on your behalf. Our procedures for collection are that older siblings can collect on your behalf, but need to be over 13 years old to take responsibility. If a member of staff is unsure of the age of the person, it may be the case that your child will be kept back in school until a known adult can collect.



Dates

October- Black History Month

14th Reception parent phonics meeting

17th Yr4 Stone Age Day

21st Parent's Evening- information to be sent out separately

23rd Yr 6 Lifeskills Trip

23rd Parent's Evening

24th PSA Halloween Disco

25th Diwali Celebration Menu

25th Break up for half term

November

Poppies will be available after half term

4th School closed- staff training day

5th Term 2 begins

7th Reception tour for 2025

11th Anti-bullying week

28th Reception Space Dome

29th Yr 4 Bristol Museum Trip

