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## Newsletter Seven: March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our March newsletter. Last week, on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, we successfully transferred from a Local Authority maintained school to an academy school with Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust (BWMAT). You will notice the updated school logo that retains the fundamental relationship with Bathwick St. Mary Church but also celebrates our link with the Academy Trust.

**At the heart of BWMAT** are the core Christian values of kindness, respect, forgiveness, perseverance and love; an education with the highest aspirations and expectations of academic success where learning focuses on and values developing children's characters and qualities as human beings. The driving force behind BWMAT is to ensure every school provides an outstanding education for every child, enhanced by a distinctively Christian ethos.

In one sense, **we are the school we always have been;** providing an excellent education for all children in our care, based upon our strong Christian values. Through our caring and supportive curriculum with a passionate and dedicated team of staff, we will continue to see our children grow as confident individuals, lifelong learners and positive global citizens. We continue to nurture every child to 'be the best they can be' and by each member of our community striving to do their best, we all will 'Achieve excellence through the pursuit of good'.

**We are excited** about the opportunities this new partnership will bring. Working alongside so many other local schools on a journey of continued shared improvement and development will only help to strengthen what we do and the education we can offer our children.

### School Eucharist: Tomorrow

School Eucharist is an opportunity for parents of children in Year 4-6 to come into school and join the children for this service. School Eucharist takes place three times a year and this term's Eucharist is taking place tomorrow, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 9:00am in the School Hall. If you are able to come, we look forward to seeing you there.

### Welcome to...

A warm welcome to Carlos in Year 3 who has joined our school. We are proud of how well he has begun to learn English and how supportive his classmates have been in helping him feel settled. Another warm welcome to Charlie who has joined Year 5. We hope you both will be very happy here!

**World Book Day** was certainly an eventful day! Thank you to all children and parents who put so much effort into the costumes and preparations for the day. Children enjoyed some of the lovely activities we had planned before the snow closure!



### Snow closure

Thank you to all parents who responded so quickly to the closure of the school at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and arranged for the collection of your children so promptly. It is never an easy decision to close the school and we believe every day counts for each child's education, so we were relieved the forecast was correct and the closure was warranted. It was lovely hearing about our children's experiences of the snow – some of whom even managed to enter the World Book Day competition with photographs of them reading on a toboggan!



## Summer Uniform

After the recent snow closure it seems a little odd to be reminding parents that children can wear summer uniform from the first day of term 5, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Please wear black shoes and not sandals as shoes offer the best protection for the day-to-day activities and playtimes in school. Thank you in advance.

## Uniform purchasing

We are in discussion with Michael Hope about our new logo so any changes are handled as smoothly as possible for parents. Please continue to purchase any school clothing you need. Whilst the current logo on school clothing *may* change *slightly*, there is absolutely no need or expectation for parents to purchase uniform with a slightly different logo. We will share details about this shortly.

## Year 6 SATS meeting

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 p.m., Mr. Jackson will be holding Year 6 SATS information meetings for parents in the Wheatley Room. It will be a useful overview of what your child is expected to do as part of their statutory tests in May. You do not need to complete a reply slip, please just turn up. For parents who are unable to come we will ensure all documentation is uploaded to the school website.

## Dates for the Diary – March

- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>, 9.00: Yr4-6 Eucharist
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>: Year 3 OWL Adventure Day
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup>: Fencing demonstration (in advance of a Fencing Club in Terms 5/6)
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>: Y6 SATS Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>, evening: Dance Umbrella
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>: Year 4 OWL Adventure Day
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup>: Year 3/4 Show, 1.45 p.m.
- Weds 21<sup>st</sup>: Year 3/4 Show 9.30 a.m.
- Weds 21<sup>st</sup>: PTA Uniform Sale
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>: Year 6 OWL Adventure Day
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>: *SPORT RELIEF Mufti – Children to wear 'sporty' clothes for a £1 donation.*
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>: Easter Service – St. Marys Church – 1.40 p.m. **School will finish for the term after the Easter Service** – please collect your children from the Church. Thank you.

## Low immunity danger

**Sophie** (Year 4) is receiving medication for juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Similarly to **Fabienne** (Year 2), her immunity to a variety of illnesses including Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps, Shingles, Slapped Cheek and Scarlet Fever can put Sophie at **serious risk**. Fabienne's immunity still remains compromised putting her potentially at **serious life-threatening risk**. If your child becomes ill - and in particular with one of the illnesses listed above - then please ensure that you let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Easter Service: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

I do hope you all are able to come to our Easter Service on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If so, please aim to be seated by 1.30 p.m. As all children take part in the service, children will please need to be collected from the Church at the end (around 2:40 p.m.) We do hope to see you at the service on the last day of term.

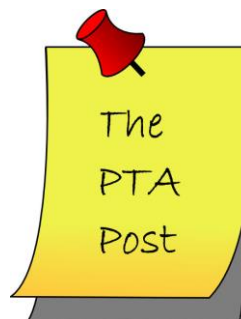
## ECO week 2018

As part of National Waste week we are holding an ECO week in school. The whole school took part in eight workshops led by our teachers learning lots of teamwork skills with children in other year groups and learning an important message about sustainability and helping to look after the world. Several classes will also have workshops with external visitors including Wessex Water. Miss. Farrar is running a competition to find a winning poem or poster with the theme of reducing food waste and food packaging. She introduced this to the children on Monday's collective worship. We look forward to seeing the children's creative ideas! Entries to Miss Farrar by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Winning entries will be announced on Friday and will have their work proudly displayed on the ECO week board.

A graphic for ECO Week 2018. It features a blue rectangular background with the words "ECO Week" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, there is a green rectangular background with the year "2018" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

## Nut-free zone

A reminder that we have a number of children at school who are seriously allergic to nuts. In order to protect our children please do not bring any food containing nuts into school. Thank you.



## The PTA Post

Thank you for all the cakes and biscuits you all kindly donated for the recent cake sale – we raised £126.

The postponed **Quiz Night** will now be held at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

The first newsletter of Term 5 will be sent on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. May I wish you all a very blessed Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Purkiss".

Kevin Purkiss  
Head Teacher