



School Newsletter

Monday 14th October 2024

For parents, carers, staff, pupils, governors and parishioners

Year 6 visit to Like Skills Centre!

Last Wednesday, our Year 6 class enjoyed an invaluable and enjoyable visit to the Life Skills centre, where they took part in various mini-workshops educating them on real-life scenarios they may face, both now and in the future. These included themes such as exploitation, online safety, road and railway safety, drug and alcohol misuse and responding to a variety of emergencies, requiring (practice) phone calls to the police, ambulance and fire services. The children were excellently behaved and received several positive comments about their engagement, attitude and maturity during the morning. We are extremely grateful for the group of volunteers who led the experiences for the children, for whom the children have written letters of thanks.



**make a
difference**

Volunteer at Lifeskills

Work with children, enrich lives & learn new skills



0117 922 4511

volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk



If you know anybody who may be interested in volunteering at the Life Skills centre to make such amazing learning experiences possible for children, they are always on the lookout for more member of their team!

Year 2 Spreading Messages of Hope!

Year 2 decided to bring their learning to life last week by creating and sharing messages of hope and positivity to the school community. After learning about Noah and the flood as part of their 'Creation and Covenant' unit of work, children reflected on how Noah followed the mission given to him by God, and helped build a future filled with hope. They then decided to bring their own Class Mission to life by making a positive difference to any member of the school community who found one of their uplifting messages of hope around the school environment. Well done Year 2 😊



Toilet Twinning...



Thank you to those who have already 'spent a penny' (or more!) in our entrance foyer toilet. This has helped us make a great start towards twinning our new KS1 and KS2 toilet blocks with those in Zambia. Just £60 is enough to enable a community to have a clean, hygienic flushing toilet. We are hoping to raise enough to twin both sets of toilets, which will really help our children see how we can act out our faith as a Catholic school, protecting and supporting the most vulnerable.



Creation / Harvest Assembly...

In a similar way, we want to do our bit to help those who may be vulnerable and in need of support a bit closer to home. This Friday, in exchange of children being able to wear their own clothes to school, we are looking for kind donations to both keep our own OLOL Food Bank stocked up in the front entrance foyer, and to also donate to local foodbanks in the community. Whether it's a tin of soup, a bag of dried pasta, a bottle of squash or some loo roll, anything would be received with thanks and gratitude. Please just try to avoid short-life products. Thank you in advance for your anticipated support! We will invite the children to bring their gifts into our Creation & Harvest assembly on Friday to see the difference we can collectively make to those in need.

School Nurse Information



School Nursing Service

School Nurses work with children, young people, parents and carers to maximise health and well-being.

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more, or call one of our locality teams using the numbers below:



Bristol East/Central:
0300 125 6980

North Somerset:
0300 125 6798

Bristol South: 0300 125 6277

South Gloucestershire:

Bristol North: 0300 124 5816

0300 125 5151

Secondary school aged children can also use our

confidential text messaging service ChatHealth. Use the QR code to find out more.



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Asda's Cashpot for Schools Scheme...

Thank you to all our parents and staff who have already signed up to Asda's Cashpot for Schools scheme. For those of you who have not yet already signed up, we would be so VERY grateful if you were able to do so and please also spread the word to your family and friends!

Please note that if you are already 'a member' of the normal Asda Rewards scheme you just need to link up to our school in your Rewards App - you will not give up any of your own earnings, your own personal cash pot will continue to grow!

Here is the link for more information about how to sign up:-

Source: www.asda.com

<https://search.app/rddxtKVyTbkN98457>

We have also attached more information to go out alongside this newsletter.

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd October

A reminder, if you have not done so already, to book your Parents' Evening slot next week through School Spider. This is a great opportunity to catch-up with your child's teacher about how they have settled into the new year this term, and to talk about their attainment and progress together as partners in your child's education. If you have any difficulties booking a slot, please contact the school office.

Increase in Price of School Lunches

After the October half term, the price of our pupil school lunches will increase to £2.60 per meal.

We have been very fortunate not to see any increase to the price of our school lunches for the last couple of years, despite the economic challenges faced by all. Again, this year there have been increases to the National Living Wage for employees, along with general rising costs and therefore, our caterers have announced that it will be necessary to apply this increase to the cost of our school meals.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Dates for your diary...



OCTOBER

Tuesday 15th October	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents, 2pm
Wednesday 16th October	Chaplaincy Team training @ Downside School / Abbey Reception Library Visit
Friday 18th October	Creation & Harvest Assembly – Children can wear their own clothes in return for a donation to our school & local foodbanks Year 6 PTFA Cake and Uniform sale, 3.30pm
Monday 21st October	PTFA AGM, 3.30pm
Tuesday 22nd October	Parents' Evening, 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 23rd October	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
Thursday 24th October	Term 1 ends, 3.15pm Open Evening for Prospective Parents, 5:30pm
Friday 25th October	INSET DAY 3

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th November	Term 2 starts, 8.45am
Friday 8th November	Celebration Worship, 9am (parents will be invited on Wednesday if their child has earned a Headteacher certificate)
Monday 11th November	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents, 2pm PTFA Autumn Craft Session, 3.15pm
Tuesday 12th November	Year 6 Height & Weight Checks with School Nurse
Friday 15th November	Celebration Worship, 9am (parents will be invited on Wednesday if their child has earned a Headteacher certificate)
Tuesday 19th November	Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccines
Wednesday 20th November	Non-uniform day in return for Parish Fayre Tombola donations
Thursday 21st November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents, 10am Year 2 and Year 4 Road Safety Workshops
Friday 22nd November	Celebration Worship, 9am (parents will be invited on Wednesday if their child has earned a Headteacher certificate) Year 5 PTFA Cake and Uniform sale, 3.30pm
Saturday 23rd November	Parish Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 27th November	Open Evening for Prospective Parents, 5pm
Friday 29th November	Year 6 Class Celebration Assembly, 9am (Parents of Year 6 class warmly invited)

DECEMBER

Friday 6th December	Tree Dressing Day at Kingswood Park – Year 4 – Further info. to follow
Tuesday 10th December	PTFA Christmas Secret Room
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December	PTFA Christmas Disco
Tuesday 17th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity, 2pm – Further information to follow

Wednesday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas Celebration, 2pm – Further information to follow
Friday 20 th December	Term 2 ends, 1pm

TERM DATES 2024-2025

Term 1	Wednesday 4 th September 2024 – Thursday 24 th October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024 – Friday 20 th December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 th January 2025 – Friday 14 th February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 4 th April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025
Term 6	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025 – Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

INSET DATES 2024-2025

INSET 1	Monday 2 nd September 2024
INSET 2	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
INSET 3	Friday 25 th October 2024
INSET 4	Monday 2 nd June 2025
INSET 5	TBC

OPEN DAYS

1. Monday 7 th October, 10am
2. Tuesday 15 th October, 2pm
3. Thursday 24 th October, 5.30pm
4. Monday 11 th November, 2pm
5. Thursday 21 st November, 10am
6. Wednesday 27 th November, 5pm



An opportunity for any families who are looking for a place in Reception for September 2025 to have a look around the school and come and hear what we are about. Please spread the word!

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KINGSWOOD LANTERN PARADE

3RD NOVEMBER 2024
16:30-19:00
KINGSWOOD PARK
PARADE BEGINS AT 17:30

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT!

LANTERN MAKING WITH COLOURFUL MINDS

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CAKES & DRINKS FROM KIND REGARDS COFFEE

CIRCUS PERFORMERS

..AND MORE!

Lantern making will be available throughout the day at Kings Chase shopping centre's Social Sunday or you can come to the park at 16:30 to make a lantern before the parade begins!

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT EVENTS@KINGSWOOD-TC.GOV.UK

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