

February 2022

Monthly Head's Newsletter



Dear Families,

Some wonderful trips and events have been happened in school last week. Reception and Key Stage 1 enjoyed animal drama workshops, Year 1 visited Windmill Hill City Farm, Year 2 shared their animations with their families, Year 4 went on a local excursion, all classes took part in Safer Internet Day activities and Year 5 have been exploring planes and parachutes. Just the sort of exciting learning school should be all about!



Number Day

We raised an impressive £200.60 on Friday 5th February when the school dressed up with a number theme. We had staff and children dressed up as clocks, calculators, prime numbers and pi. Children took part in a range of number challenges and investigations applying their maths in lots of real world contexts.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Thomas who is expecting a baby! She still plans to teach Year 2 until the end of term 5 and there will be a carefully planned transition for the new teacher who we are currently recruiting for the maternity cover role.

OPAL—can you help!

We are part of an Outdoor Play and Learning Project (OPAL) which is developing more opportunities for creative play and learning at break and lunchtime - you have probably noticed the crates and tyres on the playground which are part of the project! We would love donations of **plastic dinosaurs, plastic animals, small world play, cars, plastic play mats and particularly SCOOTERS!** We are now doing a scooter zone on a Monday and a Friday which the children love. If you have an old scooter in the back of a shed, as long as it is in working condition we can make good use of it!

Every Day Counts!

Our attendance as a school is below both the Bristol average and our target of 95%. Please seek support if you have any issues with your child's attendance that we can help with. Every day counts!

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 days absence 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 days absence 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 days absence A term missed 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 days absence 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 days absence 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	

Reminders

- Please do not use your mobile phone on the school site either inside or outside.
- Please ensure your child brings a healthy snack/fruit if you want them to have a snack at break time. In line with our health eating policy, sugary snacks or crisps are not allowed. Fruit is on sale for 30p at break time (raisins 20p).
- Can you ensure your child has correct uniform as a number of children have been wearing non-uniform tops to school. We have good quality second hand jumpers in school which are available if you ask at the office (50p donation appreciated).
- Please don't allow your child to stay and play on the Trym Trail after school as After School Club use the outside space and cannot do so until families have left the school site.

Keeping Safe Online – top tips

‘An increase in screen time has also resulted in a significant upward trend in online abuse.’

Ofcom, December 2020

Keeping children safe online is a challenge in our multi-platform lives. There are some great resources on the school website on the Families and Communities tab/e-safety. Here’s a few of them:

Common Sense allows you to see reviews of Apps, games, books and films which allows you to make a more informed choice on what is suitable for your child – www.common sense media.org

NSPCC Online Safety The NSPCC also provide a range of information and tips for parents and children about staying safe online and what to do if things go wrong online. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

CEOP’s Thinkuknow website This site gives lots of information for parents as well as games and quizzes for children to ensure they understand how to stay safe online. <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Diary Dates

Last day of term 3— Friday 18th February

Spring – Term 4

Monday 28 February 2022 – Friday 08 April 2022

A MAGICAL WALKING TRAIL TO LIGHT UP OUR STREETS



4 villages – Avonmouth, Lawrence Weston, Sea Mills and Shirehampton
Friday 25th until Sunday 27th February 2022

- A fun community event that everyone can join in
- Take part in a unique event lit up by displays in local windows & gardens
- Go on an evening walk with a map to guide you and see your neighbourhood in a whole new light!

windowwanderland.com

