




Newsletter

30th October 2017

**Celebrating the Achievement of All by
Living and Learning Together**

Number 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

 Welcome back to school, we hope that you have had a good half-term. Hopefully you will have been able to see our new foyer in action for the first time this morning. It is a huge improvement to how we are able to welcome you and other visitors to our school and allows us to do so much more securely. As with any new building, there are some bits and pieces to complete, but we are very pleased that the majority of work is now finished. Children will once again be able to enter the school grounds through the white, front gates and then go through to the playground in the morning. We will bring children back to the front of school at the end of the day. Please remember that children remain your responsibility before they enter and after they leave the school grounds at the start and the end of the day. If you need to visit school during the day, please come through the main reception area, where you will be able to speak to Mrs Merchant or another member of staff. Thank you again for your understanding and cooperation during the building works, it has been very much appreciated.

Collective Worship

During Collective Worship this term we will be looking at the Christian perspective on Perseverance. Jesus frequently encouraged his disciples to "endure patiently" the difficulties and obstacles they encountered and to persevere in the face of adversity. He himself trusted in God even when his enemies tried to stop his work and plotted his death.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday, 7th and Thursday, 9th November. The sign-up boards will be available in the reception area of the new school office from tomorrow afternoon. If you are unable to sign-up in person please contact Mrs Merchant (either by phone or email) with a selection of dates/times when you would like an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Table Tennis Club

Table Tennis Club will start on Tuesday, 14th November from 3.05pm until 4.00pm. Initially this club will be open to children in Year 6 only; however, only 6 places are available so please return an After-School Club Permission Slip to Mrs Merchant as soon as possible if your child would like a place.



New—Basketball Club!!

We are very pleased to be able to offer a basketball club, for an initial period of six weeks, on a Friday afternoon immediately after school. Run by one of our sports coaches, this will be free of charge and will start this Friday. The basketball club will cover all areas of the game including attacking and defending principles, dribbling and shooting. The course is open for girls and boys of all abilities in Years 4/5 and 6 (maximum of 15 places), who are looking to enjoy playing Basketball and learn new skills in a fun and safe environment. Pick up time will be 4pm and the dates for each session are:

Friday 3rd Nov, Friday 10th Nov, Friday 17th Nov, Friday 24th Nov, Friday 1st Dec and Friday 8th Dec

If your child is interested, please complete an After-School Club Permission Slip and return to Mrs Merchant as soon as possible.

Dates for Autumn Term 2

An updated list of dates for this term is as follows:

Autumn Term 2 – 2017

Monday, 30 th October		Autumn Term 2 Begins
Thursday, 2 nd November		Reception to Year 4 – Flu Immunisation Day Year 6 Swimming Lessons begin
Friday, 3 rd November	9.00am	Year 3 Class Assembly
Tuesday, 7 th November		Parents' Evening
Thursday, 9 th November		Parents' Evening
Friday, 10 th November		Year 2 Trip – Aerospace Museum, Filton
Saturday, 11 th November		PTA Ground Force Day
Monday, 13 th November		Anti-Bullying Week
Friday, 17 th November	9.00am	Year 6 Class Assembly
Monday, 20 th November		Road Safety Week
Tuesday, 21 st November	9.30am	Open Morning for Reception 2018 Parents
Friday, 24 th November	9.30am	Advent Service – St George's Church
Tuesday, 28 th November		Year 3 Trip - Stonehenge Year 4 - Roman Day
Friday, 1 st December		PTA Advent Fair
Tuesday, 5 th December		Dress Rehearsal for Infant Production
Wednesday, 6 th December	1.30pm	Infant Production
Thursday, 7 th December	1.30pm	Infant Production
	6.00pm	Infant Production
Tuesday, 12 th December	6.00pm	Junior Carol Service
Wednesday, 13 th December		Christmas Party Lunch
Friday, 15 th December		Christmas Jumper Day
	2.30pm	Term Ends



18th December to 1st January 2018 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

PTA News

Grow a £1

It has been amazing to see the innovative and creative money making schemes which the children have undertaken over the half term break. Thanks so much for your support and enthusiasm for this new idea. Please return all funds (cash or cheque- payable to 'Cam Hopton Association') to the school office by Fri 3rd Nov in an envelope marked with 'PTA grow a £1', your child's name, class, amount & brief description of their project. The PTA will then award a prize for the most money raised & also for most creative idea.



Lots & lots of PTA activities this term!

Dates for your diary:

4th Nov - Dursley Fireworks - We still need one volunteer to help at the Bar from 6-8pm please contact Tracey Angell outside school or message on Facebook - all in a good cause as the PTA will get a generous donation from the Girl Guiding for their help!

6th-10th Nov - Bag2School - Please bring your bag (or bags!) any day of the week from Monday 6th to Fri 10th November. Please leave bags just inside the school gate near the notice board. If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! We will get 40p per kilo for all your unwanted items!

11th Nov - 12-4pm - Ground Force Day - We are looking for volunteers to tidy up the outdoor areas at school in preparation for our Open Day. Soup and rolls, Hot Drinks & Cake will be provided by the PTA. We are also looking for donations of the following items: woodchips, bedding plants, compost, bulbs, wood stain, large plant pots etc, if you have anything that may be of use please let us know! Please come armed on the day with any gardening tools, paint brushes etc!

1st Dec - 5-7pm - Advent Fair - Preparation and how you can help!

We are aware that every year we ask you for donations for the Advent Fair and every year we are astounded by your support. Our timetable for requests & collections was so successful last year that we will be doing it again this year, here is the list:

30th Oct request for Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola for **collection Friday 3rd Nov**

6th Nov request for Mums & Dads presents **collection Friday 10th Nov**

13th Nov request for Tombola items &/or wine **collection Fri 17th Nov**

20th Nov request for Filled Bags (sweets/ small toys/ stationery etc)

Class Hamper items for collection **Friday 24th Nov**

27th Nov request for cakes/ mince pies etc for cafe for collection **Friday 1st Dec**

PTA members will be outside the school gates every Friday morning leading up to the event collecting the requested items. Do not worry if you are unable to send the items in with your child on the requested dates, but if we can capture the majority it will help with congestion in the office & logistics of sorting the items.

Also the Hamper boxes will be in the Class Rooms by the end of this week, therefore can you please send in an item, colour coordinated for each class, with your child/ren to place in the boxes, we will be collecting the boxes from the classroom on Weds 29th Nov to prepare them for the big day!

Reception - Gold

Year 1 - Red

Year 2 - Green

Year 3 - Gold

Year 4 - Red

Year 5 - Green

Year 6 - Red, Green or Gold

HSH - Red, Green or Gold

I don't know about you but I am feeling exhausted just thinking about it!!! Thank you all for your continued support. Look out for the PTA Newsletter later this month.

From your PTA Team

St George's Church

St. George's are taking part in Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal. If you would like to donate a box and are stuck for ideas of what to put inside, please have a look on The Samaritan's Purse website: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk



Filled boxes need to be given to **St George's by Sunday, 5th November**.



Celebrating the Achievement of All by Living and Learning Together

Congratulations to the following children who have worked hard to achieve and progress in their learning.



Secrets of Success

Before half-term the children were learning to improve by becoming into Chameleon learners.

Reception	Madison Eldridge	for working really hard to improve her writing of letters and numbers!
Year 1	Evalina Nicol	for working hard to improve her handwriting.
Year 2	Annie Tunnicliffe	for amazing work during Maths—brilliant addition skills!
Year 3	Beth Lucia	for working with perseverance to develop her addition and subtraction maths skills.
Year 4	Harrison Angell	for continually striving to produce his very best work.
Year 6	Martha Tunnicliffe	for excellent attitude towards improving her spellings.

This week the children will explore the attributes of Ant Learners who continually strive to achieve.



Sports Super Hero

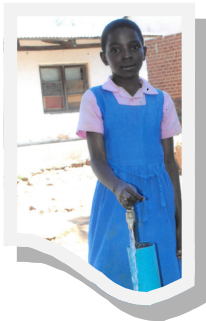
Reception	Lemonie Fluester	for listening carefully to instructions in PE.
Year 1	Jacob Howard	for fantastic teamwork and listening skills.
Year 2	Samuel Roberts	for amazing tennis skills!
Year 4	Polly Bevan	for expressive movements during our Roman dance.
Year 6	Martha Gruber	for showing determination and resilience during mini-marines.

Head Teacher Awards

Reception	Yasemin Karakulah	for always trying her best in everything.
Year 1	Oliver Wardle	for super listening and an excellent news recount.
Year 2	Ruby Sarr	for great listening skills in lessons.
Year 3	Austin Yorke	for working with hard work and determination on number problems.
Year 4	Emma Brounger	for an excellent recount of a Diwali Celebration.
Year 6	Oscar Ansell	for making super contributions during class discussions.

Activities This Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheerleading Club	Football Club	Up and Under Sports Club (before school) Guitar Lessons Up and Under Sports Club (after school)	Flu Vaccination Day—Reception to Year 4 Violin Lessons for Year 6 only Year 6 Swimming Cookery Club Cross Country Club	9.00am—Year 3 Class Assembly Basketball Club



COPPER COLLECTION - 2017 TO 2018 **'CHISOMO (GRACE)'**

£20.00				
£10.00	£5.10	£9.84	£11.21	£11.90
	29/09/17	06/10/17	13/10/17	20/10/17

Best wishes,
Becky Harris
Head Teacher