



Newsletter



Total donations
£118.41
Thank you!

Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had our last visit from Mrs Haskins, our Chair of Governors this week and we are very sorry to see her go after many years of dedication to our school. Mrs Haskins has helped to ensure that we offer the very best possible experiences for all of our children. We wish her all the best for the future and hope to have a new Chair soon. Best Wishes, Mrs Smart, *Head teacher*

Achievement Awards



- Badgers:** Anna Skachek, Dennis Rosca
- Hedgehogs:** Elias Farley, Frankie Horne
- Otters:** Agnes Hall, Jacob Church
- Squirrels:** Harley Lilley, Alby Cooper, Finley Freke
- Owls:** Oscar Hacker, Harry Baker
- Kingfishers:** Kelston Kendall, Charlotte Twiggs

Golden Pencil - Lois Vicary

Attendance - Owls

Reading Rocketeers – Hedgehogs

Junior School Applications

Please remember that the deadline to submit your application online through the BANES Admission website is 15th January.

Christmas Performances

Tickets have been issued and **you will need to bring these with you.**

- Year 1, Monday 17th December 9.15am & 2.15pm
- Year 2, Tuesday 18th December 9.15am & 2.15pm
- Reception, Wednesday 19th December 9.15am – 2.15pm. **Entry will be via the rear hall doors for morning performances and via the front door for afternoons.**

Dates for the year

Assembly dates Badgers 12.7.19, Hedgehogs 28.6.19, Otters 22.3.19, Squirrels 5.7.19, Owls 29.3.19, Kingfisher 15.3.19

Monday 17 th December	Year 1 Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 2 Performances 1 9.15am and 2.15pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Reception Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas parties, all year groups Last day of term
Term 3	
Monday 7 th January	Pupils return to school. This is not an Inset day.

Snow White Pantomime comes to school

Rainbow Theatre group put on an exciting, interactive performance of Snow White for the children.



Craft Morning



Thank you for coming along to our Christmas Craft Morning and sharing the light 'switch on' with us.

Christmas lunches



A huge thank you to our Zest catering team this week for their amazing efforts in preparing & serving Christmas lunch for the whole school and our Reception parents /carers. With 900 'pigs in blankets' cooked and numerous Christmas cookies iced, this made it a wonderful time for all.

Sing up on Tour

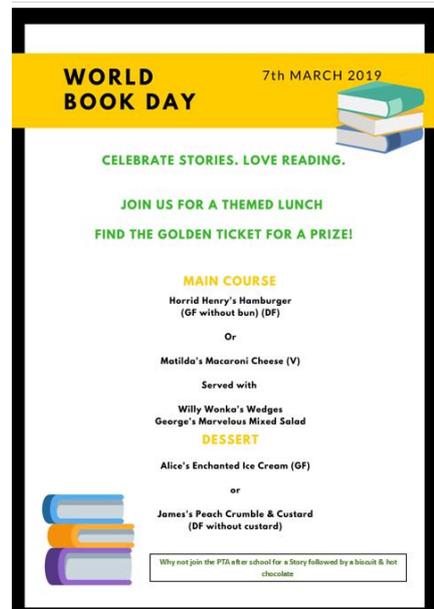


Well done to the children of our Sing Up club who have had a very busy couple of weeks on tour. Last week they recorded for Keynsham Radio, which had air play yesterday. This was followed by a live performance at the Christmas fair which was fantastic and finally they took the tour on the road with visits to Sunnymead Nursing Home, Homeavon residential and Keynsham Methodist church.

Last day to post Christmas cards in school post box

Wednesday 19th December will be the last day for children to post their Christmas cards to friends during the school day. Please include the class name.

Upcoming events with Zest Catering next year



Vacancy for Clerk to Governors

<https://www.wellswaymat.com/careers>

We also have a vacancy for a Senior School Meals Supervisor. Please phone or pop in for details.

Parking around school

We have had a complaint this week, with regards designated resident parking places being used by parents or carers picking up from the Infant and Junior schools. Can we please respectfully request that you do not park in these places at any time? As this is the third time we have had this complaint this academic year, we will be asking the local beat police team to support the residents in ensuring that these spaces are kept free for the purpose intended.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas Fair last week and a particular shout out to those that gave up their time to either set up, run a stall at the event, or clear up afterwards; we couldn't have done it without you. We hope everyone had a nice time and we are pleased to confirm that the fair raised a total of £927.

We are getting ready for a busy week next week with the school performance and Christmas parties to look forward to. Our PTA team will be serving tea and coffee after each of the six Christmas performances. To enable us to do so the class representatives will be let into the performances slightly earlier than others to set everything up. They will also be remaining in the hall after everyone's left to wash and clear away.

Thursday sees the return of the class Christmas parties and we are busy wrapping presents, organising games and buying treats for the children. This is always a great event which the children thoroughly enjoy and we are pleased that we can support this again this year thanks to the funds that you've helped us raise over the past few events.

There are lots of things planned within the first six weeks of school returning in the New Year so please make sure that you have them in your diary now. Year 1 will be invited to an entertainment night afterschool on Wednesday 23 January, the reception classes and their families will be invited to a reception disco on Friday 25 January, and all adults will be invited to our annual quiz night which this year is taking place on Friday 1 February. More details will be issued in the New Year.

Our next PTA meeting will be held at **7pm at school on Tuesday 8th January** and we plan to talk about PTA spending and events for the rest of the year. We also need to **vote in a new Vice-Chair** as our current Vice-Chair has been temporarily filling this role alongside being a class representative. The Vice-Chair role is a great way to get more involved in PTA activities and decision making and more details can be found on the school website at this link – https://www.chandaginantschool.org.uk/assets/uploads/Documents/PTA/20180104-pta_roles.pdf . If you are interested in this role then please speak to the current committee members or drop us an e-mail at pta@chandaginantschool.org.uk.

Finally, we hope that everyone has a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

The PTA Team

Requests for leave of absence

Our term dates are DIFFERENT FROM THE DATES ON THE BANES WEBSITE. 2018,19 and 2019,20 dates are now available.

No leave of absence will be granted where our individual school term dates have not been followed.

There is a clear correlation between good attendance and good outcomes at school. Children need to be at school in order to have the relevant teaching in order that they will be ready for their next stage in learning. I will be meeting termly with our Children Missing Education Officer (CMEO) regarding attendance at our school. We, along with other local schools, follow BANES policy on holiday requests. **Any child who has attendance below**

90% is considered by the government to be a persistent absentee (supported evidence of chronic illness of course is taken into account and would not be counted) and requests for holidays in term time will not be granted unless there are **very exceptional circumstances**. This means that they are "rare, significant, unavoidable and short." (National Association of Head Teachers) **The expected attendance for all children in Wellsway Multi-Academy Trust Schools is 100%. The headteacher makes the decision whether or not to authorise absence, including sickness absence.**

- All applications for leave of absence must be made **in advance** by the parent(s), carer(s) or corporate parent that the pupil normally resides with.
- Where a request for leave of absence has been made by one parent only, any estranged parent with parental responsibility¹ will be advised of the request for leave. The school will not become involved in disputes between parents over permissions surrounding the request. If the parent on receipt of the notification does not agree with the absence then he/she may put in writing to the headteacher notification to that effect. This will be given consideration should a Penalty Notice be issued for the absence. “¹ Except where there has been an order made by a court restricting the sharing of information with that parent. In such cases it is the responsibility of the parent to provide documentary evidence of the order.
- **Illness:** If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please either visit or phone Mrs Weeks in the school office rather than leaving a message with the Class Teacher, who may have lots of messages to remember. In this way, we can ensure that all absences are recorded correctly. Our school answerphone has a dedicated line to report illness if outside of the office opening hours (8.30am -5pm, but 4.30pm on Fridays).
- **Please note that if your child is absent from school and we do not receive a message or are unable to reach you on the phone, we may be obliged to follow up with a home visit to check on your child’s safety.**
- Please ring us on each day of absence, unless by prior arrangement with the office, e.g. in the case of chickenpox or sickness, where a set number of days at home may be required. Mrs Weeks will be in the office from 8.30am each day.
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN MUST BE 48 HOURS CLEAR OF SICKNESS OR DIARRHOEA BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.**

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