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# Newsletter

## Friday 28th September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

We recently received the news that we came second in the Tesco Bags of Help scheme, which means £2000 towards the much needed resurfacing in the Reception garden. This, along with funds already raised by our fantastic PTA, means that this work can now go ahead. Many thanks to everyone who dropped a token or two in the box - we really appreciate your support. We hope to book this work for half term.

Best Wishes, Mrs A Smart, Head teacher

### Achievement Awards

Congratulations, you are all Superstars!



**Otters:** Lowri Morris, Dominic Gibbs, Emma Gooding, Beth Hill

**Squirrels:** Molly O'Connell, Roxanne Stewart, Serban Pop, Myla Gliddon

**Owls:** Kaci Britton, Caleb Light, Toby Hembrough, Morgan Hughes, Jasmie Bolwell

**Kingfishers:** Theo Underhill, Austin Beere, George McOmish, Skye Floyd-Mordant

### Best Attendance of the week

### Golden Pencil Award...



### Reading Rocketeers

The full Privacy Notice will be updated on the front page. Nothing will be updated here.  
<https://www.wellsdaying.tschs/assets/uploads/2018/09/statutory-information/Privacy-Notice-For-Pupils.pdf>  
Please do not use before or after school.

This includes Junior and pre-school children. Thank you

### Dates for terms 1 and 2 2018,19 (PTA Events to be confirmed at AGM)

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>PTA: AGM</b> in school hall, 7pm. All welcome.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1 Phonics Information session for parents, 9.10am -9.40am
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2 Phonics Information session for parents, 9.10am -9.40am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photographs
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Parents' Evening 1, 3.40 – 6.30pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Parents' Evening 2, 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Cake Sale after school
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term 1 – PTA Mufti?
Term 2	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	WMAT Conference School closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Term 2 starts for all pupils
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA: Firework Night
tbc	Flu vaccine for Reception pupils
W/C 12 <sup>th</sup> November	National Anti-bullying week 'Choose Respect'
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Craft morning – parents/grandparents welcome
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Rainbow Theatre Group visiting school. 'Snow White'
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA: Christmas Fair after school
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Parents' Christmas lunch (details nearer the time)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 and 2 Christmas lunch
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Performances 1 9.15am and 2.15pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties, all year groups Last day of term

## Our term dates for 2018, 19

<https://www.chandaginantschool.org.uk/term-dates> Please check these carefully when booking holidays, as holidays booked during time will only be authorised in *exceptional* circumstances. Family birthdays or anniversaries are not classed as exceptional circumstances. Expected attendance for our Trust is 100%. **NB: Our holiday dates are different from the generic dates on the B&NES website.**

## Harvest



Our School Cook, Louise Loxton made a delicious Harvest loaf for the children to taste later in the day!

Thank you to everyone who sent in produce for our Harvest festival today; we were overwhelmed with the number of donations, which will later be distributed between Homeavon and the Keynsham Food Bank.

We thoroughly enjoyed the songs (particularly from Badgers and Hedgehogs!), dramas and Harvest related information that the children shared together in assembly. Thanks to Mrs Evans for organising this.



Each term, we celebrate a different language spoken by our children and their families.

This term, Noah in Otter class would like us all to learn to speak a few words in Polish. Each class will have a list of Polish first words and Noah will be our expert if any help is needed with these! If you would like ideas of activities or resources for Polish or other languages this website is very helpful [www.newburyparkschool.net/langofmonth/index.html](http://www.newburyparkschool.net/langofmonth/index.html)

Dziękuję (thank you)

Mrs Bancroft

## Welcome to the classes of 2018!

Please welcome our new children, who have made a fantastic start to their learning journey with us. We are delighted that you have joined our school! Photos coming soon...

## ...Photo permissions

We would love to publish whole class photographs in our newsletter but we are unable to do this until we have all photo permissions completed online. If you could do this as soon as possible, we would be very grateful. Please contact Claire in the school office if you would like support with this.

## 'Open Door' Reading Sessions

A time to come in to school and share a book with your child on the following days, from 8.50am - 9.10am:

Reception: Thursday

Year 1: Wednesday

Year 2: Tuesday

## Guide dog visit



We have a guide dog coming into our whole school assembly on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you and your child want to, you can find him on Facebook - 'Sammy Goddard'!

Please let us know if this might cause any issues for your child. So that we are aware and can support them. e.g. any allergies or fears we can support.

Mrs Bancroft

## Year 1 and 2 Phonics Information Sessions for Parents

As shown in the dates section above, we are offering demonstration lessons and teacher presentations on how to support your child at home with phonics, which is essential learning for all children. Please book your place through Parent Mail Events or telephone the school office for information.

## Census day Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

On this day, the local authority takes note of the number of children eating a school meal. These numbers affect the funding that our school receives.

**The more children that have a meal on these days, the more money we receive in our budget and can therefore spend on the children.** Therefore, we would be grateful if you would encourage your child to have a **free school lunch on Thursday**. Our cook has planned a popular menu of pizza, chipped potatoes, vegetarian hotdogs and chocolate chip cookies. We hope that many children will join in and make it our highest take up day for school meals this term.

## Walk to School Month

International Walk to School Month

Every October is **International Walk to School Month** – an opportunity for children to join hundreds of thousands of pupils across the globe celebrating the walk to school. Following on from the success of Clean Air Day on 21 June this year, when many of our families and staff enjoyed walking to and from school, we are launching a Fortnight-Long Walking Challenge. This will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October and run until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We would like to encourage everyone to feel the benefits of regular walking to school by taking part and so reduce congestion near our school.

Each classroom will have a wallchart for recording journeys over the fortnight and children will receive themed reward badges as well as learning more about the benefits of active travel. Information for parents and carers will be made available next week with suggestions for Park and Stride. This is where families who need to drive part of the route may be able to park a 10-minute walk away, so that their children will be able to benefit from walking and join in the fun! Further information can be found on: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk>

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Seal, Healthy Schools Coordinator

## PTA News

Don't forget that our **Annual General Meeting** is being held next week – **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm** in the school hall. This will be followed by the **first PTA meeting of the year** which will be an opportunity to generate new ideas and set dates for the year ahead. We are always looking for new volunteers so please join us at the meeting to find out more. There will be plenty of drinks and nibbles to aid discussions.

If you haven't already done so, please consider joining up and supporting us through Easyfundraising. It's a really simple way to raise money for us through your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big named retailers including Amazon, Argos and John Lewis. It's completely FREE for you. We've received over £1,500 through Easyfundraising since our account was set up a few years ago. Please support us at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chandaginants/> The PTA Team

## Requests for leave of absence

**Our 2018, 19 term dates are DIFFERENT FROM THE DATES ON THE BANES WEBSITE.**

**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 responsibility<sup>1</sup> 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. " <sup>1</sup> 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.**

