



I'm sure the children were all delighted to have had a few days off school and with some wonderful snow to go sledging in too! Due to Class 1 missing their Family

Assembly, it has been re-scheduled for Friday, 16th March. The Year 4 trip to Bristol Museum has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, 6th March and we are trying to re-schedule Year 3's trip to the Roman Baths. We will let you know as soon as we have a new date.

Also, as children missed the official World Book Day and dressing-up as a book character, we have decided to have a Bathford Book Day this Friday, 9th March.

For the first time ever, school attendance is below BANES average – 94.17% compared to 95.39%.

There have been a number of gruesome bugs making the rounds but we would like to emphasise the importance of limiting the amount of time children have off school. A number of studies have shown a strong relationship between children who underachieve and have a lower school attendance.

Just think – whilst missing 5 days of every term every year might not sound like much, by the end of secondary school this will have added up to one whole school year!



Parents' evenings will be taking place Monday, 5th March and Monday, 12th March. Sign-up sheets are up in the hall, so please ensure you book a time slot. These evenings are an opportunity for you to look through your child's work and discuss their academic progress.

Relive Easter will be on Fri 23 March at 1-2.30pm, where we re-enact the Easter story with the children, on the field and inside, with songs, dance and drama.

If any parents would like to be involved in any way, making palms with a class during that week or biscuits for them to decorate, bringing some props or helping with dances, please let Bex Briggs know rebeccabriggs1@gmail.com

We are collecting newspapers to make 'palm branches' for Re-live Easter and would appreciate donations. Thank you.



Doodlemaths Stars: First place this week is Year 4 Otis, in second place is Year 6 Tallulah and in third place is Year 3 Holly.

Staff are becoming increasingly concerned about some of the online games that our very young (Year 2!) children have been playing. The two most notable games are Fortnite and Overwatch, both of which are age rated 12+. Not only are children discussing and 're-enacting' these games in the playground, but they are even including some of the gorier aspects of the games in their story writing. As these games actively promote violence, we would strongly urge parents to restrict younger children from accessing them.

We have scheduled a textile recycling pick-up for Wednesday, 14th March, so why not have a spring clean and bring in any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, etc. This is always a win/win, as school makes money on every kilogram picked up.

For those parents who use breakfast and after school clubs, you are able to see the register when your child/ren attended the club. When you have logged into ParentPay, choose 'Transaction history', then 'Payment history', then 'Payment item'. Select which club you are wishing to view and then select the dates you wish to search.

Tom Smart, Year 3 Annabella's dad, will be taking on the Jurassic Challenge at the end of March, which is a coastal run of 3 marathons in 3 days to fundraise for the new sound system in the hall. He is currently up to 30% of the way to his goal of £1000. To donate to Tom's efforts, click on the [link](#).

FOBS

1. Easter movie night is this Friday, 9th March. 3.15-4.45 showing 'Hop'. Forms will be sent out so children can come straight to movie night from class and be collected at 4.45. Forms will need to be in with payment by Thurs 8th March.
2. Clean second-hand school uniform will be out for sale at the parents' evenings, so save yourself some money and check out what's on offer.
3. The Summer fete to be held on Saturday 30th June.
4. We are wondering if anyone would like to take over the running of the uniform shop. We feel it could be a real valuable resource and you could run however you see fit! We have heard that they have worked brilliantly in other schools. Do get in touch if you'd like to volunteer.

Future Dates for Spring Term 2018

Monday, 5 th March	Parents' evening
Tuesday, 6 th March	Year 4 trip to Bristol Museum
	Book Fair arrives
Friday, 9 th March	Bathford Book Day
	Year R Family Assembly
	FOBS Movie Night
Monday, 12 th March	Parents' evening
Wednesday, 14 th March	Textile recycling
Friday, 16 th March	Year 1 Family Assembly
	St. Swithun's Easter Party
Monday, 19 th March	Governors' meeting
Thursday, 22 nd March	Dress in sport gear for Sport Relief
Friday, 23 rd March	Mufti Shepherd dressing-up
	Re-live Easter pm
	Term 4 ends