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Friday 6th October

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a day of celebration today with lots of good news in addition to our special assemblies on both sites, celebrating children's individual achievements.

We say a huge well done and thank you to our wonderful reading buddy, Agnes McMahon who won a Highly Commended Award for volunteering in the BBC Bristol Make a Difference Awards. We celebrated achieving the Bristol Beacon 'Music Mark' in recognition of the excellent music teaching throughout our school, AND we received our Silver Artsmark certificate as well! We are very proud of the quality teaching of the arts at St Werburgh's, as well as all of the enrichment opportunities which the children have. If you work in the arts and think that you can help us to strengthen this even further then please be in touch. We are now, of course, going for gold!

This week some of our Year 6 children visited Bordeaux in France as part of the Bristol Together Championships. Last academic year some of our children in Year 5 formed a football team with children from a school in a different location, this was a school in Iron Acton. They then train and play football together and some teams are selected to represent Bristol in our partner city of Bordeaux. Our team were lucky enough to be selected, the children had a great time, we are really proud of them all. Thank you Mr Thomson for taking them away, making sure they had fun and keeping them safe!

Our Year 6 representatives in Bordeaux:



Important information to share:

St Werburgh's Primary School is part of Cathedral Schools Trust.
REGISTERED OFFICE: College Square, Bristol BS1 5TS

Individual children's photographs - Monday and Tuesday next week

Our school photographer will be on our Silver Birch site on Monday 9th and Willow site on Tuesday 10th October taking individual school photographs of children. Please make sure that children are in school on time and wearing their school uniform. Thank you.

Parent/carer conferences Year 1 to Year 6

We are inviting parents and carers to come and meet their child's class teacher to have a chat about how they have settled into their new class and how they are getting on. There will also be a chance to see their books and their learning so far. Look out for the link on Monday from t2p where you can book a 10 minute slot that is convenient to you. Dates are Weds 18th or Thurs 19th (Y3 are 17th & 18th) October.

School uniform

Please, please make sure that children's uniforms are labelled with children's names. We already have so much lost property that is not labelled.

Measles information

We have been asked to share information with you about measles as there have been some cases in the last week in Bristol. Please see below:

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please share these resources with colleagues, parents, and where suitable, community organisations to increase awareness and encourage parents to get their children vaccinated.

Parent/Carer survey

Thank you so much to all of those people who completed the parent carer survey in June and July last year. The responses were really useful. There was lots of positivity which was brilliant, but also some constructive suggestions. The main areas these related to were communication and also to governors, and families not really knowing who they are and what they do. We will share more information on our governing body soon, but please do have a look at our website which is being regularly updated and does include information on the role of governors in our school. Although we are part of a trust, they still have an important role to play.

Link to our Governor information on website - [St Werburgh's Governors](#)

In terms of communication, we will continue to try our best to make improvements, for example, working towards having a newsletter which uses 'Sway' instead of pdfs. We have increased the number of coffee mornings and opportunities for families to come into school and hope that this will help people to feel more connected. Work on the website to include upcoming events information in the calendar. The response to our Primary Mental Health Practitioner's first coffee morning on Thursday was really positive. Thank you to all those who came along.

Year 4 play - an invitation from the Year 4 team:

Year 4 have been working with Roustabout Theatre Company every Thursday morning this term. They have written their own plays about the digestive system. Everybody has worked so hard and the children's ideas are utterly amazing. We are inviting Year 4 families to come and watch the final performance of these plays on Friday 20th

October. Birch class will perform at 9.15am and Cherry class will perform at 11am. We don't expect the performances to run for much longer than 20 minutes. Hope as many of you as possible can make it!

Key stage 2 times tables practice

All KS2 children should now have a PIXL login and username stuck into their reading record. They can use these to access the PIXL maths app, which has lots of fun maths games. These are ideal for practising the times tables at home.

Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Type in this address <https://appusers.pixl.org.uk/mentalmaths/login> or search PIXL maths app.

Y6 Camp Meeting

Following confirmation of secondary school transition days we have had to move our Y6 camp dates, we are not yet able to confirm the details so will postpone the parents meeting scheduled for Monday.

Some photos of music lessons in Year 2 - thank you Mr Rees!



Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Helen Faulkner

Headteacher