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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 is rapidly coming to an end and it has been an incredibly busy few weeks. Thank you all for your ongoing support. It is really wonderful to see how much our children are accomplishing and the hard work they are bringing to all they encounter.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Many thanks for filling out the questionnaires. We are waiting for the results of these and Governors will give you feedback as soon as possible.

ASSESSMENTS

A reminder that we are approaching the time when more formal assessments begin for the children. During May, children in Year 2 will be undertaking SAT's (Standardised Assessment Tests) and in June, Year 1 have a Phonics Check. These are statutory. It is important that all children are in school at these times. Our approach to these is always low-key. If you have any questions, please speak to class teachers.

GOVERNOR DAY

Governors spent an enjoyable and informative day in school as part of their evaluation role. They experienced children's start to the school day, saw children learning maths across the school, looked at how children are supported with their learning as well as talking to children about their work, enjoyed lunch with the children and caught up with staff. Governors were incredibly impressed with the learning environment and hard work of both staff and children.

YEAR ONE PLAY

Thanks to Year 1 children who performed their socks off last week and amazed parents with their performance of 'One World'. All of our children were superb. In addition, many thanks to our year one staff for supporting them in the production of this wonderful play.

TIME KEEPING

Please can I remind you, it is important that children **arrive prior to 9am** so that they can commence their learning at 9am. They also need to be collected promptly **at 3.30pm**. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

STAFFING NEWS

We are very pleased to tell you that Miss Browning will be getting married on Saturday, 8th April to Josh and will become

Mrs Bishop! We all send her our congratulations and best wishes for a very happy day. Some of you may also remember Josh who has played piano for us in the past!

We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Gibson who has spent some much needed time with her family over the past few weeks. She is very much looking forward to being back in school to teach class 9 alongside of Mrs Lerner. Thank you for your support of the arrangements we have had in place over these weeks. We thank Mrs Lucy Russell for her support to this.

CAR PARK SAFETY

Again, the car park and the safety of yourselves and your children has been raised with me as an issue. Staff are incredibly concerned for your safety and it is important to remember this is you are asked to refrain from using this space. Staff have been subject to incredibly abusive comments and this will not be tolerated. **Please remember that this is a car park for staff only** and that it is not a safe space to be at any time of the day.

MAYFAIR INFANT SCHOOL STALL – JAR BAZAAR!! (SATURDAY, 13th MAY)

We have set the children our annual challenge! If possible, they need to fill a jar for the Infant School stall at the May Fair. Jars can be filled with anything that will fit inside! See how creative or interesting they can be. A small treat / prize will be awarded to the class that bring the most jars for the stall and bottles for the tombola – a tally chart can be seen in each class. Every class will have a box outside of their room ready for donations. Please note that jars should be at least medium 'jam jar' sized. Baby food jars / marmite jars etc. are too small. We are also challenging the children to collect bottles (alcoholic and soft drinks) for the bottle stall. Have a root in the back of the cupboard - it may well be just the thing for us!! Please just have a check that bottles donated are within date and unopened. Any brought will also be tallied and add to the possibility of the small class prize! Of course, there are also many items needed for the huge variety of stalls on offer! The May Fair committee have a separate piece below on all you can do to donate or get involved!

FHIS THANKS

Many thanks to you all for supporting FHIS in a multitude of ways and enabling them to provide our new play equipment in the foundation stage play ground. This

equipment fitted by Pentagon has proven highly popular and we are incredibly grateful to all of your kind donations which have enabled it to happen.

EZ PAY and SCHOOL COMMS

We will be changing the systems we use for school communications and on line school trip payments and replacing them with ParentPay. More information about this will follow after the Easter break.

EASTER BREAK / SPRING HOLIDAY

We are all now ready for the holidays! Do enjoy a restful break and please don't forget that we return on Monday, 24th April. Friday, 28th April is an inset day and also ties in with the May Bank holiday the following week (1st May). This means our first two weeks back to school will be 4 day weeks.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS / PUPIL PREMIUM

Not to be confused with Universal Free School Meals!

Please do make sure that you make an application for free school meals if you think that you may be entitled to them. Although all infant children are now able to have a meal provided by the school, there is still benefit from applying for free school meal status as the school may be able to access funding called Pupil Premium. Your child may be eligible to receive Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following benefits,

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) or Universal Credit

It is also important that we are aware if your child is adopted or comes from a Forces family as this also enables access to this fund. If you have already applied, or informed us of your circumstances there is no need to repeat this.

Please do be reassured however, that you may speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the school office about this in confidence and they will be able to offer you support on how to apply. In order to ascertain if you are eligible, visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals. Put in your postcode/select 'start now'/then select 'apply on line on the e free school meals service'. Alternatively, drop into the office to request assistance.

SEN UPDATE

The Special Educational Needs section on the School's website has been updated. Here you will find the school's SEN Policy, Local Offer and flow charts for concerns. There is also a link to Bristol City Council's Findability website which is a directory of services for children and young people with complex needs in Bristol. This can be for extracurricular activities or for support and advice. <http://www.findabilitybristol.org.uk/>.

Other useful documents such as the Accessibility Plan and Equalities Plan can be found in the downloadable document section of the website.

Other websites which you may find useful are;

www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk

www.supportiveparents.org.uk

www.specialneedsjungle.com

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are collecting Active Kids vouchers in school. These enable the school to obtain free sports equipment. Please pass on vouchers to your child's class teacher or alternatively post them in the Active Kids voucher box outside the school office.

Yours,
Mandy Martin

Dates for your diary:

Mon 24th April

Thu 27th April

Fri 28th April

Mon 1st May

Tue 9th May

Sat 13th May

Fri 26th May

Mon 5th June

Start of Term 5

Class photos/Yr 2 Wow day

Inset day

Bank holiday

Yr 1 trip to SS Great Britain

May Fair

End of Term 5

Start of Term 6



SHINE SPORTS CRICKET ACADEMY OVER EASTER

Hard Ball Cricket is for children from Yr 4 -7 and Soft Ball Cricket for children from Yr 1, at Golden Hill in BS6. All the details are online or call us on 01174 033 033. The day runs from 10:00-16:00 with an option from 08:00-18:00 for working families

ALI'S GET DANCING

Every Tuesday in the Infant School hall from 3.30-4.30pm for Infant aged children and 4.30-5.30pm for Junior aged children. No experience needed just enthusiasm for dance. Contact Ali on 07795215319.

FRENCH CLUB – MONDAY 3.30-4PM

Bonjour, if your child would like join our French club on Mondays, please email admin@clubs4kids.com. The club costs £6 per session.

SWIMMING AT CLIFTON HIGH SCHOOL

10th April – 21 April 2017 (weekdays only)- 10 half hour lessons (9am to 12 noon) contact Pat Holmyard 0117 973 7245 (9am to 6pm) www.cliftonswimschool.com

TENNIS AT HENLEAZE TENNIS CLUB

Free six week tennis course for 5 to 8 year olds with good ball skills, who are keen to take up tennis. For further details and sign up contact Ondrej Toman on 07896 789564.

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