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Welcome Back

Welcome back to all returning parents and a warm welcome to all our new parents. The beginning of term is an exciting time and it is good to report that all classes are well settled and enjoying starting their new topics with their new teachers. Year 6 have already enjoyed an incredible week away at Simonsbath camp. We will be posting photographs on our website when it is up and running.



School Times

Already this year we have had children arriving late for school. The children are expected to be in school between 8.40 and 8.55am. At 8.55am the pedestrian gate is locked and anyone arriving after this needs to come through the main door. Anyone arriving after 9am is marked down as late and after 9.15am is marked as an unauthorised absence. If children are late 5 minutes each day over a school year they will miss the equivalent of 3 days of school. It is important that children are on time every day.



The Woodland Library

On Monday 26th September we will have the grand opening of our new school library, named 'The Woodland Library'. Thanks to the money raised by parents and a £7000 grant from the Foyle Foundation we have a wonderful new library. To celebrate the opening we would like children (and staff) to come dressed as a book character on 26th September. There will be events throughout the day and children will be able to visit the library and borrow a book. We will be taking pictures and will put some of these in the next newsletter.

Parking

This week I have had some local residents coming to school complaining about parking outside school at the end of the day. If you have to drive to collect your child please do not park across or in any residents' driveways. There has also been some parents using the staff and delivery carparks to park, turn or drop their children off. Please do not use either of the school carparks for everyone's safety.

Childline

Childline have created the following webpage, which gives information for parents and children regarding 'worries about the world'. Please do have a read if you feel this would be useful.
<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>

Keyboard Lessons

We have 1 place left for keyboard lessons this term. If you are interested in the place please contact the school office.



Primary School Applications



For those children who will be starting Reception in September 2017, parents and carers need to apply online at

www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions .

However, the deadline for these applications is 15th January 2017. We have an open day for any prospective parents that would like to view the school on **Friday 11th November**. Please book a place with our office staff if you would like to attend. Please note, this is only for those parents who have children who would like to join us next September in either our Nursery or our Reception classes.

Nursery Places

We have a few nursery places available for any child aged 3 or 4. Children can start Nursery the term after their 3rd birthday. If you know of anyone who is looking for a nursery place please ask them to contact the school for more information.

Secondary School Applications

Following the letter that went home to all Year 6 parents last week, just another reminder that you need to apply online by 31st October 2016 for your child's secondary school place. All the information you require can be found at

www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Chew Valley Open Evening is Wednesday 21st September and their open mornings are Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th September. We will pass on any information we have about open days for local secondary school.

Term Dates 2016/17

- **Term 1** Thursday 1 September to Friday 21 October 2016
- **Term 2** Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December 2016
- **Term 3** Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 February 2017
- **Term 4** Monday 20 February to Friday 7 April 2017
- **Term 5** Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May 2017 closed on 1 May 2017 for Early May Bank Holiday
- **Term 6** Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July 2017

2016/17 Inset Dates

Monday 31st October 2016
 Friday 16th December 2016
 Friday 10th February 2017
 Monday 5th June 2017
 Friday 14th July 2017



Free School Meals

If you are on certain benefits, your child may be entitled to free school meals. If you have children in Years 3-6, you need to visit the following website and apply online.

<https://efsm.bristol.gov.uk/pls/educa/f?p=106:10>

1 If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2, you can collect a form from the school office, complete the details and the office staff can complete the check for you online. Although these children are entitled to universal infant free school meals, your child will then be entitled to pupil premium funding.

If anyone knows the opening date of the original Burnbush School I would like to know. It is either 1957 or 1958. I want to make sure we do not miss the 60th anniversary of the school.

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team

2016-17 Academic Year Dates and Events

– more dates will be added throughout the year

September 2016

19.09.16	Clubs start
19.09.16	School Council election week
30.09.16	Year 6 Learning Lunch

October 2016

10.10.16	Year 4 camp – Hook Court (3 days)
14.10.16	Year 5 Learning Lunch
21.10.16	End of Term 1
31.10.16	Term 2 begins - INSET

November 2016

04.11.16	NSPCC Parent workshop
09.11.16	Parents Evening
10.11.16	Parents Evening
10.11.16	Year 6 swim for 5 weeks
11.11.16	EYFS Open Day
16.11.16	Parent Forum
18.11.16	Reception Learning Lunch
18.11.16	M&M Productions - Aladdin
23.11.16	e-safety right click workshop for parents & children
28.11.16	NSPCC assembly and workshop

December 2016

02.12.16	Clubs finish
02.12.16	Year 1 Learning Lunch
12.12.16	Reception Christmas Play 1.30pm
13.12.16	KS1 Christmas production 2pm & 6pm
14.12.16	Nursery Christmas Play 10am
14.12.16	KS2 Christmas production 2pm & 6pm
14.12.16	Effort & Behaviour grades sent home
15.12.16	Christmas Lunch
16.12.16	End of Term 2 - INSET

January 2017

03.01.17	Term 3 begins
09.01.17	Clubs start
13.01.17	Year 4 Learning Lunch

February 2017

10.02.17	End of Term 3 - INSET
20.02.17	Term 4 begins
28.02.17	School Open Day

March 2017

01.03.17	Parent Forum 2.30pm
02.03.17	Year 6 swim for 5 weeks
03.03.17	Year 3 Learning Lunch
22.03.17	Mother's Day Lunch
31.03.17	Clubs finish

April 2017

07.04.17	End of Term 4
24.04.17	Term 5 begins

May 2017

02.05.17	Clubs start
05.05.17	Year 2 Learning Lunch
08.05.17	KS2 SATS begin
25.05.17	Arts Evening
26.05.17	End of Term 5

June 2017

05.06.17	Term 6 begins - INSET
08.06.17	Book Fair
12.06.17	Phonics Screening begins
14.06.17	Father's Day Lunch
15.06.17	Year 6 swim for 5 weeks
26.06.17	Early Years Induction Meeting
28.09.17	Early Years Sports Day 10am
30.06.17	KS1 Sports Day 10am KS2 Sports Day 1.15pm

July 2017

05.07.17	Parent forum 2.30pm
06.07.17	Oasis Brislington & St Bernadette's transition day
07.07.17	All clubs finish
13.07.17	Y1-Y6 Induction Evening 3.30pm and 4.15pm
14.07.17	INSET: Transition Data
17.07.17	End of Year Reports sent home
18.07.17	Class Swap – 9.15-11.30
19.07.17	Report Evening for parents with concerns about End of Year Reports, 3.30pm
21.07.17	Leavers Service and End of Year Awards Ceremony 10am start, invited guests only
21.07.17	Graduation Ceremony, 2pm, invited guests only
21.07.17	End of Term 6