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Love learning, start singing

Sing Up Award

This year the school will be working towards achieving the Sing Up Silver Award. This will involve the children regularly singing in class, improving their singing, increased whole school singing and giving families and visitors opportunities to participate in school singing activities. The children will be learning a number of new songs which we hope they will share at home.

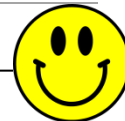
NSPCC

NSPCC Visits

During November we will be working with the NSPCC to help educate our children about the various forms of abuse and how they can be prevented. Specialists from the NSPCC will come into school to deliver an age appropriate whole school assembly and workshops to Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. This is a programme that the NSPCC runs nationally and has already delivered in thousands of schools across the country. If you would like further details about the content of the assembly or workshops please come along to a parental session with the NSPCC on Friday 4th November at 2.30pm.

Thank You!

I would like to say a big 'thank you' for being so understanding when we had to close the school due to the water leak. As we couldn't provide the children with toilet, washing or drinking facilities we had no option other than to close the school. I understand that this caused inconvenience to many families. Unfortunately we had to wait until the contractors found and repaired the leak before we knew when the school would be open again.



Lunch Menu

The new dinner menu starts after half term. All children should have brought a new menu home at the beginning of the week. When we come back we will start on week 1 of the menu.

*Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!*

Parents Evening

These will be held in week two of Term 2. The booking sheets will be placed in the playground from Wednesday 2nd November. Parents' evenings will take place on Wednesday 9th November between 3.30pm and 6pm and on Thursday 10th November between 3.30pm and 6pm. Please check that you are writing your time slot against the correct class for your child when booking.

Stockwood Free Church Holiday Bible Club

By now your child(ren) will have received a flier telling you all about the fun week - well Tuesday to Friday actually - we have planned over half-term. It would be great if you could register on-line beforehand, but we just wanted to say that we will be very happy for your child(ren) just to turn up on the day.

Just a reminder:

Who for? Children in **Reception up to Year 6**

Where? Stockwood Free Church in **Ladman Road**

See you there!

Lance Mason - Free Church pastor

When? **Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 October from 10.00 to 12.30**



Open Day

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.

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.

Secondary School Applications

Reminder that you need to apply online by 31st October 2016 for your child's secondary school place for September. All the information you require can be found at www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Vacancy in School

We have a vacancy for a SMSA to work in school supervising the children at lunchtimes. The hours will be 6 ¼ hours a week 11.45am – 1pm each day term time only. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position they can contact the school for more information and an application form.

Lateness



Lateness is still a problem at school. The equivalent of 8 ½ days of learning has been lost due to lateness this term alone. This is a huge figure and has a substantial impact on children's learning. The registers close at 9am. Children **must** be in class by this time. Any child who is not in their classroom by 9am will be marked as late.

Lateness also causes problems for the kitchen and the cooking of lunches. Lunches are cooked to order to reduce the amount of waste food. There is minimal extra food prepared. From next term any child arriving after 10am will have to bring a packed lunch with them.

Just to remind you that the children return to school on **Tuesday 1st November**. We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team

Operation Christmas Child



We are still collecting donations to make Christmas shoeboxes. All donations need to be in school by Friday 4th November. Items that can be included in a shoebox must be new and below are some suggestions:

- **new small toys:** games, puzzles, soft toys, balls, cars (no playing cards)
- **school supplies:** pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, felt pens, paper, colouring books, notepad, chalk, crayons
- **toiletries:** soap, flannel, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, brush (no bottles)
- **something to wear:** hat, scarf, gloves, necklaces
- **sweets:** lollipops, chews, toffees, boiled sweets (no chocolate)

The School Council Shoebox Committee will make up shoeboxes and deliver them to Christ the Servant Church for processing.