



Newsletter

14th July 2017

Parentpay

Please, please, please could you settle your parentpay accounts over this weekend. There are still a large amount of trips and school meals not paid for. We do not have the resources to make phone calls to individuals this week therefore, your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Dance & Art in September

Places for dance and art club can only be secured by payment. KS1 dance will only go ahead with a sign up of a minimum of ten children. Mrs Brown will offer places out to other children on Wednesday.

Term Dates & Inset days

04/09/2017-20/10/2017

30/10/2017-19/12/2017

04/01/2018-09/02/2018

19/02/2018-23/03/2018

09/04/2018-25/05/2018

04/06/2018-24/07/2018

Monday 4th September

Friday 9th February

Monday 9th April

Monday 23rd July

Tuesday 24th July

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 16th July 10:00 - Pets Service All Together In Church (ATIC) with Communion, St Bartholomew's Failand Church

Bring along your pets, or cuddly toy if you haven't got have a real one - all welcome!

Sunday 23rd July 10:00 - All Together In Church (ATIC) with Communion, All Saints' Wraxall Church

A service of music, words and prayer for all ages.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday - Year 5 & 6 Swimming

Wednesday - 2pm Matinee performance of Leaver's production for family members who cannot make the evening performance.

6.45pm for a 7pm start—evening performance of Leaver's production.

Thursday - Leaver's service at 1.45pm in All Saints Church - everyone welcome. Farewell party tea for Mrs Yandall & Mr Fossard on the school field at 3.15pm-4.00pm. (top secret!)

Friday - Wacky races for year 6 at 11.00am, parents welcome to spectate!

Year 3 & 4 Parents

We are still collecting mini-beast hotel materials as per the children's homework letters. If you have any, then please bring them to school on Monday (not roof tiles, we have enough)

Thank you all for your donations so far and thank you to Springfield Building Services for working so hard on the field today and to Miranda for working with the children on the mini-beast hotel, they found it fascinating!

Farewell Bring & Share Tea Party

Thursday 20th July at 3.15pm

We thought it would be nice to join together to wish

Mrs Yandall & Mr Fossard
a fond farewell.

Drinks will be provided but could we prevail upon you to bring:

KS1: Savoury items

KS2: Sweet items

There will also be second hand school uniform for sale and the children's key rings and horseshoes.

Dear Parents/Carers,

So close. So close. Just one more week to go.

On Wednesday I thought that Reception and Year 1 were visiting a World War 2 festival at the North Somerset Show Ground. It turns out that I was completely wrong and it was actually a Farm to Fork Festival, specifically designed to teach children about countryside life as well as to educate them about where their food actually comes from. It was truly a stunner. The event was absolutely vast and covered all manner of exciting things. The children kicked off by making wrist and hair bands from dyed sheep's wool which they wove and plaited into patterns. Next came the sheep dog trials where Bill and Sam had the opportunity to give the commands to the woofers; they had them sitting, walking and fetching. By the time I turned up, they were watching the huge balers scoop up grass and wrap them up in huge black cellophane parcels, which quickly turned into having a go at turning cream into butter. All of this is before you even get to the dancing sheep and sheep shearing! It was just brilliant and allowed them to see just what goes into producing the food it is so easy to take for granted. Thank you to all the parents who came with us – it made a huge difference to go as mob handed as we did.

The project that Year 3/4 have accepted (to improve our school grounds) is really gathering apace. Scarlett's dad has agreed to help cut out letters and erect a shed; Otis's mum has advised on suitable plants and Miranda came in today to help the children create a 'Bug Hotel' for all the creepy crawlies to live in. There are lots of other initiatives that are going taking place soon so watch this space. However, my favourite initiative, so far, has been the tyre planters. Zoe and Isla's dad has very kindly donated six of them which Year 3/4, with the help of Mr Bishop, Mrs Bradford and Fran, have transformed into a riot of colour and shall be used to plant perennials in next week. Seeing them altogether, you might think they look like a piece of modern art which you may not quite understand but know you love. Think Damian Hurst... just better. If you would care for one of your own, we can arrange a personalised planter for a small fee. Shall we say, £3000? It is an original 'Wraxall' after all.

It is that wonderful time of the year again when Mr Fossard ages significantly (honestly, he almost looks as old as Beth [alright, that's an exaggeration, he doesn't look that old]); Lisa is never found without a paintbrush in her hands and members of Year 5/6 are being constantly told to, 'Speak up!' That is right: time for the legendary Year 5/6 production. This year: 'Yee Ha!' Think 'Blazing Saddles' meets Glyndebourne and ... well, actually you wouldn't be that close but I have no other way to describe the performance. The music has a distinct hoedown feel to it, while Alex and Eva are giving it their best Lee Van Cleef and John Wayne impressions. The performance is next Wednesday evening (6:45 for a 7:00 start); it should be a real treat.

Towards the end of the week, we had our music and awards ceremony at the church. It is not our usual modus operandi to combine the two but we thought we would try and freshen things up a bit. Boy, I am glad we did. It was fantastic. Just fantastic. The church was packed to the rafters, the children performed brilliantly and those who won awards were applauded by a hugely appreciative crowd. I could not be prouder of them all.

Our Stars of the Week are Lawson in Reception, Joe & Samuel in Year 1/2, Aleks & Molly in Year 3/4 and Samuel & Emma in Year 5/6. Next week we find out who wins the Conduct Mark Cup and the Work Mark Shield for having the highest number over the course of the year. In the meantime, Dragons had the most conduct marks this week and also the most work marks. Gold badges were awarded to Max, Sophie, Tilly, Aleks, & Kristina. A platinum badge was awarded to Yasmin and a topaz badge was awarded to Scarlet! Fantastic job, well done!

Have a lovely weekend. Play safely and take care. After the Leavers' Service on Thursday (1:45 in the church) we are finally getting rid of will be saying a very fond, 'Good bye' to Mrs Yandall and Mr Fossard who are leaving us at the end of the academic year. If you would like to make sure they leave join us for a cup of tea and a slice of cake, we are meeting on the school field for half an hour or so after pick up. We would be delighted to see you there.

Mr Tucker