

Wednesday 4th January, 2017

WELCOME BACK

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here is this term's Launch Letter giving you details of all that's happening in the next 6 weeks. On the other side is the **UPDATED** 'Dates for the Year' (*please destroy/ignore previous versions!*)

THIS TERM WE WILL BE...

Holding 'open classes' in Week 4, when your child will be able to share their work-books with you.

Launching our new '20:20 Vision' and explaining the 5 key themes of our school culture at an evening workshop.

The School Council will be reviewing our playtimes and the new 'Playtime Pals' system (look out for the Councillors' photos in our School Team display in the entrance). They also will be inviting you to share playground games and songs from your childhood!

Hosting a new parenting course, led by Rachel from the church, details in a letter later this week.

Starting to Tweet about life in our school...

Sharing a Buddy Time with the Juniors on 24th January.

Welcoming Year Six pupils from the Juniors to read with our Year Two pupils.

Planning a new 'International Week' for Term 4, celebrating the full diversity of our school community.

Year One will be starting their 'Schools Without Walls' creative learning project with visits to the Bath at Work Museum.

And continuing to work on our School Development Priorities:

- Making sure **all pupils** are well supported to achieve as well as they can.
- Supporting all families to help achieve our **96% attendance** target.
- Aiming to achieve recognition as a UNICEF **Rights Respecting** school, showing that we take children's rights seriously!



Teachers during yesterday's INSET day, learning how to use a 'green screen' to make ICT more immersive for the children!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term's **Collective Worship** theme is 'empathy'. The focus Bible story is 'The Lost Sheep', and we will be making strong links to the Caring Code and the Christian values demonstrated in the story. We will also be reflecting on last year and our 'New Year Resolutions' for 2017, making links to our 'Learning to Learn' program and 'Being an Active Learner by making plans'.

FOSSI NEWS

This term FoSSI will be holding a cake sale on Friday 10th February, and planning the Term 4 Ceilidh.

Please look out for FoSSI letters for more information and ways to get involved. This year a key fundraising focus is the creation of a new accessible pond in Paul's Wildlife Garden.

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED...

- Join Pat and her Rights Respecting team at a meeting on Wednesday 11th January to help plan 'next steps' in our school's bid to be recognised as an institution that takes children's rights seriously.
- Help on the Year One trips to the Museum of Bath at Work; they'll be walking all the way there and back!
- Come along to Rachel's new parenting course.
- Share your favourite playground games, song and rhymes from your childhood, as part of the School Council's review of playtimes.
- Join FoSSI as they plan future events!



We welcome Amie (centre) who has joined Eve and Lisa in the school kitchen team

CLUBS OFFER

- **Taekwondo:** continues on Tuesdays
- **Spanish:** Lunchtimes: Y2: Tuesday, Y1 Wednesday
- **French:** Y1 and Y2 continue Wednesday lunchtimes
- **Football:** Y1 club continues on Tuesday, Y2 on Friday
- **Year Two Ukulele:** starts this term, lunchtimes, letter with details next week
- **Dance Umbrella** Year Two: starts tomorrow after school

MEET THE GOVERNORS...



Here's Claire Henwood, mother of Eilidh in Nursery, helping during the Christmas Stable Trail. Claire is a Foundation Governor, and Chair of our Staffing and Finance Committee.