



TERM 1 LAUNCH LETTER

Friday 8th September, 2017



WELCOME BACK! Here is the first Launch Letter, giving you details of all that's happening this term. Overleaf is an overview of the teaching staff responsibilities for this year. Please ask if you have any questions or would like more information...

FOSSI NEWS - Introducing FOSSI

"Friends of St Saviours Infants" is our school PTA. We organise events that benefit children and families of the school, whilst also raising funds to help the school provide extra resources for the pupils. Events during the year include the ever popular Quiz Night, as well as Christmas and Summer Fairs.

Last year the money we raised helped to refurbish our wonderful Wildlife garden and create the new pond. This year's key fundraising focus is the creation of a new play-space to replace the Elliot building is (the green 'prefab' in the playground). The building will be removed before Christmas, and current ideas for the new space include a climbing/traverse wall, a stage, an outdoor disco area, and more cover for rainy/sunny days... The School Council will be consulting with their peers for more ideas.

This term we will be planning the year's events and would love your involvement in making this work a success. Our AGM will be held later this term at the school and **all are welcome!** (Dates TBC in letter and noticeboards next week).

To keep in touch please join our Facebook page "Friends of St Saviours Infants - FOSSI", or visit www.fossicharity.co.uk for more information and ways to get involved.

THIS TERM WE WILL BE...

Welcoming ninety new Nursery and Reception children and their families into the school community.

Starting to explore the wonderful new Wildlife Garden and pond, and sharing it with the Junior school.

Sharing a Buddy Time with the Juniors.

Electing a new School Council.

Celebrating Black History month.

Creating a new 'focus table' for the hall.

Celebrating harvest at St Saviours Church on Monday 9th October.

Launching our new online payments system, and creating a new school website.

Planning how to use the space created when the Elliot building is removed.

Holding our third annual shared Open Morning with the Junior School on Tuesday 17th October.

Continuing to Tweet about life in our school [@saviours_st](https://twitter.com/saviours_st)

And working on our new School Development Priorities:

- Introducing a new Maths scheme (adopted by the Junior school last year) that has a strong focus on deepening children's understanding of key Maths concepts.
- Building on recent Inclusion work to ensure the lives of all members of our school and the wider community are valued and celebrated (last year we achieved Level One recognition as a Unicef Rights Respecting school, and held our first International Day).
- Focussing on Science and Biodiversity on our school site and in the local area, making good use of our wonderful new Wildlife Garden and pond (thanks to FOSSI for financing this work)

THE GOVERNORS WILL BE...

Analysing last year's pupil progress and results data, and agreeing this year's School Development Plan.

Reviewing returns from the Summer Parents and Carers Survey.

Helping the school to manage its budget.

Planning the consultation process for the proposed move to a Multi Academy Trust (MAT).

Continuing to raise their profile and engagement with the school community through our new 'year group link' system.

Recruiting two new parent governors and one new staff governor.

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED...

- Join us at the weekly Friday Celebration assembly (9.10 – 9.35), all welcome!
- Become a library volunteer and work with Kamala and Catherine on making sure all the children get the maximum benefit from this great resource.
- Share your gardening skills and help to look after our Peace Garden, or the Kitchen Garden and wider school grounds.
- Offer to help on a class-trip, or become a regular volunteer class-helper (see Ruth in the Nursery for further details).

THIS TERM'S CLUBS OFFER

- **Taekwondo:** continues on Tuesday 12th
- **Spanish:** Lunchtimes: Y2 Tuesday, Y1 Wednesday
- **Football:** Y1 club starting Tuesday 12th, Y2 on Friday 15th
- **Ukulele:** will now run on Mondays AFTER SCHOOL for Year Two pupils. Details in a letter from Sophie next week.
- **Fizz Pops Science Club:** Starts later this term, letter soon...
- **French:** We are waiting to hear from La Jolie Ronde about a possible new teacher.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term's **Collective Worship** themes are the Caring Code ('We show we care, show respect, and do our best'), and Thankfulness. We will be looking at the Bible story 'The Paralyse Man', considering who followed the Caring Code, and why we have rules, codes and agreements about how to behave with each other! We will also be celebrating Harvest, reflecting on the many things we have to be thankful for, and how we can share our good fortune with others through charity work.

FOCUS CHARITY

Many thanks for all your help with our very successful 'Toilet Twinning' last year; we raised enough money to twin thirteen toilets! The Twinning organisers were very impressed by this number, saying it was the amount they'd expect from a large secondary school. Following the very successful launch of 'Say PANTS and you've got it covered!' by the NSPCC in the Summer term, this year we are making the NSPCC our focus charity. Their work is a wonderful complement to our Unicef Rights Respecting work, and has a direct impact on improving the lives of children. We will also be supporting Bath Foodbank during Harvest, helping them to feed vulnerable members of our community.

PTO for an overview of teaching staff responsibilities for this year...