

Monday 31st October, 2016

WELCOME BACK!

Here is this term's Launch Letter giving you details of all that's happening in the next 7 weeks. On the other side is the **UPDATED** 'Dates for the Year' (please destroy/ignore previous versions!)

THIS TERM WE WILL BE...

Exploring the importance of saving energy during our annual 'Zero Hour' this Friday, while continuing to enjoy the benefits of our 30 solar panels.

Holding Parent Teacher meetings next week, sharing your child's progress so far this year.

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

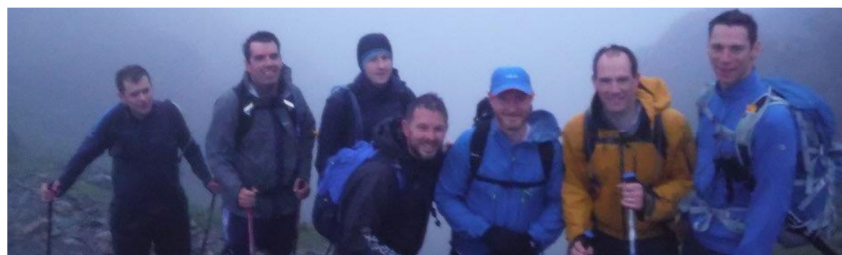
The newly elected School Council will be 'tagging' the school with Rights Respecting logos.

Creating our 3rd annual Christmas cake factory at St Marks, supporting the Genesis Trust.

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!

TWENTY FOUR PEAKS IN TWENTY FOUR HOURS!



Well done to Mark, father of Lucy, Matilda and Zac, for completing his '24 in 24 hours' challenge, helping to raise £10,000 for Bristol Children's Hospital!

CLUBS OFFER

- **Taekwondo:** continues on Tuesdays
- **Spanish:** continues Y2: Tuesday lunchtimes, Y1 Wednesday lunchtimes.
- **French:** Y1 and Y2 continue Wednesday lunchtimes
- **Football:** Y1 club continues on Tuesday, Y2 on Friday
- **Year Two Ukulele:** within school day, letter out shortly
- **Science:** afterschool starting Term 3
- **Dance Umbrella Year Two:** starts after school in Term 3, dates TBC

RIGHTS RESPECTING – AN INVITATION...

If you would like to get involved in our ongoing work to becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting school, please join Pat for a meeting on Wednesday 9th November at 3.30pm in Chile Class. All very welcome!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term's **Collective Worship** theme is 'empathy' and how we care for other people; we will be making connections to Remembrance Sunday and our charity work. We will also look at 'festivals of light' such as Diwali. When we approach Christmas we will explore the Nativity in depth: why is Jesus a 'special king'? Why is Christmas a special time for Christians? We use images from 'The Brick Testament', a Lego illustration of the Bible, to help retell the Nativity story. We look forward to seeing the story brought to life through a '**Stable Trail**' re-enactment led by Foundation Governors...

FOSSI NEWS

Events this term include the ever popular Quiz Night on Friday 11th November at the Juniors, and the Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December. We are holding a meeting to plan the Christmas Fair **THIS THURSDAY** at 7.30pm in the school hall. Please look out for FoSSI letters for more information and ways to get involved.



Look out for Pam selling her lovely crocheted poppies in aid of the Remembrance Day Appeal next week...



Sophie, Pat, Catherine and Claire at one of our termly Pupil Progress meetings when teachers reflect on the progress made by all pupils in each year group

MEET THE GOVERNORS...

Here's Lin Patterson, our Community Governor, joining Pat and most of our newly appointed School Council. As a Local Councillor Lin will be able to share her experience of democracy in action as she works with Pat to help the School Council make some good decisions!



PTO FOR AN UPDATED OVERVIEW OF THE KEY DATES FOR 2016/17...