



The Red Squirrel



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Dear Parents and Carers

There is a real buzz around school as we draw towards the end of term. Our Severn Unit children have been working hard and rehearsals have been going well for their performance of *Mystery at Magpie Manor* and we look forward to the shows. The first matinee is taking place this afternoon and it was lovely to see some of last year's Year 6 come along from the Free School to watch the performance.

We welcomed next year's new Reception intake last week for their Teddy Bear's Picnic on the school field. It was a lovely occasion and they are all looking forward to starting in September.

End of Year service 9th July

This year, our end of year service at Holy Trinity Church is being led by KS1 and Yr 3 children. We welcome all school families and members of our community to come along at 5pm on Sunday 9th July to give thanks for another busy and successful year. This is always a joyful service and a lovely end to the school year.

Leavers

If your child, (Trym unit to Yr 5), is leaving Westbury-on-Trym Academy at the end of the summer term for another school, and you haven't already confirmed this in writing with us, please can you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Classes 2017/18

You should now have received information about your child's new class for next year. Our 'Shuffle Up Day' is next Tuesday, when the children will meet their new teachers and spend the day with them in their new class rooms.

Miss Hufflett is getting married in the summer holidays, so will be Mrs Jones when we come back in September and her class will be known as 2DJ. We hope she has an enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Milton

Other News

Maths quiz

Last Friday, Sarah G, Anna V, Evie H and Amber H travelled to Taunton to take part in the Mathematics Quiz championships semi finals, having already achieved success at Brentry Primary School. They did so well; leading until the very difficult last question, when they were just pipped. Congratulations to the girls, who worked really well as a team and were a great credit to Westbury-on-Trym Academy.

Colston Hall concert

Congratulations to the school choir who sang at the Colston hall this week. It was wonderful performance. A particular well done to Kiera, who sang a beautiful solo- it was excellent, and very brave to perform in front of so many people.

Class photographs

You should receive your child's class photograph today. So that the orders can be processed by the end of term, please return

any orders to the school office by Tuesday 11th July. Thank you.

Year 6 Leaver's party

The Year 6 children have their leaver's party on the field on Friday 14th July after school. May I ask families of children from Trym - Year 5 to be prompt leaving the school premises on that day, so that the field is clear for the party. Thank you for your co-operation.

Guitar concert

We have a number of children in school learning the guitar and to demonstrate their skills, they are performing in a concert for the whole school in the Hall from 1.15pm to 1.45pm on Friday 14th July. We will have limited space for an audience, however, parents and carers of those performing are invited to attend.

Readingwise

A reminder for those attending the Reading wise sessions before school: the sessions will stop on Friday 14th July.

E Safety presentation

Thank you to those who came to the E safety presentation a couple of week's ago. The Year 6 children have produced a powerpoint with narration, which you can access on the school website home page for your interest.

Clubs 2017/18

In September, we will be starting a new online booking system for after school activities, which will be linked to our school database system. We will, as always, have a huge variety of clubs available for children; some free of charge, some with a fee. Information will be sent out about the opportunities at the beginning of next term and clubs will begin the week commencing

18th September.

Harmonica Lessons

Harmonica can be a fun and not too noisy way to encourage your child to learn music. Sean McBride, the Harmonica teacher will be returning in September to teach on Thursday lunchtimes. The year is based on 33 lessons, (September—July). Harpscool has been bringing music to children for over 10 years and Sean has been involved for about 5 years. If you would like to find out more about harmonica and Harpscool go to www.harpscool.co.uk, or if you have any questions you can email Sean: sean.mcbride@harscool.co.uk

PTA News



Red Squirrel Day

Thank you to everyone who helped or contributed in any way to Red Squirrel Day. It was a brilliant day, and we managed to raise just under £3600!

Future events survey

The PTA is a registered charity, and we fund additional resources for the children, which would not otherwise be available. In previous years the PTA fundraising has paid for the play cottages behind the pergola, the covered seating area and slide by the field and the play equipment in the KS1 playground. We want to find out what events you'd like to see the PTA running to continue to raise

these funds – and where children and parents can have fun and socialise.

Please answer as many questions as possible and let us know any additional ideas you might have in the comments section at the end. Feel free to either leave your response anonymous or give your details to be entered into the prize draw to win a bottle of champagne! **Thank you.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R8NCDX5>

Also, look out for the dates of our Macmillan coffee morning and AGM at the start of the new academic year. We are always looking for new helpers, to help with as much or little as you are able to!

Dates for your diary

Useful Dates

Thurs 6th July	Year 5 & 6 show
Fri 7th July 2pm	Year 5 & 6 show
Fri 7th July 7pm	Year 5 & 6 show
Sun 9th July 5pm	End of term service in church, led by KS1 & Yr 3
Thurs 13th July 9.15am	Service of thanks for helpers & gobs
Fri 14th July	Year 6 Leavers party
Fri 21st July 9.15am	Year 6 Leavers service
Fri 21st July	Last day of term

Term dates 2017/18

Term 1	Monday 4th September to Friday 20th October 17
Term 2	Monday 30th October to Friday 15th December 17
Term 3	Tuesday 2nd January 18 to Friday 9th February 18
Term 4	Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd March 18

Term 5 Monday 9th April to Friday 25th May 18
(Monday 7th May—Bank Holiday)

Term 6 Monday 4th June to Tuesday 24th July 18

INSET dates 2017/18

Monday 4 th Sept 2017	Tues 2nd Jan 2018
Friday 25 th May 2018	Mon 23 rd July and Tues 24 th July 2018

Cycle Sunday

Cycle Sunday is a fantastic event which is taking place on the Downs on **July 16th from 10am - 2pm**, its being run by volunteers but supported by Sustrans for the second year in a row.

Cyclists of all ages and abilities can come and enjoy a car free morning pedalling along Circular Road on the Downs. This gives children and anyone who is a bit wobbly or rusty in particular a wonderful opportunity to develop their cycling skills and stamina while enjoying the freedom to ride without the worry of passing cars. There will also be some all ability bikes there, as well as some tandems and electric bikes for people to try out.

This will be the 5th Cycle Sunday event. The previous events have all been great successes, with a friendly, festival feel and we have welcomed over 5,000 participants. As well as the flat, 3 km of car free cycling, there will be lots of other opportunities for pedal powered fun, including making smoothies and spinning a painting! Dr Bike will also be there to offer free bike maintenance.

We are really hoping that we can make this year's event the biggest and best yet.

Holiday Club

School's Out Henleaze is a holiday club for children aged 4 to 12. The club is run throughout the school holidays and is based in Henleaze Junior School with a wide range of activities daily. Children from any school are welcome. Full day and half day options are available. Please visit www.schoolsouthenlaze.co.uk for more details.