

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

DATES - SEPTEMBER

Monday 24th: Welcome service at All Saint's church 9.15am
Parent Tour for 2019 at 11.00 am

Tuesday 25th: School photograph proofs will be sent home

Wednesday 26th: Year 5 & 6 Curriculum PE at Gemini Gym at 1.30 pm

Thursday 27th: Nailsea School Open Evening at 6.00 pm
Gordano School Open Evening: 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm

OCTOBER

Monday 1st: Year 4 & 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 2nd: Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 3rd: Parent tour for 2019 at 9.30am

Year 5 & 6 Curriculum PE at Gemini Gym at 1.30pm

Thursday 4th: Census day - Change to menu - Burger in a bun
Clevedon school open evening 6pm-9pm

Friday 5th: Year 5 & 6 trip to Easton Mosque

Sunday 7th: Harvest Festival at 10.00am in All Saints' Church

Tuesday 9th: Year 1 & 2 trip to Caldicot Castle

Wednesday 10th: Year 5 & 6 Curriculum PE at Gemini Gym at 1.30 pm

TENNIS

Some of the year 1,2 & 3 children enjoyed a taster session of tennis this week. Please be aware that this weekend will be the last opportunity to sign up for Tuesday tennis club. A decision about whether the club goes ahead or not will be made on Monday.

MESSAGE FROM MR TUCKER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, the weather has been kind to us this week, has it not? The rain ensures no one can go outside and blow off steam, which is ideal in a setting populated by children. The wind? Well, that has an amazingly calming effect on young people and absolutely, positively does not whip them up and make them sky high. No siry. Been a doddle this week.

Just completing their first full week, Reception have done so well. Their outdoor space is overlooked by my office window and it is hard to tell what I have enjoyed the most. On reflection, it is a toss-up between watching Spiderman cycle around the track and Mrs H extracting an impossibly large number of the boys from the playhouse. It was like a take on the Russian dolls and almost certainly defied the laws of space and physics. Bravely (some might say 'foolishly'), Mrs H decided to attempt their first PE lesson on Wednesday. To be fair, it went far better than I thought: in the hour she had budgeted, everyone did manage to get changed and put their clothes back on again. I mean, sure, they only managed 30 seconds of physical exertion as the changing process took so long and, yes, there were excess socks and vests left over (even though everyone was wearing everything they started with). However, apart from that, it was a complete success.

Next week, Year 1/2 are off to our church All Saints, to learn about a religious building. In preparation for this, Mrs Brierley brought in a number of objects for them to discuss and hopefully find when they pop across on Monday. They had all sorts of artefacts, from mini lecterns and Bibles, to prayer candles and a cross from the altar. Most of the time, they could have a pretty good stab at guessing their names and purposes. The plate used for the collection, on the other hand, was a totally different matter. 'It's for putting money on? I don't think so. You eat off plates and it even says, 'Give us this day, our daily bread.' Well, yes, it is just a different kind of plate... Maybe seeing it in action on Monday (when we have our new Reception Service in church at 9:15 – all invited) will help them piece it all together.

Well, I had several bits and bobs I wanted to write about in regards to Year 3/4 this week. I was going to mention their maths work concerning Area and Perimeter; toyed with the notion of recounting their trip to Farmer Nick's to find out about how cheese is made and briefly considered mentioning the character studies they wrote, using the text as an evidence source to base their answers on. Then I walked past their classroom this afternoon. Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer was playing on the stereo and the children were designing their Christmas cards for the FWSA. It is not often I find myself speechless but this was one of those moments. That's just too weird for a Friday in late September: I think I need another job.

Year 5/6 are very much getting into their class book, *My Friend the Enemy* by Dan Smith, which is about a German pilot shot down in Britain and discovered by a young English boy. This particular story has been chosen as it dovetails so perfectly with their World War II topic. Having read about the plane coming down near

the protagonist's village, the class have been set the task of turning this chapter into a newspaper article. This is no mean feat as there is a real subtlety to the language they need to use. As adults, we understand this is meant to be factual writing, yet when you actually analyse articles, so many of them are embedded with emotive language. They need to use a rich and sophisticated vocabulary yet not be too 'flowery' or 'over the top' with their word choice. Tricky stuff. They have really grasped these contradictions and produced some excellent pieces. Here are a couple to show you what they have been up to.

Molly: The current location is unknown but twenty four trained soldiers are at this moment scouting for the mysterious German.

Benedict: Three boys were found trying to get souvenirs. The Home Guards guarding the plane said, 'We sorted them out and sent them straight home.'

Our Stars of the Week are Sophie & Fergus in Reception, Phoebe & Jack in Year 1/2, William & Olivia in Year 3/4 and Lilly & Harrison in Year 5/6. A very impressive effort. The house with the most conduct marks was Dragons and they also had the highest number of work marks.

Have a lovely weekend. Play safely and take care.

Mr Tucker

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 23rd September 16:30 - Food@4:30, Cross Tree Centre

We will be "Getting Ready for Harvest", hot food will be served suitable for all diets. Please contact Jules Harris jules.curate@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Friday 5th October 19:00 to 22:00 - Parish Harvest Barn Dance, Failand Village Hall

Come and celebrate the Harvest!

Tickets include a ploughman's supper

Adults £6

Children £3

Family (2 Adults + Children) £15

Please contact the Parish Office for tickets.

Auction of Promises

We are raising money for the Churches Together In Nailsea And District (CTINAD) youth worker, Neil Wylie, at Nailsea School. We are having an Auction of Promises which can be found at

<https://www.wraxallwithfailand.org.uk/991726100444.htm> . There are a number of interesting items including Dinner at the Rectory and babysitting. If you are interested in placing a bid please contact Fran franmbinding@gmail.com. The winning bids will be announced at the Harvest Barn Dance.

Sunday 7th October 10:00 - Harvest All Together in Church, All Saints' Church, Wraxall

A service for all ages celebrating Harvest. Donations of non-perishable food will be gratefully received for the Foodbank (please see the list on the website <https://www.wraxallwithfailand.org.uk/991726100444.htm>).

All Saints' church porch will be open from Wednesday 3rd October for donations, if you are unable to attend the service.