



TERM 4 LAUNCH LETTER



Thursday 22nd February, 2018

WELCOME BACK FOR A NEW (SHORT) TERM!

Here is this term's Launch Letter, giving you details of all that's happening this term. It's now on two sides so the font can be a little larger! Please ask if you have any questions or would like more information.

THIS TERM WE WILL BE...

Joining the Bath and Wells Multi-Academy Trust, alongside ten other local schools including the Juniors.

Visiting the new Junior school playground bus.

Looking for signs of Spring in the wonderful new Wildlife Garden and pond, and sharing it with the Junior school.

Sharing a Buddy Time with the Juniors.

Celebrating Easter and 'New Life' with our Easter Bonnet Parade and service at the church (Thursday 22nd March).

Welcoming the St Saviours church team into school in the last week of term to create an Easter Trail for the second year.

Helping the School Council implement our new approach to balancing the joy of celebrating birthdays, with our need to promote healthy lifestyles.

Celebrating World Book Day (see overleaf for details).

Launching our new 'Lunchtime Code', co-written by the pupils.

Finalising plans for our second International Day.

Holding parent/teacher meetings in week four, a chance for you to have a chat about your child's progress.

Creating a new school website.

Continuing to wish Rose well in her recovery.

Appointing Year two Playtime pals (**application deadline this Friday!**). Inviting Year Two pupils to apply to be 'Head for a Day'.

Continuing to collect your used postage stamps to raise money to support research into the Albatross.

Continuing to Tweet about life in our school @saviours_st

And working on our School Development and Post-Ofsted action plan priorities:

- Embedding our 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 (we have achieved Level One recognition as a Unicef Rights Respecting school)
- 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)

FOSSI NEWS

This term our main work will be hosting the joint Quiz Night with the Juniors on Friday 2nd March, providing support for the Easter Bonnet parade, and planning for the Barn Dance on Friday 20th April, and the castle Combe after school cycling on Monday 11th June.

("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.

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.)

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED...

- Come to your child's parent/teacher meetings
- 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 gardenin g skills and help to look after our Peace Garden, or your child's class bed in 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).
- Join FoSSI! (See above)

CHARITY WORK

Following the very successful launch of 'Say PANTS and you've got it covered!' by the NSPCC in 2017, this year we have made 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 all children.

Key dates:

Year 2 SATs workshop – TBC

Thursday 1st March - World Book day (see below for details)

Friday 2nd March – FoSSI Quiz Night

Tuesday 6th March – Shared Buddy-time with Juniors

Tuesday March 13th - Year Two Dance Umbrella at The Forum

Week starting 12th March - Parent/teacher discussions

Friday 16th March - Year 1 Class assembly

Tuesday 20th March - Easter story trail

Thursday 22nd March - Easter Bonnet Parade (9.10am) and Celebrations at the church (2pm)

Thursday 22nd March – Extra Dance Umbrella performance after school at St Marks **TBC**

Friday 23rd March– Last day of term

THE GOVERNORS WILL BE...

- Finalising our conversion to a multi-academy trust on 1st March
- Managing the reconstitution of the Governing Body to become a Local Governing Body
- Working with the school team on monitoring the post-Ofsted action plan
- Working with other local schools to procure a new catering provider
- Working with the school team and MAT to set a new 5-month budget to manage the change from the LA financial calendar of April-March to the MAT financial year of September – August (to tie in with the academic year)
- Working with the Toasties team on revising their menu (ensuring it fits the School Food Standards)
- Revising our Accessibility and Equalities plans.

THIS TERM'S CLUBS OFFER

- **Taekwondo:** continues on Tuesday
- **Spanish:** Lunchtimes: Y2 Tuesday, Y1 Wednesday
- **Football:** continues for Y1 Tuesdays, Y2 on Fridays
- **Ukulele:** runs on Mondays after school for Year Two
- **Fizz Pops Science:** Starts this term, day TBC
- **French:** Now started with a new teacher from La Jolie Ronde on Thursday lunchtimes
- **Art club:** for Year One and Two pupils, Wednesdays after school
- **Dance Umbrella:** continues for Year Two pupils

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term's **Inclusion** theme is 'Poverty and Privilege' and is linked to Lent and Fair-trade week. How do we show thankfulness for all that we have?

The focus Bible story is 'Easter'. We will be exploring why some people did not want Jesus to be a 'special king', and the theme of 'new life', hope and Spring. We will be welcoming the St Saviours church team into school in the last week of term to create an Easter Trail for the second year.

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 1st MARCH 2018



As a school we greatly value the pleasure and value of reading and this year we're celebrating World Book Day in a number of ways:

- 1) We are inviting the children to **dress up** as any story or comic character of their choice. Please do not feel that costumes have to be works of art or comparable to a block-buster movie costume, it is supposed to be relaxed and a bit of fun, that encourages the children to talk about the stories and characters that they love!
- 2) Throughout the day we will be running a range of **storytelling and book related workshops**, with an assembly at the end of the day to share our collective love of reading! (Children only)
- 3) We are inviting your child to **bring in their favourite book** (named please!) to be shared through the day.
- 4) And we'll be holding a '**Great Book Exchange**' at the end of the day on Thursday, when pupils can bring in a book they would like to give away and then choose a book that has been donated to take home and enjoy. Tables of books to exchange will be by the school entrance at the end of the day. So if you've had a half-term clear out and have any unwanted/pre-loved children's books can be added to the exchange please bring them into school and put them in the box by the office or give them to your child's class teacher.
- 5) If there is a book your child has enjoyed that you would like to see in the school library, we are always grateful for **donations**. Please give a copy to your child's class teacher. It can be shared with the class first and then go into the library for others to enjoy.

World Book Day vouchers will be handed out on the day. And don't forget our wonderful '**Little Free Libraries**' around the school site, allowing your child to borrow books whenever they want! Thank you for all your support and we look forward to another exciting World Book Day.