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Wednesday 1st November 2023

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I hope you managed to have a good half-term period and as always, it is a pleasure to welcome the children back to school.

There are quite a few things to update you all on:

Remembrance:

To have a manageable number of events and fundraisers we will support the British Legion poppy appeal this year and Children In Need next year and keep on alternating.

Children can choose between a traditional poppy for any donation or a wrist band, snap band or key ring, for the suggested donation of 50p. The school Council will start selling the poppies from Monday next week (6.11).



Achievements across the school in term 1:

- Our Year 4 girls cross country team won the latest local area race with Harriet winning a bronze medal
- Our boys and girls football teams have won cup matches and are through to the next round of the BANES Cup
- Our Gardening club were commended by Bath in Bloom and were awarded a Bronze in the schools' category
- Behaviour continues to be good across the school with an ever-decreasing number of yellows being given, which is very good
- Little Gems, Quartz, Amethyst and Aquamarine classes loved the visit of the birds of prey and asked so many great questions
- Quartz Class also loved their pyjama day which was a reward for good behaviour
- Y3 went on a fascinating local history walk and they have really enjoyed their class story 'Operation Gadgetman!' by Mallory Blackman
- Y4 went on St John's funded trips to the Bath Literary festival
- Y5 also went to Bath Literary festival and saw the author Sabine Adayinka as well as visiting Bath Abbey
- Y6 attended a 2 block of swimming lessons last term and most can swim at least a length now, which is more children than in previous years.



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Term 2 dates:

There are a several important and festive events which I would like to draw your attention:

Date	Event
31.10	Y6 girls netball day at Prior Park
4.11	FOSK Halloween discos
W/C 6.11.	Remembrance poppies go on sale
Wednesday 8.11	Flu nasal spray vaccinations
W/C 27.11	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability training
December – date TBC	FOSK Christmas Fair
W/C 11.12	FOSK Santa's giftshop
Monday 11.12	KS2 Carol Concert at 2.30 pm (tickets will be available)
Tuesday 12.12	Reception Nativity at 2.00 pm (tickets will be available)
Wednesday 13.12	Year 2 Nativity with Y1 as the choir (tickets will be available)
Thursday 14.12	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper/outfit day
Friday 15.12	Class parties, finish at 3.15

There will be further communications about the events and tickets in due course.

Academic achievement:

I wanted to draw your attention to a section of the school website. In the parents' section, there is a tab entitled 'Our 2022-23 Results Summary.'

Key achievements last year included:

- 96% of Year 1 children met the standard in the phonics screening check, putting us in the top 5% of schools in this area.
- Year 2 children performed very well in the KS1 SATs – exceeding national averages in Reading, writing and achieving the national average in Maths
- Year 6 children also performed very well in SATs, broadly achieving in-line with national averages.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and please do catch me, send me a dojo message, or phone the school office to get in touch with me whenever. We aim to be an 'approachable' school so please contact us with any relevant information, concerns, ideas, positives, etc.

With best wishes,

Steve Gumm