

From Mr Chappell It has been another incredibly busy week with so much going on across school. This week we also had the pleasure of hosting a number of different visitors to school including representatives from the local authority and the local church diocese, and governors from both St Mary's and St.Helen's. All these people were in school as part of the potential recruitment of an executive head teacher for both our schools, as we continue on the path to federating both schools together. We had two candidates, who have spent two days completing a number of tasks throughout the days in both schools. They were able to present to staff and meet the children in lots of different ways, including collective worship, in lessons, at lunchtime and via the learning councillors. Once again as is always the case, our children were brilliant and a number of the visitors talked very highly about the children. The panel which is made up of a number of governors from both schools and also as discussed earlier a local authority representative and a member of the diocese will ratify the decision and as soon as we are able to share with the wider community we will do so. It is a very exciting time for the school with the federation of our school with St Mary's about to be ratified which will enable the staff to continue the great work that they have been doing in developing collaboratively the great curriculum opportunities that the children in both our school have. Have a great weekend – thank you for your continued support.

Strike Action: As you know from the letter that I wrote to you last week, a number of our teachers are planning to strike next Wednesday 1st February. I want to reiterate once again, that as their colleague, I totally respect their decision to strike and I know that this is not an easy decision for them. Contrary to media reports, this strike is not just about the pay of teachers but also the wider implication, of the lack of funding in education and the recruitment and retention of teachers where numbers of teachers are decreasing. The teachers who are striking next Wednesday are accessing their democratic and union right to do so and we should respect this. **Due to a number of reasons, we are able to stay open next week** and we are hoping that all children will not be affected too much by the strike. All the classes will be covered by a current teacher or someone who is very familiar to our school, for example a teacher who may cover PPA (Planning Preparation and Assessment time) or a teacher who is a regular supply teacher or myself. If anyone has any questions around this strike and indeed future potential strikes, please let me know. It is important to know that whilst we are open next Wednesday for **all classes**, on future strike days (listed below) this might not always be the case. We will endeavour to do our best but cannot accurately say at this moment in time that we will. As always we will try to communicate as early as we can.

The additional dates are:

Thursday 02 March 2023

Wednesday 15 March 2023

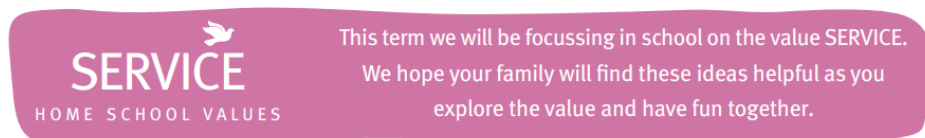
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Clubs At the end of Term 2, I said that it was fantastic that over 77 children were doing at least one extra- curricular club or learning to play musical instrument in school. Not including EYFS children this gave us 44% of our children doing a club, which for a small one form school was a fantastic achievement. I asked in one of the last newsletters whether we could get close to 100 children in term 3 doing a club and increase this percentage – I am pleased to say that after an audit of clubs we did today we have an amazing **113 children across the school doing at least one club!** This is an amazing 77% of our children doing at least one club. We have some more clubs that are planning to run next term and also have had a couple of parents come forward wanting to run a club. I appreciate that at the moment we do not have any clubs provision for EYFS children but we are looking into this for Term 5. In our experience the children in EYFS sometimes have difficulty accessing a KS1 club with the older children, but we are working on a few things to open up at least one club in Term 5 to EYFS.



A huge thank you to all staff who run a club who without them the opportunities would be less. This is a huge change in comparison to previous year's opportunities for clubs, so thank you to all our staff and to our Bristol Sport Coaches.

Lunch Break Supervisor: We currently have a Lunch break supervisor role available. If you feel you would be able to work in school, for 6.25 hrs, please contact us – we would love to hear from you! If you know anyone in the local community please pass on the link to our eteach advert. <https://www.eteach.com/job/lunchbreak-supervisor-1299712?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y> Working with the children at lunchtimes (like anytime) is really rewarding and we would love to fill this role.



In this week's assembly we considered 'Serve one another in Love' and how we can use our talents to help each other. We have encouraged the children to

write down and share their talents- it would be good if you can talk through this with them.

End of Term Curriculum Showcase: It was great to see so many people pop into school at the end of the last term to have a look at your child's work as part of our Connected Curriculum. There were so many positive comments and feedback about what the children had been doing and how they had shared their voice as a Brave Change maker.

At the end of this term we will be opening the classrooms again on Thursday 9th February for you to come in and have a look at your child's books and work. Although we have this date as open classrooms please remember the mantra that I always had when I was in the classroom that I have shared with you before that every day should be 'parents evening' and if you would like to see your child's work or talk to your child's teacher please do not hesitate to contact them to see a time that you can come in to see your child's class teacher.



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saferinternetday.org.uk

At the start of every year every class will spend the opening term in computing look at online safety. This is important to remember throughout the year as child use the internet more and more. This year Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 7th February and staff will spend some time that week looking at how we can stay safe when accessing the internet. For more information click on the link below:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023>

The CEOP (Education from the National Crime Agency) ThinkUKnow website is also a great source of information that teachers use at the start of the year in our Computing scheme of work and is great for parents looking for advice about online safety.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

As always if there is ever concern over an E-safety online issue or indeed any potential safeguarding issue, please do not hesitate to contact myself as designated safeguarding lead or deputy head Mr Adams, who is the deputy designated safeguarding lead or our safeguarding governor Fran Clarke.



Well done to those children who were awarded a certificate today and last week.

Cherry Class – Jenson, Lauren, Jax, Olivia

Holly class – Eva, Tilley, Rufus, Noah

Beech class – Helen, Ozzie, Elliott, Rose

Oak class - Freddie, Taamiran, Kai, Emily

Ash class – Luke, Lola, Emily, Henry

Sycamore class – Fernando, Darcey, Catherine, Nithilan

Elm class – Jacob, Liam, Phoebe, Dexter



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