

Newsletter ~ Term 4 Week 2

Lent Fundraiser

Sponsorship forms should have come home to you this week, alongside a letter explaining more about the charity we are fundraising for this Lent. Please keep the sponsors rolling in – thanks to the generosity of our school community, we normally raise about £2000 during our Lent fundraiser and we would like to see this sustained in 2019.

Uniform News

In consultation with parents, staff and governors, we are hoping to make some changes to our school uniform for September that will retain its distinctive nature while updating it and making it more practical for all children.

We will get a uniform list out to you well before you need to start thinking about September, but in the meantime, Togs in Nailsea is reducing the cost of its present stock to £9 for v-necked jumpers, cardigans and fleeces and £6 for pinafores.

Next year will be a transition year from the 'old' uniform to the 'new'.

Staff Absence

Mrs Lumsden has unfortunately been unwell for a number of weeks but is on the road to recovery and hopes to be back with us very soon. She is very much missed by us all as a key member of our support staff. In her absence, other staff are kindly taking on parts of her role, including ensuring that the office systems continue to run as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your patience in the meantime and I am sure you would join us in wishing Mrs Lumsden a speedy recovery.

Class News



Reception pupils celebrated Shrove Tuesday in style this week by making pancakes; as you can see from the photo, they took the mixing very seriously! By the amount of chocolate-smearing faces after lunch on Tuesday, Ron's lunchtime pancakes were also very popular – thank you to all our kitchen staff for their cooking skills.

Thank you also to the year 2 children and staff who helped us mark the beginning of Lent through a beautiful Ash Wednesday mass at school this week.

Merit Certificate Awards

Lilly, Poppy, Jonah, Lily, Josh, Adam, Ella,
Aleena, Ted, Nathan and Kacie.

Well done to you all!

Week Beginning March 11

Thursday 14: Forest School years 2 and 3

Friday 15: Comic Relief Day (children will be asked to wear something red – details will follow)

Prayer Bears

Some of you might remember *Prayer Bears*, which came home in a bag to each child a couple of years ago. We are sending them home again this year and would encourage you to talk with your child about the activities enclosed and use them to pray together if you wish. Please ensure the bags are returned to school the next day so that another child in the class can take the bear home.

And Finally...

A huge 'thank you' to all the volunteers who have painted and decorated our new year 2 classroom and kitchen over the last few days. We are very grateful for your help. Thanks to your hard work, our year 2 children should be in their new classroom by next week.



Bridging The Gap Together!

What is Autism?

Deb Shepperd

Do you need to learn more about the main features of autism spectrum conditions? Would you like to understand how these can affect a person's social interaction, learning, senses and emotions; learn about some of the approaches that can be useful to support children and young people with autism; then this workshop could be for you.

Deb Shepperd is an Autism and SEND consultant and trainer with more than 25 years of experience working as an Advisory Teacher in North Somerset with children and young people who have a range of special educational needs.

Sam Potter

Sharing his Autism poster and presenting one of his amazing animations

Date: Thursday April 2nd 2018 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Venue: Nailsea Methodist Church (The Worship hall)

Silver Street, Nailsea, BS48 2DS ,

Registration 9:30am

There is a small charge for this event of £5.00

The cost is to help us provide this and future events

To book please go to www.bridgingthegaptogether.org.uk/events

Please note places are limited and this is an all ticket event

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Be part of the colourful fundraising fun!

Rainbow Run is the brightest sponsored 5k around. Walk, jog or run through colour bursts of powder paint and raise money for your local children's hospice.

New venue! **North Somerset Showground, Bristol**
Saturday 8 June 2019

Join us on our Facebook event page for more information

Photographs with thanks to Colin Rayner and Tim Maynard

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North Somerset Support Group

Supportive Parents is a charity providing information & support to parents, children and young people with any type of Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND). Our support group meets monthly to give you the opportunity to meet other parents, share your experience/concerns and find out more about SEN. We also welcome interested professionals.

Portishead Meeting Dates

The Firs, St Barnabas Centre, West Hill, Portishead BS20 6LN

Thursdays 7pm – 9pm

15 November 2018
28th February 2019
16th May 2019

For more details contact our Information and Support Line on 0117 989 7725
www.supportiveparents.org.uk

North Somerset Local Co-ordinator
Sarah Trevitt



How should I prepare for a meeting?

How can I find out more about Education Health Care Plans?

I'm worried about my child's progress. Who can help?

What is SEND support?

Weston Meeting Dates

The Firs, Drove Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 3NX

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm

16th October 2018
29th January 2019
19th March 2019
18th June 2019