



Newsletter ~ Term 1, Week 1

A big welcome back to you all and especially to our new families – I hope you all enjoyed a good summer break and are feeling refreshed. Thank you for sending the children back to school so keen to learn and looking so smart in their uniforms. They have had a very settled start to the year and are getting to know their new teachers and the expectations in their new classes.

We have a busy and exciting term planned for the children and we will have a diary of key dates ready for you next week. In the meantime, please note the following events:

Meet the Teacher

Please come and say 'hello' to your child's new teacher, find out about the learning that will be taking place and the new class routines straight after school for about half an hour on the following dates:

Monday 17 September - Years 2 and 5

Tuesday 18 September - Year 3

Thursday 20 September - Year 1

Please Note: the Year 5 meeting will include important information about the Kilve residential

The information meeting for parents of Reception children will take place **Thursday 11 October at 7pm** and is an opportunity to learn how children have settled into school, what they will be learning over the coming year and how you can support them at home.

School Mass

Our first mass of the year will take place next **Friday 14 September at 10am** in the school hall and will be led by year 6. Relatives and friends of all pupils are warmly welcome to attend this special community event.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Please find the information at the end of this newsletter about the after-school sport clubs running this term and the flyer from Clifton Cathedral Choir, which is recruiting singers. Details of the other sports clubs on offer will follow as soon as we have received them from the providers. We understand from parental feedback that you would like a wider variety of clubs to be on offer to the children and we are already investigating some new possibilities.

Swimming

Swimming starts next **Friday 14 September** for years 4 and 5. A separate letter will be sent home to these children. Please let the class teacher know as soon as possible if you can help.

Music Lessons

Music lessons start next week and are on the following days:

Mon – piano, orchestra, singing, Tues – drums, Wed - flute and saxophone, Thur and Fri - guitar

Reception 2019 Tours

Please book to come and see us in action if you have a pre-schooler who is due to start school next September. Dates of the tours are on the website and you will need to arrange with the office to book an individual appointment this year. The last date for applications is **15 January 2019**.

Mile a Day

You may have heard that other schools are walking or running a mile a day as part of their PE provision. We have decided to trial this at our school every Friday morning this term straight after the bell goes in the morning. Please help us by leaving the school site promptly on Friday as we will need the whole of the playground area for the children to run / walk in safety.

Next Friday (14 September) will be our first 'Mile a Day'. We have been asked by the bishop to support the charity *Mission Together's* appeal to support refugee children in Jordan and we thought we would tie the two events together by asking children to bring in some money to support the appeal. In common with so many children across the world, pupils in schools in Jordan struggle with the most basic needs including adequate food and drink. If we raise £150, we will fund a drink and snack for every child in one refugee school for the year.

Parent survey

Thank you for all your responses to your children's reports and for completing the parent / carer survey last term. I have read every single one and can assure you that all your comments will be taken into account in our planning this year.

I thought you might be interested in the summary of your responses and have included it in the newsletter today. Three areas stood out for me as areas we should be reviewing as a school, two of which are related to you being informed about your child's progress and how you can help at home. We will be putting some of your ideas into action to see if we can help improve this for you. As mentioned already, we are also looking into improving the range of extra-curricular activities on offer for your children.

There was not a great deal of strong feeling about altering the school uniform, but we will be discussing any changes that were indicated over the next few months. In the meantime, I am going to relax the rule regarding all children changing into summer / winter uniform at the same time and leave it for parents to judge the temperature!

We had a very good response to the breakfast / after school club question and will therefore go ahead with our plans. There is a great deal of work to be done, including physical alterations to the school building, so nothing will happen immediately, but the wheels are turning.

	strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
My child is generally happy to be at school	52	19			
My child is making good progress	43	29			
I am kept informed about how my child is getting on	27	34	10	1	2
The school gives me information about events and activities	41	31			
The school meets my child's particular needs (educational, social, emotional)	35	35	2		1
The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns	27	37	6		2
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, a problem or complaints	36	33	3		2
Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best	45	25	2		
The school keeps my child safe	49	24			
The school supports me to help my child's learning	33	32	6	2	
There is a good range of curricular and extra-curricular activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable	27	31	12		3
The school is led and managed effectively	40	31			2
The Catholic ethos of the school supports my child'	38	33	1		2

I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that you keep coming to talk to us. We love to hear when things are going well but we also need to know if things are not so good. All teachers are usually available at the beginning and end of the day and we really do want to help with supporting learning at home, friendship or educational worries or anything else that crops up for your children. Please do not ever feel as if you are pestering us or that your concern is too small or trivial.

And finally...

I have seen some amazing work from the children already this year so thank you and very well done to the children in reception, year 3 and year 5 whose achievements you can see below.





CLIFTON CATHEDRAL
JUNIOR CHOIR

The Clifton Cathedral Junior Choir is a childrens choir sponsored by Clifton Cathedral's Music Service.

Rehearsals take place once a week at the Cathedral on Fridays from 4.15pm – 5.45pm. The choir sings Vespers each week on a Friday evening at 5.15pm during term time as well as contributing to various Masses, concerts, tours and broadcasts throughout the year.

Membership of the choir offers children the opportunity to develop their musical and vocal skills, particularly sight-singing, and to make new friends with similar interests whilst having fun and performing a wide choral repertoire to a high standard.

Enthusiastic boys and girls aged 7-12 (in years 3-7 at school) are invited to become members of the Cathedral's Junior Choir. Potential new choristers have a four-week probationary period before an audition, in order to become full members of the choir.

For further details please contact the Cathedral Organist and Junior Choir Director, Stephen Bryant

Email: juniorchoir@cliftondiocese.com

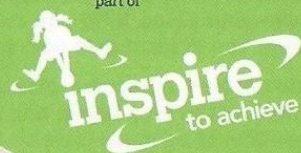
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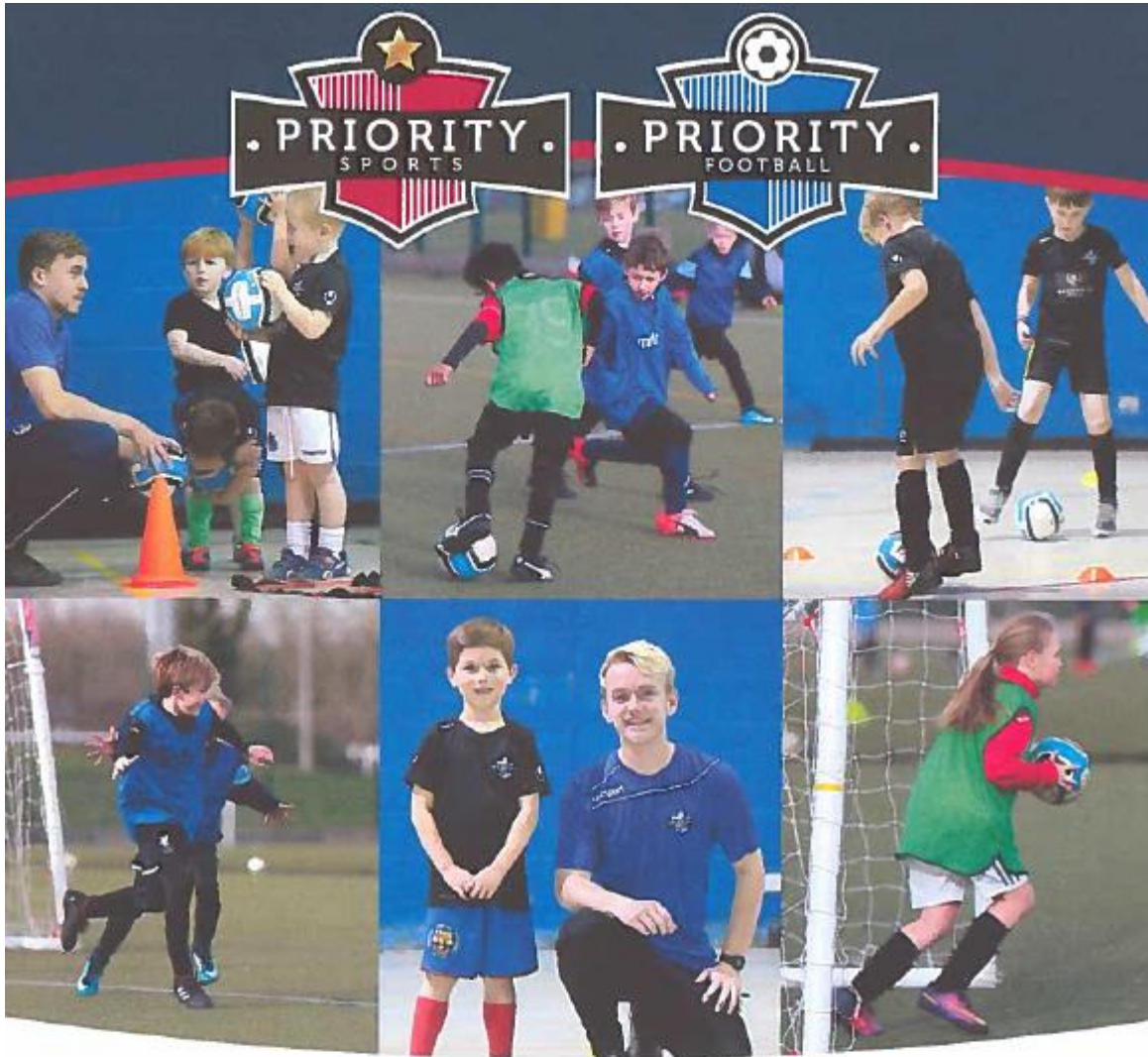
Wednesday After School: Dodgeball KS2
Time: 3:15 – 4:20pm

Dates: 12th Sept – 12th Dec
Cost: £48 (12 sessions)
(no session on 24th October)

Please book online at <https://www.premier-education.com> email kbranson@premier-education.com for any further details
Clubs must have **8 children minimum to run.**

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KS2 Football for Term 1 & 2 (Yr3 - 6)

Tuesdays
15:15 – 16:15pm

£4.50 per session!
13 sessions for **£58.50**

Priority Football is bringing professional sessions to St Francis!

Sessions will be led by **Bristol Rovers Academy** coach Rob Prior.

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