



St John's CofE Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 23rd May 2019

CHARLTON PARK ROAD CLOSED TO ALL CARS FOR 3 WEEKS (WE THINK)

Our Praise Awards are on show in our 'Praise Book' in the front entrance. We celebrate achievement every Friday in Praise Assembly.

Out of School awards: Celebrated in Praise Assembly too.

A Special Sponsored Event

On 10th June at 9.05am Mr. Tennant will be giving us a talk about his Snowdon challenge which he is doing on 15th June. We welcome parents/carers to come and listen too.

On Friday 14th June we will be holding a sponsored walk/run to support Mr. Tennant's Snowdon sponsored event for his charity The Matt Hamps Foundation. Children and parents/carers can join in or help record laps. It will start at 9.15am on the field. Each class will come out at the same time so lap recorders to help record laps would be great! All the children will join in but we must stress that there is no pressure to collect sponsor money, that is always completely voluntary. Sponsor forms have been sent home. **Children will need their PE kit on for the day please on Friday 14th June.**

Y2 have a trip on 14th June so will not be involved and should wear uniform that day please.

New Deputy Head?

The school will have two people sharing the role of a Deputy Head from September when Miss. Powell and Mrs. Bruton join forces to support Mrs. Graham as Assistant Head Teachers. Both teachers are part of the Senior Leadership Team currently and lead significant areas and subjects for us very successfully. Miss. Powell will be leading KS2 and Mrs. Bruton will be leading YR and KS1. They will both share English leadership and will be continuing their other duties as now e.g. SENDCO role. Both will deputise when the Head teacher is off site. We think this is a great plan for school continuity and it is always good news to develop existing talent.

Any new Teachers?

Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Graham have been working as a team with governors and staff to appoint teachers to any vacancies for September. We'll tell you more soon.

PTA Minutes from meetings

Please look on our website for PTA minutes.

Monday 22nd July- Change Up day with September teachers and special event for Y6. Wear uniform.

Tuesday 23rd July Back with Class Teachers -Art themed day (wear old clothes). Y6 bring anything you would like us all to sign!

Please arrive at school on time.

Arrive for the start of school just before 8.45am.

There is no need for children to arrive earlier than this. **Children are marked as late if they arrive after 8.55am.** Please equally do not arrive too late. The gates shut at 9am for pupil security. Children miss out daily on early morning tasks and learning if they arrive later than 8.45am.

Fort and Swings- Sorry children! We have invested in repairs this year (£5000) but there is some more deep rot we've found all round recently so the area is fenced off again. We will save what we can and then look ahead to a new fort or climbing area with fundraising in the future.

Chess Club



1st Mini Tournament Winner: Edan G

Free Meals for Children in the School Holidays

On Tuesday 28th May 2019, Temple Street Canteen are offering a Free Childs lunch (all day) free. "Parents just need to ask for a free kids meal at the counter, no questions asked, no other purchase necessary. Thanks to a generous donation from Keynsham Lions. They are also able to offer free meals to parents or guardians too if requested."

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The Spiritual Garden

Here are the Spiritual Leaders leading games for younger children in our garden recently:



MyMaths Club KS2

Wednesday Lunchtime in Y6 Classroom.

This is for children Y3 to Y6 who can't access MyMaths at home to do their maths homework.

Year R Class Assembly – 18/6 at 9:15am.

Please note that Reception class will be holding their class assembly on Tuesday, 18th June at 9:15am in the school hall. We will let you in when the children are ready to start.

Fair Funding Letter

Please see the letter (attached) from the teaching union NAHT and school leaders from across Bath & North East Somerset about fair funding for our schools.

It has been a short but busy and enjoyable term.

We hope you enjoy the Whitsun break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 3rd June.

To all parents and carers in Bath and North East Somerset,



BANES School Funding Crisis

We are writing to you as a group of concerned head teachers and chief executive officers.

You may have seen coverage in the national and local media about the situation with schools funding. This is directly affecting our schools now. Schools in Bath and NE Somerset (BANES) are experiencing unprecedented cuts to school budgets. Between 2013/14 and 2018/19 spending per child in BANES schools is down in real terms by -8.8% in Bath Constituency and -6.7% in NE Somerset¹; while pupil numbers and costs have gone up.

Our priority is to provide your children with the best education we can, and we are working hard with our teams to cope. But we are reaching breaking point and we are now being forced to take really tough decisions. The steps we are taking vary from school to school, but the themes are:

- Bigger class sizes
- Fewer teaching assistants and other support staff (e.g. pastoral staff, mentors)
- Inadequate support for children – especially as support services have suffered similar severe cuts and / or face massive increases in demand e.g. Child and Mental Health services
- The inability to fully meet the needs of children with additional needs in mainstream schools who rely on school (and external service) support
- Low or no funding for equipment, training and activities to promote a broad and balanced curriculum

As head teachers and chief executive officers, we have been cautious about communicating directly with you about the challenges we face (we cannot be seen to be political and it's difficult to highlight individual challenges when our schools' future depends on attracting new pupils).

But we feel that the situation is now so dire, we need to find a way of making politicians listen and we are asking for your help. Your voices, as parents and carers, will be powerful in calling attention to the issues, because politicians will listen to parents and carers.

If you would like to support a BANES-wide campaign, led by parents and carers - and supported by head teachers and chief executive officers - you can take the following actions:

- **Save the date – June 8th!** Pupils, parents, carers, school staff and head teachers are coming together on Saturday 8th June to hold a “Protest Picnic” on the Royal Crescent to highlight our support for BANES Schools and draw some much needed attention to the crisis in our schools. We are meeting in Queens Square Bath at 12:00 and marching to the Royal Crescent for a picnic.
- **Signing the online petition:** you can find it here <http://chnq.it/qG5dqrXn5D>
- **Joining the BANES parents action group:** see Fair Funding for All Schools – BANES Facebook group and our website: www.ffas-banes.co.uk
- **Spreading the word:** do you want to be the school contact for BANES parents campaign group? Do you know anyone who could represent us from other schools in BANES? Get in touch with: Kevin.Burnett@nahtofficials.org.uk [Branch Secretary of the National Association for Head Teachers in BANES] or via the Facebook page
- **If you want more information** contact: Kevin.Burnett@nahtofficials.org.uk and / or kirstiedive@yahoo.co.uk

¹ House of Commons Library – Constituency data on School funding
[<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/social-policy/education/schools/constituency-data-schools-funding/>]

Thank you for your concern and action on behalf of our children.

Yours sincerely,

<p>Palladian Trust: Tim Withers (CEO) Oldfield Park Juniors Ralph Allen School Combe Down Oldfield Park Infants St. Martin's Garden St. Philip's Widcombe Jnrs. Widcombe Infants</p> <p>Wellsway MAT: Andrea Arlidge (CEO) Chandag Junior School Chandag Infant School Saltford CE Primary School St. John's CE Primary School (Keynsham) The Bath Studio School IKB Academy Wellsway School Aspire Academy</p> <p>MSNP: Alun Williams (CEO) Damian Knollys – Peasedown St. John Primary John Snell – Welton Primary Alun Randell – Midsomer Norton Primary Mark Everett – Writhlington School Bruce Hain - Mendip Studio School Ruth Noall - St Julians Church School and Shoscombe Church School Liz Ennew – Clutton Primary Dan Turull - Farrington Gurney Primary Gareth Griffith - High Littleton Kerrie Courtier - Longvernal Primary Claire Mirams - St. John's (MSN) Simon Mills – Westfield Primary Michelle Parsons - Trinity Church School and Dundry CE Primary Andrew Davies - Beechen Cliff School Gordon Green - Norton Hill School Jo Postlethwaite - Somervale School</p> <p>Bath Spa University Pat Black - Teacher Training</p> <p>Bath & Wells Diocesan MAT: Philip Bowditch (CEO) Thomas Brewer – Bathampton Sally Jefferies – Batheaston Karen Sykes - Bathford</p>	<p>Kevin Purkiss – Bathwick St. Mary Andrew Wishart – Freshford Jayne Rochford-Smith - St. Andrew's Joe Beament - St. Saviour's Juniors Ed Harker - St. Saviour's Infants Andy Bowman - St. Stephen's Primary Clare Greene - St. Michael's Juniors</p> <p>Lighthouse Trust: Gary Lewis (CEO) Dieter Cook – Bishop Sutton Primary and Stanton Drew Primary Gareth Beynon – Chew Valley School</p> <p>Maintained School HTs: Andy Tarrant - St Mary's Catholic Primary School Nicola Smith - St. Nicholas Primary Julie Hogan - Paulton Infants School George Samios - Twerton Infants & Nursery School Carl Hornsby – Whitchurch Primary Gill Kennaugh – Newbridge Primary Grant Swarbrooke – Swainswick Primary Barnaby Ash – St. Mark's School Steve Gumm – St. Keyna Primary Cathie Lampert – St. Mary's Primary, Writhlington Alice Brown – St. Mary's Primary, Timsbury Angela Bennett – St. John's Catholic Primary Ann Cusack – St. Gregory's Catholic College, Bath Chris Cannings - Castle Primary School Hannah Maggs - Cameley CofE Primary School Annie Spencer - Chew Magna Primary School Warrick Barton - Pensford Primary School</p> <p>Standalone Academies Ben Hewett - Chew Stoke Church School Emma Yates – Hayesfield Steve Mackay – Oldfield School</p> <p>Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust: David Gregory (CEO) Anne Bull - Abbot Alphege Academy and WASPS Darren Roberts - Farmborough Church School Emily Massey - Fosse Way School Julie Player - Marksburry CofE Primary School Georgina Scott - Moorlands Schools Federation (Infant and Primary School) : Sue Adams - Roundhill Primary School</p>
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