

Dear Parents and Carers

Termly Update 3 - 27.11.25

Headteacher Catch Up!

Are we really 3 months into this school year? Time is definitely flying!

This term, the children have been engaged in the following enquiries:

Year 3: How do we live a healthy life? In this enquiry, the children have focused on being engineers and scientists;

Year 4: How have the Ancient Greeks influenced the Western World? **Global Goal 16 - Peace, justice and institutions.** In this enquiry, the children have focused on being historians;

Year 5: Rewind the clock - Can chemical changes be reversed? **Global Goals 13 and 15 - Climate Action and Life on Land.** In this enquiry, the children have focused on being scientists;

Year 6: How has our understanding of the human body changed over time? **Global Goals 3 - Good health and well-being.** In this enquiry, the children have focused on being historians and scientists.

Please continue to visit your child's class page to find out more about their learning. These are updated fortnightly.

At the start of term, we were lucky to have the Old Vic Theatre School in with their performance of Alice in Wonderland. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the children who couldn't stop talking about it! In addition, Years 4 and 5 took part in workshops led by the actors who helped the children to develop their drama skills. I have been told that there are a number of future Thespians in our midst! A huge thank you to the PTA for funding this event.

Year 6 have visited the Life Skills Centre in Bristol. The children took part in interactive activities to teach them how to take personal responsibility for their safety by being able to assess risks and manage challenging situations. Activities included discussions, hands-on activities and real life scenarios.

Our after school clubs also kicked off this term. The children are learning to cook, crochet, become a Gymnast, taking part in musical theatre plus other exciting activities. A reminder that the last week for this term's clubs is **Monday 8th December.**

Finally, we had great fun celebrating Children in Need. The children looked brilliant in their pyjamas and Pudsey merchandise. Thank you to everyone who donated £1 and contributed to our cake sale. As a result of your generosity, we raised a whopping £411.55 for this worthy cause.

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards

Louisa Wilson

Headteacher.

Parent/Carer Survey Completion = Gems!

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent/Carer Survey. We will now be going through this and will report our findings to you in the next update. In addition, thank you to those who left your names so that your children can earn gems for their house. As a result of this, the following gems have been awarded:

Attenborough = 50 gems

Jackson = 200 gems

Lowinger = 0 gems

McEwan = 250 gems.

The gems will be added to this week's totals.

Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair week beginning **Monday 1st through to Friday 5th December**. Books will be on sale at the end of the day in the playground. This is a great opportunity to buy some Christmas presents whilst raising money for the school to buy books for classrooms and our library.

St. Stephen's Got Talent!

Auditions for our talent show will be taking place on **Thursday 4th December** at lunchtime. The children will be asked to come with their act prepared. They will then perform in front of their house captains. The best three acts from each house will go through to the final which is taking place on the afternoon of **Friday 19th December at 1:30pm**. We have told the children that if they have a particular talent which would be difficult to show live, they can film themselves out of school and bring it in to share. Parent/carers of the finalists are invited to join us for the show. It is going to be brilliant!

Winter Fair

We are all busy in school preparing for our Winter Fair next week on Friday 5th December; it will run from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. As part of this, we will be holding a non uniform day in return for a bottle for the bottle stall next Friday.

The PTA plan for the fair to be brilliant as ever. However, they are very short of volunteers to help. If you are able to spare some time, please click on the following link and sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA9A728A5F4CF8-60276610-christmas>
We look forward to seeing you all next Friday.

Parking

Parking around the school is again getting out of hand, particularly on Crown Road where parents/carers are parking in front of the school gate. This is dangerous and is putting children's lives at risk as the view for crossing the road is being blocked. Please can those responsible think about the impact that this careless parking could have before we have a casualty on our hands.

Open Classrooms

A reminder that our next Open Classrooms event will be on **Tuesday 16th December**. This is an opportunity for you to see your children's work and listen to them discussing their chosen work with as part of their oracy development. The classrooms will be open at 8:10am and 3:00pm. The session in the morning will end at 8:25am so please allow plenty of time to have a look. Thank you

Christmas Dinner

We will be having our Christmas Dinner of **Thursday 18th December**. A menu will be sent out once the house captains have tasted a range of desserts to decide which ones we are going to have. This should be by the end of next week.

In addition, the children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform on that day.