



# Newsletter 3

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**FARM VISIT** – Yesterday, Chloe’s Mobile Farm visited the school. The children loved meeting the animals and learning all about them. Thank you to the PTA for organising and funding this event, and thank you to all parents/carers who have supported PTA events in the past: This is what fundraising can do!



**HARVEST FESTIVAL** – We will be holding an assembly in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October and are inviting children to bring a small item of food on the day, (non-perishables please, items in packets or tins are best), which we will then donate to the Counterslip Food Bank. Thank you.

**PARENTS CONSULTATIONS** - These will take place between 3:30pm and 6pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. You may choose to come in or have a phone call. Slots will be text out as normal nearer the time.

**PTA BBQ** – Friends of Whitchurch Primary will be holding a Back to School BBQ on the school field on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October (weather dependent) at 3.30pm. Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy some time with other families. There will be a licensed bar, music and games – so come in and join us! Tickets will be on sale after school next Thursday from the PTA. Prices - adult £4 (includes burger or sausage and 1 alcoholic drink), child £3 (includes burger or sausage and 1 soft drink).

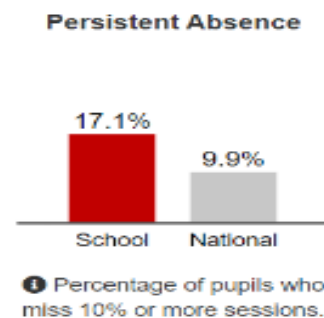


**RECEPTION** - Reception class are enjoying their first whole week at our school!



**COVID** – If your child has cold/flu like symptoms, we recommend that you take them for a PCR test and inform us of the results. Test results are only taking 24 hours at present and symptoms do vary in children. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

**ATTENDANCE 2** - We have not had a great start to the beginning of this academic year. As you can see we are well above national in terms of children not coming to school. Please be aware that if your child is off school without a valid medical reason, school staff time is taken up looking into the cause of absence, and attempting to remedy any issues. This time could be better used helping children to learn and enjoy their schooling. Please make sure your child is in school, on time, every day.



**YEAR 5** - As you are no doubt aware Miss Money has not been in school since the beginning of term. Miss Money has been suffering from lumbago and sciatica and as a result has been unable to come into school. This has been causing her a great deal of distress, as she was very much looking forward to working with the class. She sends her regards to the children and parents/carers of the class, and is hoping to make a speedy recovery and return!

**IN THE MEANTIME...** We welcome Mr Hughes to Year 5 and Whitchurch Primary School! Mr Hughes has joined us under a temporary arrangement in which he will work with Year 5 on a weekly basis until Miss Money returns. He has already made a sterling start with the children, and particularly enjoyed joining the children as they visited our farm yesterday! Welcome Mr Hughes!



**DATA COLLECTION FORMS** – Forms have been sent home in book bags this week. Please return your signed forms to the office. Thank you.

**OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2022** – Our open days for the new Reception intake next year are:  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – 9.30am  
9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – 2pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 – 9.30am

**FRIENDS OF WHITCHURCH PRIMARY** - This term we are raising funds for new reading scheme books at school. We have lots planned including a parent bingo evening and spooky disco.

Whitchurch Primary PTA have been selected by Tesco Brislington to receive the proceeds of their book sale for the month of October. Please support this by donating any unwanted books to the bookshelf in store (Callington Road) during October.

Please also remember that the PTA receives a 0.5% commission on eligible purchases when you shop on Amazon. This can be used in conjunction with Amazon Prime. All you need to do is:

1. Go to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk)
2. Enter your Amazon account details
3. Select Whitchurch Primary PTA as your chosen charity
4. Shop via smile.amazon.co.uk rather than the app



## **SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS**

St Mary Redcliffe & Temple School Virtual Open Evening - Our virtual open evening went live on Monday 13 September.

<https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/index.php/admissions/smrt-open-evening-september-2021>

### **PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!**

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work. Photos can be viewed on the website shortly!

Last week's children are:

**PUFFINS:** Ramla has been praised – Bella has received the showcase award

**PENGUINS:** Sarah has been praised – Finley has received the showcase award

**PARROTS:** Aliza has been praised – Eliza has received the showcase award

**SWANS:** Lexi has been praised – Xanthe has received the showcase award

**SWALLOWS:** Isabella H has been praised – Cobi has received the showcase award

**KESTRELS:** Blake has been praised – Ethan has received the showcase award

**KINGFISHERS:** Layton has been praised – Ted has received the showcase award