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HARVEST FESTIVAL: As usual at Whitchurch Primary School, we commemorate harvest festival with our annual donation to our local foodbank. From Monday 9th October crates will be in place in our school foyer. Please donate food that is non-perishable (in a tin or packet with a lengthy sell by date) by placing in the crates, and on Monday 16th the crates will be collected. We will also carry out an assembly on this day to explore the reasons behind a 'traditional' harvest festival, before bringing the message of giving up-to-date by looking at how food banks are so important, especially during the cost of living crisis.



TESCO CHARITY BOOKSALE: Please note that the PTA have secured Whitchurch Primary School the October slot in the Tesco Brislington Charity Book Sale! As you leave the main Tesco store in Brislington, there is a bookshelf by the self-service checkout. All proceeds from this stall will go to our school in October. Last year we raised over £300! Please be aware you can also donate books to this great cause. Remember all PTA profit goes to the 'extra's for our school, at the moment we're fundraising for a new mosaic!



ATTENDANCE: A reminder to bring your child to school every day, on time. In fact, many of you do! The chart below shows we are performing above our 'hub' (LSP schools in the local area) and trust (schools in our academy chain, of which there are approx. 30), so well done for this. Hoorah! Of course we still note that 30 children in our school are persistently absent, and this has always been our challenge; a small group of parents who keep children at home for more than 10% of the time. Please note this year we will continue our supportive meetings to find ways to help parents of these children, and ultimately will fine and/or issue court summons.

Name	% Present	% Authorised Absence	% Unauthorised Absence	% Persistent	Persistent No Pupils
School	95.74%	2.23%	2.03%	14.15%	30
Hub	94.83%	3.58%	1.59%	16.78%	382
Trust	95.63%	3.29%	1.08%	14.23%	1469



Bristol City FC and Bristol Bears have drawn our attention to these sporting events in which children can attend for just £1. A bargain to watch our local sporting heroes in action!

THE BELOW ARTICLES ARE REPEATED FROM LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER.

MOSAIC COMPETITION! Following just 1 entry, the closing date for our mosaic competition has been extended. Children are invited to design a mosaic to advertise our forth-coming 'friendship stop', a space where children who want to play can wait for similar children, allowing everyone to take part in a game at break and lunchtime! Entries can be made using card, paints or felt-tip pens but should be designed so that they can be turned into a mosaic, which will be displayed in school for decades to come! A chance to be part of Whitchurch's history, please have all entries in by the end of this term!

OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2024 – Our open days for the new Reception intake next year are:

Tuesday 19th September – 9:30am

Wednesday 18th October- 1:30pm

Friday 10th November– 9:30am

Wednesday 6th December at 5pm

Thursday 7th December at 9:30am

Monday 8th January at 10:00am

Do come and join us to see how we are all 'achieving our best together!'

COOK-IT AND LEAP COURSES:

Bath and North East Somerset Council have asked us to advertise these healthy cooking courses. Should you be interested please contact them directly through the numbers and emails provided

 <p>FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children</p> <p>Join a group session to discover how to make easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person or online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links• Support with meal planning and budgeting• Encouraging children to eat balanced meals• Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher <p>Upcoming start dates (one session per week):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon 25th Sept- Mon 23rd Oct, Saltford Hall, 4:30-6pm.• Wed 20th Sept- Wed 18th Oct, Mulberry Park Primary School, 3:30-5pm.• Thurs 21st Sept - Thurs 19th Oct, Westfield Primary School, 4-5:30pm.• Tues 3rd Oct- Tues 7th Nov (no session 24th Oct), online via Teams, 5-6pm. <p>Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: BATHNES.thehub@hrcgcaregroup.com</p> <p>Bath & North East Somerset Council</p>	 <p>LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight*</p> <p>1-1 face to face support for 5-10 year olds and a combination of face to face & virtual support for 11-17 year olds*</p> <p>Receive a FREE 3-MONTH leisure centre pass upon completion for the child and nominated adult**</p> <p>Topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy food and drink swaps• Physical activity/active play• Impact of screen time• Food choices <p>To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub:</p> <p>t: 0300 247 0050 e: BATHNES.thehub@hrcgcaregroup.com</p> <p>Bath & North East Somerset Council</p> <p>*Referral criteria applies **Terms and conditions apply</p> <p>NHS</p>
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PRAISE AND SHOWCASE: Hats off to these superb learners!

