



Colston's Primary School

A Co-operative Academy

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Celebrating Diversity,
Learning Together

*This term's co-operative value is **SELF-HELP***

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Dear parents and carers,

I can't quite believe we are in Term 4 already! It seems like only yesterday that I was writing a welcome to the New Year note for the newsletter.

As I write this there is a tangible sense of trepidation in the staffroom as the teacher's team limber up their brains for tonight's quiz. We have had several very successful training sessions and we are confident that we can at least match the most recent teacher's team performance (last place).

Amidst all the tension the children continue to learn and have fun. I have just walked through the hall at Cotham Grove where I saw the Stages group getting ready for their Colston Hall performance. They all seemed to be having so much fun and there was a great sense of 'team' present!

Yesterday at Elmgrove I was showing a prospective parent and child around. They were trying to decide between Colston's and another local school. The child was understandably quite nervous, until I took him into his new class that is. He was instantly approached by two children who kindly and politely asked him to join in their writing activity. He was so engrossed and enjoying the session so much that he didn't want to leave. I was very proud of the children and it reminded me how welcoming and friendly the Colston's community is. Needless to say, the child is joining us full time on Monday.

Alex Bell

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Well done to all our certificate winners this week:

George McGuigan, Lara Gunner, Oliver Stephenson, Vincente Bonilla, Evelyn Ashdown, Freya Beynon, Jazmin Zalavari, Ella Baker, Abdullah Osman, Alice

Noble, Pablo Cantalejo Navales, Estelle Gonzalez, Mrwan Ibrahim, Lewis Ozer, Muhammad Obsiye, Ayah Ta Ha-Sehdev, Thomas Wright, Feroz Nestor-Khan, Hazel Kinne-ar, Edie Blackmore, Krish Desai, Eva Bourlard-Rodriguez, Sasha-Kay Tinling, Neve Prosser, Naomi Robbie, Ellie Roberson, Jasmine O'Brien, Elsa Waters, Anna Kilb, Joseph Callcott Hughes, Eebe Perrett, Codi Nicholls, Eva Liberman, Eleanor Barrett and the whole of class 4W.

CLASS ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY WINNERS



This week's class attendance winners are **6JO** with **98.6%**

This week's class punctuality winners are **6JA** with **97%**

WORLD THINKING DAY

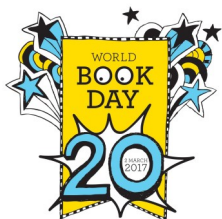
Pupils who are part of Guiding or Scouts were invited to come into school in their uniform on Tuesday to celebrate World Thinking Day. The children joined Mrs Bush in the playground looking very smart to make their promise in the promise circle. Well done to you all!



A FOCUS ON POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

The PTAF have very kindly funded a positive relationships/anti-bullying assembly and workshop on Thursday 9th March. The assembly in the morning will be for all the children and will be followed by related workshops for some classes. The assembly and workshops will be run by Bigfoot Arts Education.

WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book day is next week - Thursday 2nd March. Our whole day will be based around books and storytelling.

Dress up as your favourite character:

We would like to encourage all children to dress up as their favourite character or book title - there will be a lunch time parade of costumes and a prize for the most creative! Please bring in a charity donation of £1 for Book Aid International.

Book swap:

Bring a pre-loved book (or two, or three!) and swap with someone else from your year group. Any good quality books will be collected up at the end of the day for the school libraries.

Book at Bedtime:

Come back to Elmgrove at 6pm in your PJs and dressing gowns to listen to some bedtime stories. Hot chocolate and biscuits will be included. ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL - all year groups very welcome.

The co-operative parent reps will also be attending the 'Book at Bedtime' event to give parents information on the co-op and will be available to chat about all things co-operative.

Storytelling:

Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you are willing to come in and share a story. How many different languages can we hear in one day?

'DEAR' - Drop everything and read!

At various times during the day a bell will ring and the whole school will literally drop everything they are doing and read for 5 minutes, so remember to bring in your favourite book!

Help your child learn to read workshop for parents:

Ms Smith will present a short workshop on helping your children learn to read. This will take place at 6pm in the Elmgrove Hall during the Book at Bedtime event

ABSENCE

If for any reason your child is absent from school, please ensure that you call the school office on **0117 3772610** before 10am on each day of absence. We would also appreciate a quick message, if they are ill, to let us know what they are off unwell with.

Children who have had an episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting **MUST NOT** return until 48 hours after the last episode has passed. This advice must be adhered to please to stop sickness being spread throughout the school.

DIARY DATES

24th Feb	PTAF Quiz Night - TONIGHT!
27th Feb	Dodgeball tournament
28th Feb	Class 5W RWA Trip
1st Mar	Class 5M RWA Trip
2nd Mar	World Book Day
2nd Mar	Year 4 Cadbury World Trip
6th Mar	Football League Match
7th Mar	Girls Football Tournament
9th Mar	Y4 Football Match
10th Mar	Year 6 Market Bazaar
16th Mar	4J Class Assembly
23rd Mar	3T Class Assembly
27th Mar	International Week
28th Mar	Parent's Consultations
30th Mar	Parent's Consultations
30th Mar	3A Class Assembly
6th Apr	3R Class Assembly
10th - 21st April Easter Break	
27th Apr	4W Class Assembly
1st May	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
3rd May	Class photos
4th May	2B Class Assembly
5th May	Reception Tea & Cakes
22nd - 26th May	Year 6 Camp
8th - 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
11th May	5M Class Assembly
29th May - 2nd June May Half Term	

ACTIVE KIDS

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this term and we would really appreciate any vouchers that you have to be donated in the Sainsbury's box by the office.



Three ways that all families and friends can help us to collect vouchers:

- **Sainsbury's Local**
- **Sainsbury's Supermarkets**
- **Online at [sainsburys.co.uk](https://www.sainsburys.co.uk)**

The more vouchers that we collect, the more equipment we can buy for students to use in school.

Thank you for your support.