



Colston's Primary School

A Co-operative Academy

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Celebrating Diversity,
Learning Together

This term's co-operative value is DEMOCRACY

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Dear parents and carers,

I write this feeling a strange mixture of anticipation and dread as I look ahead to Oxfam's Dressed By The Kids Day today. What will I be given to wear? Will there be photographic evidence?! I take great solace in the knowledge that there will be plenty of other colleagues joining me on the catwalk in this morning's assembly and that all money raised will go to a very good cause. Thank you to Mr Millington and all the children involved in organising this.

Elsewhere it has been the normal busy week. Nightingales and Kingfishers have visited St Werburghs City Farm and Forest school this week and Starlings take their turn on Tuesday. There was also a Kwik cricket tournament on Monday. Sporty members of our staff team were disappointed by the cancellation of the inter school staff netball tournament yesterday but are resolved to train hard for the rearranged event in July!

5M put on a fantastic class assembly that featured their videos focussing on the world around them. They should soon be available on the school website.

On the subject of the school website, please do have a look at the information posted all about the school name and asking for your thoughts on a change. It's well worth spending a bit of time scanning through the really well collated resources.

I was lucky enough to spend the day at Christ Church Primary School in Clifton yesterday. Kate Patience,

Kate Swainson Price, some brilliant school council members and I all went along to take part in a food tasting session with presentations from catering companies interested in providing the food for our children at Colston's. All in all, it was a very tasty and informative day. A big thanks goes to Seren, Oscar, Niamh and Saffi for their participation and the amazing Food Group for all their brilliant work leading up to this event. We will, of course, keep you informed about any decisions made.

I hope you all enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Alex Bell

CLASS ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY WINNERS



This week's class attendance winners are **Ladybirds with 99.2%. Well done!**

This week's class punctuality winners are **3A, 4W, 5M, 6JA & 6JO all with 100%. Well done!**

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Well done to all our certificate winners this week:

Sam Murphy, Nevaeh Brown, Keira Dunne, Takaeja Ngozi, Ryley Desmond, Sarah Al Njaim, Jacob Thomas, Leonie Wills, Salahadiin Omar, Abdullahi Abdi, Oscar Barraud-Coulon, Ayah Ta Ha-Sehdev, Molly Richards, Michael Silence-Davis, Rosie Purdie, Joy Lin, Waliid Hassan, Wilf Paulson, Ayman Ahmed, Kashmere MacDonald, Naomi Robbie and Benji Teixeira-Vaz, Hannah Robbie, Zainab Ali, Rachel Al-Achkar, Jasmine O'Brien, Nafisa Younis, Tom Cheeseman, Emily Purdie, Angus White, Isra Yusuf and the whole of 5M.

IMPORTANT - NUTS REMINDER

Despite our previous reminders, we are still finding children are bringing nuts into school for their snack or lunch. Please do not send your child into school with any nuts or food that contains nuts, as we have some students with severe nut allergies.



LEGO CARDS AND FIDGET SPINNERS

This is just a quick note to remind parents that toys should not be brought into school unless specifically okayed by your child's class teacher. Unfortunately, this does include fidget spinners. We also need to ask you not to let your child bring in Lego trading cards. This is for two reasons. Firstly, in some cases children have allowed these cards to impact on learning time, despite being asked to leave them in the cloakroom. Secondly, we have seen a growing number of disputes in the playground around the trading of these cards, which have left one or two children feeling pretty upset. We really appreciate your support in this matter.

GOVERNORS NEWS

We are delighted that Niklas Serning and Emma Gledhill have agreed to be co-opted to the governing board. They bring beneficial skills and experience to the table. Thank you Niklas and Emma.

School Name Consultation

An initial consultation over our school name has been launched further to a request from the Co-operative Forum to governors which co-incides with the natural timeline for a governor review of the school name.

Find out more about this on the school website: My School/Governors/School Name Consultation (<http://www.colstonsprimary.co.uk/my-school/governors-new/school-name-review-consultation>)

Pupil, staff, parent and wider community views on this will be incredibly helpful to governors who are currently charged with coming to a final view at the end of term 1, October 2017. Your input into this decision making process is key. Governors and the co-operative forum are working together to gather your views, and look forward to receiving lots of them!

A series of consultation events will run over the next two weeks as follows:

- Tuesday 20th June at 9am: EG - with a particular focus on our international community - all welcome
- Tuesday 20th June at 4pm: CG - for staff
- Wednesday 21st June at 6.30pm: CG - for all
- Tuesday 27th June at 9am: EG - with a particular focus on our international community - all welcome
- Tuesday 27th June at 4pm: EG - for staff
- Wednesday 28th June at 6.30pm: EG - for all
- Thursday 29th June at 2.45pm: CG - for all

Many thanks
Governors and the Co-operative Forum

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS (UFSM) - Y2

Just a reminder to those parents with children in Year 2. From September, when your child is in Year 3 they will no longer be eligible for UFSM. However, your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal credit

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals please get in touch with the office and we can give you further details.

BRISTOL TOGETHER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children from Year 5 recently took part in a fabulous tournament called the Bristol Together Championships where they merged with a school called May Park. The new team was called Colston Park! The team really tried their hardest and came 7th overall. They scored quite a few goals and were unlucky not to win more games. Shabaz scored an amazing free kick and Ramsey scored a diving header. Thank you Ms Lyon for organising this great event.



RECYCLING

If you are having a clear out over the coming months, Maura Kear (mum of Marcel 4W, Isabella 3T and Ana HB) is collecting dressing up costumes for a school in Managua, Nicaragua. Please bring them to the school offices, where Maura will collect and store them with the aim of sending them during October half term.



SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS



Please check wallets/purses/bags for any that may be hiding in there and hand them into the school office by **Friday 30th June**. Thank you.