



# Newsletter 39

# 21st July, 2016

### Happy Friday!

The summer holidays are here, and as is always the case at this time of year, today has been a time for reflecting on the year, looking to the future and saying a few 'goodbyes' along the way. As well as saying farewell to our remarkable Year 6s with a wonderful Leavers' Service this morning, we have also today said au revoir to several members of staff who are moving on. Miss Czajkowski has been with us since Easter and has worked with the children in Year 5 and Year 2. Her time with us has come to an end but she has been a delight to have in school. Miss Benson is moving to pastures new, unfortunately too far away to continue her role here and she will be greatly missed. Mrs Nicolosi has been working in Year 6 since November and has been an incredibly positive, skilful and valuable member of the team. I know you will join with me in wishing them lots of luck for their future adventures.

Also leaving us are two 'long term fixtures'. Mrs Clarkson has been here for several years and in that time has worked with children from Reception through to Year 6. Her experience, humour and passion have been invaluable, so much so that she has been offered a full time role with her own Year 2 class in a school in Keynsham. Thank you for everything Gill, and very best wishes for your new challenge!

And finally, today we have said au revoir to Mrs Holland. Jill has been at the school for 11 years and in that time her care, warmth and humour have made her a much loved member of the team and someone who children remember with great fondness. She will be greatly missed by us all – she is a huge source of fun and laughter – and we wish her lots of love and luck for her retirement.

**End of Key Stage Information...** Although we value all aspects of school life, our end of Key Stage Assessments (SATs) and other national testing is important for our self-evaluation. You may have gleaned from the media what a complex and challenging year this has been for our teachers, and what an increase in expectation the new curriculum represents for our children. I am delighted with these results as they indicate that the things we are doing to improve are starting to work. They are a testament to the team we have here and of course to our amazing children. The figures in brackets are local and national comparisons.

**EYFS Good Level of Development: 88%** (Banes 68%, National 69%)

**Year 1 phonics: 85%** (Banes 80%, National 81%)

**KS1 Reading: 77% Expected** (Banes 74%, National 74%)

**KS1 Writing: 64% Expected** (Banes 64%, National 66%)

**KS1 Maths: 72% Expected** (Banes 73%, National 73%)

**KS2 SPAG: 87% Expected** (Banes 72%, National 72%)

**KS2 Reading: 84% Expected** (Banes 71%, National 66%)

**KS2 Maths: 78% Expected** (Banes 68%, National 70%)

**Parent Survey...** Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. Altogether 102 families took part which is great and has provided really constructive feedback as well as lots of lovely positive comments. The headlines are as follows (the percentage is the total that said 'Agree or Strongly Agree')...

My child is happy: <b>96%</b>	My child feels safe: <b>96%</b>	My child is taught well: <b>93%</b>
My child is well looked after: <b>95%</b>	My child receives appropriate homework for age: <b>75%</b>	
Children are well behaved: <b>92%</b>	Bullying is dealt with well: <b>52%</b> (+ <b>40%</b> who don't know)	

This is a really positive picture, and the supporting comments have been really useful to see beneath these headlines and plan for the future. One key area we will definitely be exploring next year is homework (look out for a parent focus group), and other feedback received will help shape the next school development plan, which we will share early in September.

Thank you for your ongoing support and wonderful children. Have a great summer! Andy Bowman



**Dinner Money.....**Dinner Money is due in advance and should be made via ParentPay on the first Monday of each week or each Term. (Payments can be made weekly or you can pay for a term in advance if you prefer).

The cost of a meal is £2.40 per day/£12 per week.

The total amount for Term 1 is £81.60

Please remember to check your ParentPay account on a regular basis to make sure your payments are up to date. Thank you.

**Club News.....There will be no clubs at all during the first week of term.**

I would like to thank everyone for their support this term. Your help with meeting application deadlines and notifying us if your child is missing their club has been much appreciated. Have a lovely summer. Ms Flood

**Term dates reminder.....**

**September 2016**

1<sup>st</sup> – Inset Day

2<sup>nd</sup> – Inset Day

5<sup>th</sup> – Start of term 1 for pupils

**October 2016**

20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term 1

21<sup>st</sup> – Inset Day

31<sup>st</sup> – Beginning of Term 2

**December 2016**

16<sup>th</sup> – End of term

Please find attached to the newsletter a provisional date list for brief details of what's happening in school over the coming year.

These dates are subject to change (although we will do our best to keep to them whenever possible).

We will keep you up to date with new dates for your diary as they arise.

Dear Everyone, Have a great summer! If I may, a quick notice of three courses we're running in the Autumn, so you can start thinking about them now ...

If you're interested, please e-mail me:

[philip@ststephensbath.org.uk](mailto:philip@ststephensbath.org.uk)

**Alpha**

Tuesday Evenings

Mid-September for ten weeks

7-9.30 (includes supper)

For those who are prepared to explore the fundamentals and questions of the Christian faith - and those wondering if there's more to life ...

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**Pilgrim Course**

Tuesday Evenings

Late September for six weeks

7.30-9.30

If you want the Christian faith to play a fuller and deeper part of your life.

A course to inspire, excite and enable.

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**Christian Meditation**

Wednesday Evenings

Mid-September for six weeks

7.30-8.30 St Mary's, Charlcombe

Find confidence and freedom in silence and contemplation.

Techniques, texts and practice using Scripture and the wisdom of mystics past and present.

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