Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- Kindness
- Cake sale
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See the latest news on our website here.



A few words from Mrs Sage...

Thank you to the PTA for their fantastic work on last week's quiz and disco. I am sure everyone who attended will agree it was a great night. There has been a lovely atmosphere around school this week as we have been concentrating on kindness in all sorts of ways. I hope you enjoy

reading all about it below and seeing the photos of children enjoying these activities. We hope they will be sharing and spreading the kindness at home too.

Cake and uniform sale: Y4 raised £281 for their classes at their cake

sale last Friday and the uniform sale raised £71 for school funds. Next time it will be the turn of Reception on Friday 5th May.

Attendance: we ask parents to support us and their children by ensuring that the children are not absent from school unless absolutely necessary. Please review this letter that was sent to all parents for the good reasons for this and for our school requirements and procedures around attendance, absence and holidays.

PTA meeting minutes: thanks to everyone who attended this; please read <u>the minutes on our website here</u>. The next meeting will be on Monday 24th April.

Butterfly class donation plea: if you have any dolls' house furniture that you could donate to Butterfly class, please send it in with your child. Thank you.

Red Nose Day tomorrow: if you would like support <u>Comic Relief</u> tomorrow, the children may bring in a £1 donation and wear their red noses to school.

Communications summary: we have updated our communications summary for parents. We welcome hearing from you and always value your feedback. Please see the communications summary here for a reminder of how to keep in touch.

We are looking forward to meeting parents in person next week for the consultation evenings. Best wishes, Mrs Sage.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

FS/KS1

Bumblebee: Oliver S for taking turns when playing with his friend.

Butterfly: George J for always listening so well during phonics. You superstar!

Apple: Zane F for working really hard on his writing.

Pear: Isla B for her kindness, patience and thoughtfulness when working in groups to create patterns in Art.

Palm: JJ P for writing a fantastic letter based on our work on The Secret Sky Garden.

Cherry: Noam B-F for super printing and layering in art.

KS2

Sycamore: Frankie M for a writing fantastic introduction to our writing of the story of the Tree-Grown Man

Maple: Gethin L for writing an excellent first and second paragraph for his story of the Tree-Grown Man.

Lime: Darcy C for her careful labelling and super drawing of her "Imperfect Pet" during our English work on Barnabus.

Willow: Ottilie G for her excellent drawing and labelling of her 'Imperfect Pet' in our English lesson. Well done Ottilie!

when you channel it into PE. Well done, I especially loved your star bursts!

Horse chestnut: Clara F for her wonderfully descriptive diary writing, inspired by the book 'The Promise', using her empathy skills, to reveal how a young person changes her life in a positive way, making others happy too.

Ash: Amelia Q for thinking carefully in RE about the people who influence her life.

Oak: Lucas M for good understanding when looking at the difference between continuity and change in Tudor Britain.

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We celebrate *

Frank D, palm, for his Learn to Swim level 3 award.

Ellie B, palm, for her Baskerville's Gym competition medal.

Sophie V, elm, for her stage 8 swimming award. **Giorgio D** who participated in the recent B&NES music workshop and concert. He had a great experience and learnt lots from playing in a group. **Joshie K**, ash, pictured, who trained with Bristol Hawks for 10 weeks and attended the South West festival for gym. Joshie now ranks 15th in the south west U-12s, with a super joint second place on the rings. The Bristol team came second by just 0.4!

House system is relaunched

This week we have relaunched our House system and had our first house afternoon event. During this house afternoon, the children voted for their house captains. We will be assembling a dedicated team of helpers to get crafty and make a house banner. Every child has been sent home with a design sheet this week to draw their house bird. Winning entries will have their design put on their house banner. We will have another house event before the school year is over, in which the children will devise a house motto and song.

The children have been reminded how to earn house points and collect these every week. Points are counted and the house trophy is given to the winning house during a Friday assembly.

Work has also started on the new house mural that will be in the rainbow room. The house leadership team for this school year (pictured below) has been elected and announced in assembly. Thanks to everyone who put themselves forward for election.

The leaders are:

Goldfinches: house captains, Jess B and Joshua K; vice house captains: Poppy D and Joey O; staff leader, Mr Jenkins.

Owls: house captains: Jack B and Amelia C; vice house captains: Charlie R and Emily S; staff leader, Mr Boyle.

Robins: house captains: Giorgio D and Mila W; vice house captains: Ted F and Emily M; staff leader, Miss Hansford.

Woodpeckers: house captains: Erin B and Felix L; **vice house captains:** Fred E and Emma R; **staff leader**, Miss Evans.



Focus on kindness

This week we focused on kindness at school, spotlighting one of our school values and building on the work of the school council with Mrs Briggs to celebrate and encourage acts of kindness in and out of school. A wide range of activities has taken place in school. Our library reflection tree has had a kindness theme, assemblies have celebrated kindness, including reflection on our Ukrainian community in Saltford; PSHE lessons have had a kindness focus; Evelyn's Butterfly Effect cards have been shared; classes have played kindness bingo and lots more!

Miss Commane crocheted some lovely kindness butterflies and hid them around the school so that children could find them, share them, and show support for Evelyn's Butterfly Effect.

This week is just part of our ongoing focus on values and our commitment to encourage children to show that they care by helping others.

Thank you to all the staff who have created such thoughtful and engaging activities for the children to illustrate this core value in action.

Welcome Ruth



We are delighted to welcome Ruth Moody to our Governing body. She is a parent to two boys, one of whom is at Saltford School. She is also an Executive Coach running a People Development Consultancy for 18 years. Ruth will also be part of the staff wellbeing group.

Spaces at Rainbows

Rainbows in Saltford has spaces for girls aged 4-7 years to join on Thursdays from 4:30pm.

Parents can apply by following this

link: https://www.girlguidi ng.org.uk/informationfor-parents/register-achild/

The PTA brings you 'Eggovision'

This is a fun Easter competition from the PTA to decorate an egg along the theme of celebrating Eurovision coming to the UK!

This rich theme asks the children to decorate an egg celebrating one of the

37 countries that take part in the contest.

Eggs should be brought into the school library between 27th and 28th March for judging on the 29th March. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Please see the flyer here for some suggestions and all the details you need to enjoy some Easter fun!

See all dates on our online calendar for natents here!

Dates for your diary



Click here for term dates

Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th March: <u>visits</u> to St Mary's Church.

Friday 17th March: Red Nose Day

Monday 20th March: Dance Umbrella Y2 &

<u>Y6</u>.

Wednesday 22nd March 4 – 5.30pm:
Wellsway samba transition session for Y5.
Wednesday 22nd March: consultation evening.

Thursday 23rd March: Y6 <u>Lifeskills Centre</u> visit.

Friday 24th March: PTA film night for children. Details on the website here.

Monday 27th March: consultation evening.

Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st March: Y5
camp at Mill on the Brue.

Friday 31st March: end of term 4.

Friday 31st March – 17th April: PTA Easter trail for families.

Thursday 13th April 9am – 4pm: Up & Under Easter multi sports course at school for 5-11 year-olds. Details and booking here.

Monday 17th April: beginning of term 5.
Thursday 20th – Friday 21st April: <u>Y4 camp</u>

at Barton Camp

Monday 24th April: PTA meeting, all welcome.

For term dates please see: ltfordschool.org.uk/the-office

<u>www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates</u>. All other dates are on <u>the calendar for</u> parents here.

School Snapshot – Kindness





Open Morning at

VARMLEY MUSIC CENTRE

- Affordable music lessons
 - New beginner lower strings group starting after Easter
 - · See rehearsals and then FREE admission to our concert

When:

Saturday 25 March 2023

Time: 10:00 - 12:00

Venue: Sir Bernard Lovell Academy

North Street, BS30 8TS

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