Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter











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This week

- Comic Relief
- Consultation evenings
- Book fair
- Urgent swimming survey
- Swimming teachers needed
- Film night

See the latest news on our website here

A few words from Mrs Sage...

We have been amused and impressed since the last newsletter with everyone's Red Nose Day jokes last Friday and the fabulous eggs that were entered into the Egglympics competition. See the winners below.

Red Nose Day: thank you to everyone who donated for Comic Relief. On the day we collected £196 and a further £72 was raised online, giving a total of £268. **Consultation evenings:** we are looking forward to seeing parents and carers for consultation evenings tonight and on Monday. If you still need to book a crèche place (for school-age children only) please contact the office. Please do read our letter about how we let you know how your child is doing before coming to your session. All parents have been sent the letter which is also on our website here.

Travelling book fair: thank you for supporting the fair. I hope that all children have spent their World Book Day vouchers and are enjoying reading something fresh. Thank you to Mr Styles and the other staff who have supported the fair. **Swimming relaunch:** as we prepare to re-start swimming lessons on site, we have <u>sent this letter to all parents</u> asking for information about your children's swimming ability. It is essential we have this information ready for all children so that we are ready to go as soon as the pool is ready. Please complete the <u>form for EYFS/KS1 here</u> and <u>the form for KS2 here</u> **before the 27**th **March deadline**. **Swimming teachers:** Mr Lye is looking for more swimming teachers to join his

team. Training is available to help you qualify. See more on the poster below. **PTA films:** children will need to bring their own reusable water bottles to the film night tomorrow if they require a drink. All the information about when to arrive, what to wear and what to bring is on our website here. We hope everyone enjoys the films and goes on to have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sage.

STAR PUPIL AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Miki U for super focus in writing. I am really impressed with how you applied your sounds, Miki.

Butterfly: Lochlan H for trying SO hard with holding your pencil correctly when you're writing. We are so proud of you – keep going!

Apple: Orla K for working so hard to use simple present tense in sentences and for having a super attitude to learning.

Pear: Ella F for super sentences using verbs. **Palm:** Oliver L for super sentences describing Grandma's house in The Building Boy. Well done Oliver!

Cherry: Audrey G for helping a friend with their work when you saw they needed help! Thank you for always being so kind!

KS2

Sycamore: Freddie S for some amazing scientific detective work in our British Science Week activities! Well done Freddie! **Maple:** Amelia M for doing an excellent job of reading aloud at the church. Well done Amelia!

Lime: Isla H for reading aloud in church – you were amazing! **Willow:** Frank P for a super and detailed piece of writing in English providing an alternative ending to our book 'Nour's Secret Library'. Well done Frank!

Elm: Summer-Louise K for having a positive attitude to new learning and making a confident start on our 'Decimals' topic. Horse chestnut: Chris L for demonstrating his team skills and fair play in PE lessons. Chris has organised, helped and encouraged his classmates during our cricket lessons this term. Superstar!

Ash: Rory F for his thoughtful contributions in all lessons. **Oak:** Jacob F for good understanding when investigating the difference between area and perimeter.

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How do we let you know how your child is doing at Saltford School?





We celebrate 🔪 🦊 🔾





Jennifer C, Horse chestnut, for passing her Grade 1 cornet exam with Merit and her Grade 1 piano exam with Distinction. **Theodore W**, Bumblebees, for a medal from Ninjitsu.

Kate P, Apple, for earning a medal for the Bath Half Marathon family run and for taking part in Planting a Forest to save the

Florence G, Apple, for achieving the performance gymnastic award for Bronze Level 4.

Barnaby F, Apple, for achieving the performance gymnastic award for Bronze Level 4.

Clara G-B, Bumblebees, for achieving Learn to Swim Level 1. Freddie R-L, Apple, for achieving the gymnastic award for Bronze Level 4.

Stan R, Apple, for achieving Learn to Swim Level 1.

World Down Syndrome Day: 'end the stereotypes'

Miss Jupp would like to say a special thank you to one of the children in her class for reading 'This is me!' to all of Year 2 this week in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day which is today. Well done for such an assured and thoughtful reading.



Egglympics winners

Congratulations to everyone who brought in a decorated egg for the Egglympics competition. There were some amazing, artistic and funny entries and it was difficult to choose the winners. We hope you all enjoyed the process of creating them.

Yasmine T

Florence M James R

Chloe B Otto SS

Alfie T

1st place winners were: In 2nd place were: And in 3rd place came: Xander I

> Carrie R Alana K-B





Staff news

Mrs Newbury will be moving to an exciting new role at another Futura school next term and Mrs Hoyle will also be leaving to pursue her career at the University of Bath.

Mrs Newbury says: "After working at our wonderful school for 14 years, it is sadly time for me to leave for a new job as Deputy Head of House at Sir Bernard Lovell Academy. I have absolutely loved working with so many amazing teachers and fantastic children here.

Saltford school will always have a special place in my heart; my daughters both enjoyed their time here too. I will really miss everyone and I treasure so many incredible memories."

Mrs Hoyle says: "It's with mixed emotions that after 6 years at Saltford School I will be saying goodbye to an amazing team of staff and children. I have been very lucky to be offered an opportunity at The University of Bath that I couldn't turn down. I will really miss everyone here at Saltford; it's a very special

Thank you all for all your kindness and support over the years."

school and part of a very special community.

We will miss them both but we know they will be a great asset to their new

the very best.

teams and we wish them all

Visits to St Mary's Church

Last week (Weds, Thurs & Fri) children in Years 1 - 6 visited St Mary's Church, Saltford for a church service. As part of the service the children sang two songs (Lord of the Dance & Hosanna) and listened to readings and prayers (read out by children from school). The service was on the topic of Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem. The children brought Palm leaves with them down to the church upon which they had written prayers about 'a change they would like to see in the world'. The children brought the leaves up to the front of the church and they were displayed on either side of the pews. The children sang beautifully and read so well.

Thank you to Mr Jenkins for arranging these enjoyable visits. We would also like to thank Rev Nigel for leading the Services, Sally Baker and Jackie Balsdon for playing the organ/piano to accompany the songs and to all our staff and parent helpers who walked with the children to and from the church.



Local support for families and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

Find out what support there is available in our area for young people with SEND and their families. Live Well B&NES includes details of wellbeing groups, social clubs, inclusive activities, holiday clubs, mental health support services and opportunities beyond formal education. There is information on benefits and funding, Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP's), health services and how to access impartial advice and guidance from specialist teams. Parent Carers of young people with SEND can identify ways they can access support for their role as a parent carer of a child with additional needs.

You can also apply for your child's free Rainbow Resource card providing discreet confirmation of their additional need, and enabling them to access dedicated activity sessions, quiet spaces and support, and in some cases concessions to venues across the South West.

Visit the SEND Local Offer page here to find out more



Poetry corner

As the words take you
And the story unfolds
Twists and turns carry
Through labyrinthine worlds

Dystopian visions
Infinite genres

Sagas of battle
Of valour and fame
Your heart pounds to the rhythm
Of the story in play

Hand of the writer

Become your eyes and your ears

The authors, word mages

Conjure stories to be

And as you read this

Now echo my call

To the wordsmiths and authors

"Thanks to you all!"

We are delighted to share this fabulous poem from Edmund S-C entitled 'A Bookish Journey'.

He was declared runner-up in the poetry competition for World Book Day.



Author visit

As part of our ongoing celebration of reading and writing, we enjoyed a special visit from an author this week. P.G. Bell, author of the 'Train to Impossible Places' trilogy, came to speak to the children about his stories and how he imagined the worlds and characters that went into them. We all loved hearing about how a simple bedtime story became a series of published books full of adventures and magic. Following our special assembly, P.G. signed copies of his books before heading to Y3 for workshops on creating fantastic new worlds. Thank you so much to our visiting author and also to the PTA for funding this visit for all the children to enjoy. A particular thank you to Mrs Harding, who organised the event and (in a correction to an earlier newsletter) also provided the prizes for the recent poetry competition from her Keynsham Book Corner. Thank you also to Mr Styles for all his work around World Book Day.

Outdoor athletics festival for Y4

On Wednesday afternoon Willow and Lime classes walked to Wellsway School to take part in an Outdoor Athletics Festival. Year 4 children from St John's Primary School and Chandag Primary School also attended the event. The festival was organised by Mrs Burston with the help of Sports Leaders in Year 10 at Wellsway School who worked with small groups of the children.

The children took part in a wide range of activities including hockey, netball, goal scoring and tennis. Mr Jenkins, Mrs Nethercott and Mrs Brook said " We would like to thank Mrs Burston and the Sports Leaders from Wellsway School for making it such an enjoyable afternoon for our children. It was lovely to see so many former pupils from Saltford School giving our children the benefit of their knowledge and expertise. Well done to all of the children for trying their best and showing great sportsmanship." Thank you to the Y4 team and all the parent helpers who walked with the children to Wellsway School.







Dance Umbrella

On Tuesday 55 Children from Y2 and Y6 took part in the BANES Dance Umbrella where each year group performed a dance piece on stage at the Bath Forum. The children were fantastic and all were blown away by their performances. We were delighted to receive an email from one parent who wanted to express her admiration for all the dedication that goes into this event, and gratitude for the equal opportunity it affords so many children to experience performing as part of a group on the big stage. A big thank you to Mrs Browne for her amazing choreography and costumes, and to the Y2 and Y6 staff who supported this event into the evening.

The children will be performing their dances to the school on Friday.



Well done Sophie

Congratulations to Sophie for her achievements in gymnastics in the Somerset regional grades. After competing in 5 apparatus against 22 gymnasts she came 4th in vault and 5th on floor.

PTA Easter trail

The PTA is arranging an egg-citing Easter trail around Saltford for families to do during the Easter holiday. It is designed for you to enjoy getting out and about in the village on a buggy-friendly trail to find art created by the children, funny jokes and to piece together a code that you can crack to claim a prize.

Maps and prizes are available for £2 from Saltford Community Library (open Mon – Fri 9 – 1 & 2 – 5 and Sat 9 - 12).

The trail will run from Tuesday 2nd to Monday 15th April.



See all dates on our online calendar for parents here!

Dates for your diary

Click here for term dates



Thursday 21st March: consultation evening. Friday 22nd March: deadline for entries for

Science Week poster competition.

Friday 22nd March: entry deadline for

<u>summer fair cover competition</u>. Bring entries to the school office.

Friday 22nd March: PTA film night

Monday 25th March: <u>consultation evening</u>. Tuesday 26th –Thursday 28th March: Year

5 away on camp.

Wednesday 27th March: deadline for reply

to the swimming ability questionnaire.

Thursday 28th March: end of term 4, Easter

holiday.

Tuesday 2nd – Thursday 4th April: multisport fun day at school. <u>Details here</u>.

Monday 15th April: beginning of term 5, summer term.

Friday 19th April: Y2 visit Chepstow Castle. Thursday 16th May: Y6 meetings on health education and Y6 camp.

For term dates for this and next academic years please see:

www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates.

All dates are on the calendar for parents here.



Swim Teachers needed!

Barracuda Swimming is looking for part-time swim teachers to work with us as we expand our swim school

If you are a qualified swimming teacher (Level 1 or 2) please do get in touch, we offer excellent rates of pay.

Alternatively, for those new to teaching swimming, we will support you from absolute beginner to a Level 2 qualified swimming teacher, financial assistance for training is available. Currently our teachers range from 16-60+, an interest in swimming and working with children is what we're looking for.

We are a successful family run business with a happy team that we are now looking to grow. We run lessons in Bath and Saltford and we would love to hear from you.

For more details, please contact



barracudaswimming.bath@gmail.com

SALTFORD GOLF CLUB - JUNIOR GROUP lessons

Running weekly on Saturday mornings from 23rd March

Saltford Golf Club are pleased to announce that they will be running WEEKLY group lessons for juniors on a Saturday morning from 1130 to 1230, starting on Saturday 23rd March.

These will be run by Joe Bray, one of our assistant professionals who holds the required coaching and DBS certification and who has a wealth of experience in teaching juniors. It will be targeted at juniors who are new to the game, irrespective of age. Clubs will be provided for children who do not have their own.

They will be run at the driving range (turn right as you enter the club gate) for an hour and they will be followed by the opportunity, for those who want to, of going onto our 6-hole academy course after the lesson, which will be supervised. This will give them the opportunity of putting what they have learned into practice and play on actual golf holes.

The lessons will cost £10 for each child but there will be a discounted rate of £45 for a 6-week block of lessons and we would encourage you to book for 6 lessons, at the end of which your child should have an overall grasp of the game and be ready to move up to other coaching sessions that we provide at Saltford, again on a weekly basis.

These Saturday groups will be limited to 12 children to ensure that your child has maximum time with the coach during the hour of the lesson, and on the academy course afterwards. Historically, these group lessons have been extremely popular so please book early. If you are interested in these Saturday sessions, please email Joe Bray at joebraycoaching@aol.co.uk. Please include in your email a parent's mobile number, the age of the child and if they are right- or left-handed. Joe will then respond to you with availability and payment link. Joe can also be contacted on his mobile – 07753 294268.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Saltford Golf Club and hope that they enjoy their experience of this wonderful game. If you need to know more about our Junior section generally, please contact the Junior Organiser, David Phillips on 07968 873130.

EASTER BLESSINGS

FROM THE BENEFICE OF SALTFORD, CORSTON & NEWTON ST LOE

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

24TH MARCH - PALM SUNDAY
9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION (ST MARY'S SALTFORD)
11.15AM MORNING WORSHIP (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)
4PM BENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE

25TH MARCH - MONDAY 8PM EVENING PRAYER (ST MARY'S SALTFORD)

26TH MARCH - TUESDAY 8PM EVENING PRAYER (ALL SAINTS CORSTON)

27TH MARCH - WEDNESDAY 8PM EVENING PRAYER (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)

28TH MARCH - MAUNDY THURSDAY

4PM BENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE

7PM COMMUNION LAST SUPPER (ST MARY'S SALTFORD)

29TH MARCH - GOOD FRIDAY

10AM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS (ST MARY'S SALTFORD)
2PM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS (ALL SAINTS CORSTON)
2PM AN HOUR AT THE CROSS (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)
4PM BENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE

31ST MARCH - EASTER SUNDAY

6.30AM SUNRISE SERVICE (THE SHALLOWS SALTFORD)

10.30AM BENEFICE COMMUNION CELEBRATION (HOLY TRINITY NEWTON ST LOE)

4PM RENEFICE TELEPHONE SERVICE





THIS EASTER!!

Elevate your football game this Easter half-term by joining our girls-only football camp! Prepare to have a blast while mastering new skills under the guidance of our experienced coaches. The camp will focus on ball mastery, attacking and defending techniques, passing drills, match play, and much more! Our camps are tailored specifically for girls and are led by female coaches who serve as role models. Don't miss out on this opportunity to take your game to the next level! Sign up today!

5th, 11th, and 12th of April DATES:

10am until 2pm TIMES:

LOCATION: SBL Sports Centre, BS30 8TS

6 to 13 years AGES:

£25 per day or £60 for all 3 days! PRICE:





TO BOOK:

Please head to our website absportscoaching.com and select 'Sports Camps'. Alternatively please scan the QR code or follow this link to be taken directly to the booking page: https://bookwhen.com/absportscoaching









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MATT ANALTS EASTER HOLIDAY MULTI SPORTS FUN DAYS Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th April

The fun days will include a variety of sports; basketball, football, tennis, dodgeball, hockey, rounders and many more! The days will be aimed at all abilities and work on improving all skills, throwing, catching, kicking, striking, hand-eye co-ordination. Learning different games and having an enormous amount of fun! The three days are open for all pupils currently in Year 2-6. Plenty of Competitions and prizes to be won!! Venue – Saltford Primary Playground/Badger room and Hall (if wet weather). Dates – Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th April 9-3pm Cost - £30 per day or £80 for all 3 days. Mornings 9-12pm and Afternoons 12-3pm available at £15 per session. Participant Equipment Required – Packed Lunch / Water Bottle (Refillable on-site), A cap/sunhat, a light rain jacket, comfortable trainers.

All Equipment will be provided. Click here for more detail, including

booking and payment information.

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Victoria Art Gallery in Bath The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists exhibition 19th Jan – 14th April

This colourful, family-friendly exhibition includes rare books, original artwork and artefacts, and reveals the important role of the illustrators in Ladybird's extraordinary success.

There are hundreds of Ladybird books for visitors to browse through and share in themed retro reading areas. There's lots for children to enjoy, with a free exhibition 'I Spy' trail and a quirky 'Coco the Caravan' reading den.

Find out more on Thursday lunchtime tours, 1.30 – 2.00pm every week, free with an exhibition ticket. The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists | Victoria Art Gallery (victoriagal.org.uk)



Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays



Spring into life

April 2024

Celebrate Easter and Springtime with our family trail (available throughout the holiday) and our themed craft activities!



Treasure Hunt Tuesday 2 April

Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads to make your own cross necklace.





Easter Gardens Wednesday 3 April

Follow our Easter story trail then make your own Easter garden to tell the best part of the story.







Get Growing Thursday 4 April

Decorate a mini pot and get planting!



Spring into life Friday 5 April

Celebrate new life with our spring themed crafts.





Scan to book:

£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities





yoga & Art Holiday Club

Be calm and creative at our spring themed holiday club

Wednesday 3rd April

10-2pm

7-11 yr olds

Saltford Hall

Includes yoga, mindful art, games and activities

Your child will leave feeling calm and refreshed with a piece of artwork too!

Run by Laura and Adele who are fully trained primary school teachers

Scan the QR code to book or email <u>info@gwtheflowyoga.co.uk</u> for more details.









EASTER HOLIDAYS MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

at KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB

Tue 2nd, Wed 3rd, Thu 4th
Tue 9th, Wed 10th, Thu 11th April
9.00am-3.30pm





- Diverse Range of Sports & Activities
- Inclusive & Nuturing Environment
- Low Child to Coach Ratios











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Contact - tombryan@live.co.uk - 07891918722





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GREETINGS TO YOU,

THE LUCKY FINDER OF THIS GOLDEN TICKET, FROM MR. WILLY WONKA and CHARACTERS STAGE SCHOOL!

In your wildest dreams you could not imagine the marvellous SURPRISES that await YOU in our Easter workshops!

GET YOUR TICKET TO ONE OF OUR AMAZING 'CHARLIE' DRAMA WORKSHOPS THIS EASTER

~ ADMIT ONE ~

Bath - Monkton Combe Prep School Tues 2nd - Fri 5th April Holt - Village Hall Mon 8th - Fri 12th April

Work with a professional director on extracts from Roald Dahl's famous musical to produce a fabulous show with lights, costume and music. Ages 7-15 No experience necessary. Validate your ticket and book now for just £128 per workshop. 10am-4pm Limited places



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