## Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter











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#### This week

- Pool safety
- Phone safety
- Vacancy
- Consultation evenings
- Dogs Trust
- World Book Day activities
- Film night

See the latest news on our website here

#### A few words from Mrs Sage...

Thank you to the Y1 parents who came in last week for their meeting, and to the Y1 staff team for supporting the session. We hope you found it helpful. The presentation is now available on the Y1 class pages.

Thank you also to the Year 4 team and parents who supported our meetings on Y4 camp, health education and supporting your child on Monday. Similarly, the presentations are now available on the Y4 class pages here.

**Swimming pool works:** we are delighted to see work progressing on the repairs to our swimming pool. May I remind you to be mindful of the safety fence and to avoid the area when moving around the school grounds.

**Mobile phone safety:** please do take some time to <u>read our letter containing</u> <u>recommendations</u> for getting involved with your child's safety when using phones and popular apps, most of which are designed for over-13s only.

Join our team: we are looking for a part-time playworker to join our lunchtime team. If you are interested in this kind of work, please talk to us or apply here.

Consultation evenings: all parents will have received this letter advising that the booking system is now open for the forthcoming consultation evenings on Thurs 21st and Mon 25th March. Please note, crèche places must also be booked.

Visit from the Dogs Trust: we are looking forward to welcoming the Dogs Trust into school tomorrow for a whole school assembly followed by some workshops with Y2 and Y4. Thank you to Mr Jenkins for arranging this interesting visit.

World Book Day next Thursday: please remember that we are dressing up for WBD on 7th March, and there is a special dessert on the school dinner menu.

The deadline for entries into our poetry competition is tomorrow, 1st March.

PTA Film Night: tickets go on sale for this on Monday 11th March. Details below.

## STAR PUPIL AWARDS

#### KS1

Bumblebee: Teddy ON for writing his own story in busy time without any adult help. It was great! Butterfly: Harper K for such amazing improvement in your reading. You have worked really hard. We are all so proud of you! Apple: Lewis KB for thinking carefully and

working hard on joining two sentences using 'and'. Well done Lewis – you are such a hard worker!

**Pear:** Chloe D for working really hard and creating a super face out of fruit in Art.

**Palm:** Zane F for creating an interesting flying machine in English, based on the book Tom's Magnificent Machines.

**Cherry:** Evelyn J for a fantastic advertisement poster about her amazing machine 'Mini Evelyn'!

#### K52

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Sage.

Sycamore: Finlay H for some brilliant work in English when looking at different words for 'said'. Great work Fin!

Maple: Jade D for writing an excellent conversation in English and making sure her handwriting is neat. Great work!

Lime: Freddie G for always being so helpful in class and kind to others – well done Freddie!

**Willow:** Siana D for her excellent Stone Age artwork using pastels. Well done Siana.

**Elm:** Seren E for her very imaginative and original drawing of a Benin sculpture, we loved her use of colour!

**Horse chestnut:** Margot S for her creative double-page display explaining what we can see in Bristol today which tells us about the history of slavery.

**Ash:** Daisy R for detailed and well-presented work in science lessons.

**Oak:** Aiden H for showing clear understanding when showing fractions as division, getting answers below 1.

#### **Quick links**

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**Key information** 

#### Letters

Parent Consultation Evening (except Elm)

Year 6 Mobile Phones and Internet Use

Holiday Multisport club

Book Fair letter

Book Fair flyer

Y2 to Chepstow Castle

Y1 to Chepstow Castle

Dance Umbrella

Year 4 Invasion Games

Visit to St Mary's Church



We celebrate Arthur B, Pear, for earning a 10 metres swimming badge. Sofia C, Butterfly, named Baskervilles Gymnast of the day.

Sofia F, Lime, Street dance champion. Ethan B-D, Lime, Street dance champion.

### Medical and dental appointments

We understand that getting an appointment out of school time is not always possible. However, where it is at all possible please try to avoid medical and dental appointments in school time. If this is unavoidable, arrange appointments so that the minimum school time is lost. Unless it is an emergency appointment, parents/carers are expected to let the school know about the appointment in advance. When you let us know, you should also provide evidence of the appointment, such as an appointment letter or card. Your child should still attend school for as much of the school day as possible.

#### **Egglympics Easter** competition

It's time to get creative! This fun Easter competition from the PTA asks the children to decorate an egg along the rich theme of the sports of this year's Paris Olympics. The egg can be playing the sport or representing the sport in some way. For inspiration, you can see this full list of sports that are included this year: Olympic Sports - Paris 2024. Please label your entry with your name and class and think about how your egg will be supported and displayed.

Eggs should be brought into the school library between 18th and 19th March for judging on Wednesday 20th March. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for EYFS, KS1 and KS2.







#### **Science Week competition**

As part of our British Science Week celebrations we will be participating in a national poster competition. We would like the children to create a poster (on A4 paper) around this year's theme, which is **TIME**. For example, children could create a poster showing how technology has changed over time or a prediction of what the world will look like in the future.

The top 5 entries will be entered into the national competition, featured in our newsletter and will win a small prize. Please give entries to class teachers to pass on to Miss Benton. The deadline for entries is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



#### Our semi-finalists are true champions!

Scoring twelve goals in five matches, our Y4 boys football team represented our school superbly at the annual Schools' Football Tournament this week. We progressed to the knockout stage of the competition between 16 local schools. The match against Pensford was extremely tight but an equaliser from Pensford in the final minute of the match sent us into extra time. Neither team could break the deadlock and we lost out to the dreaded penalties, by a single goal. A third place finish out of 16 schools and 12 goals scored is something to be very proud of. Each player represented our school as a great role model. They worked together and played as a team throughout the whole tournament and were highly commended by the organisers for this.

Mrs Brook says Congratulations to the whole team: "Not only did they reach the semi-finals but it was their attitude, sportsmanship, and ability to play as a team that was the real winner today. They were ALL superb sports ambassadors for Saltford School!" Thank you to all of the parents who helped with the transport and cheered and encouraged from the sidelines. Thanks also to Mrs Brook, Mr Roberts for his tactical coaching and to Mr Burston for organising the event. See the full exciting match report on our website here.





FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024





PTA Events Online:

www.facebook.com/events/739146044263731







KS2 Arrive 18:45 Film Starts 19:00 Collection 20:30



(includes small bag of popcorn and chocolate) Tickets go on sale Monday 11th March 2024 @ 18:00 via PTA Events Online







# Spotlight on...Play and Outdoor Learning





Making a fairy village

This year we have been incredibly lucky to have a large investment in our outdoor learning from the PTA. They have funded lots of resources for our new Forest School area including some items for building and creating fairy villages which the children can use to enhance their play. Some children in Year 1 have said they love using the items to build houses for fairies!

The PTA has also funded three sessions for each class with Claire from Yew, Me and the Trees. Each class has had one session so far and as we move towards the end of this term and into the next will be looking forward to their second. Some children in Year 6 said they really enjoyed den building and making bracelets from natural objects.

Claire is also running an after-school Forest School Club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays that is currently open to Years 3-6. This has been a very popular club and the children have enjoyed it immensely. Children in Year 5 told me that they enjoyed doing things that are a bit different such as building dens, having a campfire and playing with the hammocks.

As part of our play offering we were very lucky to have Cath Burston come in during the autumn term to train some Year 4 children as Play Leaders. The job of the Play Leaders is to create and set up fun playground games for KS2 during their playtime. They also ensure that other play equipment is being cared for, played with properly and put away nicely.

The Play Leaders have been so helpful so far this term and have lots of great ideas about how to continue to improve play here at Saltford School.

This year we have added another new facility to our playground in the form of our wonderful Crafty Corner, which is dedicated to the memory of Mrs Parfrey. This has been such a popular addition to the playground and the children have loved having a dedicated space where they can quietly read, do their craft or draw.



Forest School with Yew. Me and the Trees





#### Table top sale

In aid of the Year 6 leavers' celebrations, there will be a table top sale on Fri 8th March in the school hall at 3.15pm.

Do come along to have a look! There will be a variety of goods on sale at very reasonable prices, so please bring the children along.

Cash and card payments are accepted.
This will be alongside the usual <u>cake sale</u>, <u>uniform sale and book swap</u>.

#### **Travelling book fair**

The fair will be in the school library between Thursday 14th and Wednesday 20th March. It will be available for browsing and buying between 3.15 and 4.15pm on each of these days. We earn free books for our school when you buy your children's books through the fair. Please see further details and payment arrangements in our letter to parents here. Payments can be made through the book fair website also using this

link: <a href="mailto:bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1276735">bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1276735</a>.

You can <a href="mailto:see the flyer here for a reminder">see the flyer here for a reminder</a> of some of the titles that will be on offer

See all dates on our online calendar for parents here!

## Dates for your diary

Click here for term dates

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March: deadline for entries for the school poetry competition. <u>See details here</u>.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: <u>World Book Day and</u>
WBD dress up day.

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> & Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March 2.40 – 5.50pm:

consultation evenings Elm class only.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4 cake sale
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: deadline for ordering
books to be signed by our visiting author PG

Bell.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: British

Science Week

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March: <u>Lifeskills Centre</u> visit Y6

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Y1 & 2 <u>visit St Mary's</u>
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 & 4 <u>visit St Mary's</u>.
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Y5 & 6 <u>visit St Mary's</u>.
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Red Nose Day with special themed pudding at school dinner.
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3.15pm – 4.15pm: <u>Travelling Book Fair at school</u>.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: <u>author visit to school</u>
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: <u>Dance Umbrella for Y2</u>

and Y6 at the Bath Forum.

Wednesday 20th March: Y4 invasion

games.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March: <u>consultation evening</u>. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: deadline for entries for

Science Week poster competition. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: PTA film night

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: consultation evening.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> –Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Year

5 away on camp.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** end of term 4, Easter holiday.

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

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** beginning of term 5, summer term.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: <u>author visit to school</u>
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**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** beginning of term 5, summer term.

Weds 13th March: Lifeskills Centre visit Y6

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.



A variety of goods will be on sale after school, at very reasonable prices, so please bring your children along.



Friday 8th March
School Hall 3.15pm
In aid of Year 6 leavers celebrations

# 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.

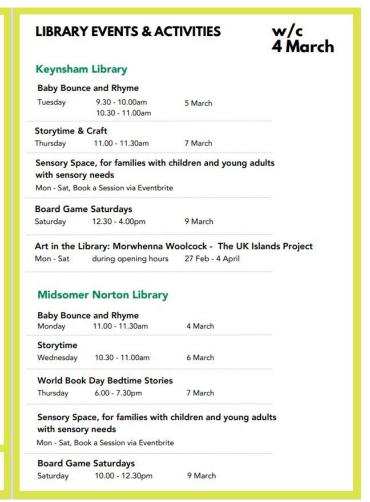
All Equipment will be provided. Click here for more detail, including

booking and payment information.

#### w/c LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES 4 March **Bath Central Library** Storytime Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 5 March **Baby Bounce and Rhyme** Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 6 March Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability 10.00 - 12.00pm Thursday 7 March World Book Day Storytime Thursday 10.30 - 11.00am 7 March Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee - For any age/ability, drop in Friday 10.00 - 2.00pm 8 March **Board Game Saturdays** Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In Mon - Sat During opening hours

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.

Visit bathneslibraries.wordpress.com









# Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are running a series of knife crime awareness events throughout February and March.

These events will take place in schools across the area. The first event will be held at Writhlington School on February 22nd (17.30 to 19.30), followed by Hayesfield Girls School on February 29th (18.00 to 20.00) and Cameley CEVC Primary School on March 18th (18.00 to 20.00).

The events are aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers with lived experience who have been personally affected by knife crime. There will also be a presentation by Street Doctors followed by a panel discussion with the opportunity to ask questions.

For queries, please email <u>VRU\_Events@bathnes.gov.uk</u> Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite:

Writhlington School, 22nd February, 17.30 to 19.30

https://KnifeCrimeAwareEventWrithlington.eventbrite.co.uk

Hayesfield Girls School, 29th February, 18.00 to 20.00

https://KnifeCrimeAwareHayesfield.eventbrite.co.uk

Cameley Primary School, 18th March, 18.00 to 20.00

https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessCameley.eventbrite.co.uk

Bath & North Somerset VRP https://bcssp.bathnes.gov.uk/vru





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Cameley Primary School, 18<sup>th</sup> March: <u>https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessCameley.eventbrite.co.uk</u>

#### Are your children interested in trying golf?

Saltford Golf Club will be running Tri-Golf (plastic clubs and balls) sessions in their clubhouse on Tuesdays 13th, 20th, 27th February and 5th and 12th March between 4.30 and 5.30 for children aged 5 – 9. For children who have had little or no experience of golf, this is a great place to start, in a warm, dry environment.

Each week will be a standalone session so they can attend as many sessions as they choose. Each week will be booked separately at a cost of £5 per session per child (paid in cash on the night). Children's meals (and the club's full bar menu) will be available to buy from 3.30. the children receive the best coaching possible.

Please <u>email your interest to David Phillips</u>, the Saltford Golf Club Junior Organiser, or call him on 07968 873130 with any queries.



Victoria Art Gallery in Bath The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists exhibition 19<sup>th</sup> Jan – 14<sup>th</sup> 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)



# 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



- Reception to Year 7
- Diverse Range of Sports & Activities
- Inclusive & Nuturing Environment
- Low Child to Coach Ratios











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Contact - tombryan@live.co.uk - 07891918722

New early-stage 3G Pitch proposal at



# Our local and sporting community, we would like to hear from you.

We are in early consultation with Somerset FA as a proposed site for a new 3G Pitch in addition to the current Astro Pitch. We would be very grateful if you could complete the form below with your thoughts and feedback.

Thank you in advance.







## Should I keep my

# child off school?



#### Until...

| Chickenpox  | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over  |
|---|--|
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting                            | 48 hours after their last episode  |
| Cold and Flu-like illness<br>(including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo  | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics  |
| Measles   | 4 days after the rash first appeared   |
| Mumps   | 5 days after the swelling started  |
| Scabies   | they've had their first treatment  |
| Scarlet Fever                                     | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics   |
| Whooping Cough                                    | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics   |



## but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Head lice            | Tonsillitis     |
| Threadworms          | Slapped cheek   |





#### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.