

Frenchay C Of E Primary School Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

Newly added dates are in purple

Term 2

Fri 17th November – Children in Need – Spotty Dress Down Day

Tues 28th November – New Intake visits 2.45pm

Thurs 30th November – PTA Film Night 3.30pm

Fri 1st December – Open Classroom 3.00pm

Sat 2nd December – PTA Christmas Fair

Sun 3rd December – Headteacher Commissioning into Church 6.00pm

Mon 4th December – Advent service at Church 9.05am
Parents welcome

Thurs 7th December - New Intake visits 10.30am

Sun 10th December – Christingle Service in Church 10.30am

Mon 11th December – Advent service at Church 9.05am
Parents welcome

Tues 12th December – Nativity 2pm and 5.30pm

Wed 13th December – Christmas Party

Thurs 14th December – Whole School trip to the Pantomime 1pm

Sunday 17th Dec 6pm – Carols By Candlelight Church Service

Monday 18th Dec 2pm – Carol Service Church

Message from the Head Teacher

Last week we were very fortunate to share a worship to commemorate Remembrance Day, led by Griffin class. As part of the worship we learnt many new facts. One of these was that many thought that Jelly Babies changed their name from 'Unclaimed Babies' at the end of the war to 'Peace Babies', before becoming what we know them to be today, as Jelly Babies. We were all able to share in each of us eating one as we left the worship, whilst we quietly contemplated the sacrifices others have made to make our country what it is today.



At the beginning of the term South Gloucestershire Council and the Living Streets introduced the Walk to School initiative. It is great to see so many of you taking the time to come to school on foot, scooter or bike. Each of these methods earns equal points when collected by the WOW monitors. As the weather is now taking a turn towards the winter months the expectation is that walking, riding on the scooter or cycling **once** a week every week will earn a badge at the end of the month. This is reviewed on a regular basis as it may increase as the weather changes in spring time.

As Living Streets say "the WOW challenge is about encouraging families to actively travel to school so they gain the benefits it brings such as the exercise and fitness, the safety around the school by reducing congestion, reducing the air pollution caused by travelling by car and the social time to talk with each other. It does not discriminate against families that live too far away to walk all the way to school, or for those whose parents need to

travel onwards to work, as the Park & Stride option allows children to earn their badge and gain the benefits by parking further away from the school." *Walk to School Initiative*

We are looking forward to seeing how many of our children will receive their badge at the end of November. Well done to all taking part.

Children In Need Today we saw how talented our children are at Frenchay with a wide range of acts, skills and talents shared in our Talent show. Very impressive. Well done to all. We shall share with you how much was raised in our next newsletter.

Open Classroom On Friday 1st December we would like to invite you to come into school at 3.00pm for our Open Classroom event. This is a great opportunity to see your children's classrooms and the work they have been doing during the terms so far.



Thanks to the PTA We would like to say many thanks to the PTA and all of you who have worked so hard to raise vital money for the school. We gratefully received our new benches which can be found in the Key Stage One playground. These are a great asset to the school especially for playtimes and lunchtimes, offering a place where our children can sit and chat together, read and build their friendships. Many thanks again.

Collective Worship The value for this term is **Compassion**. Below are the Pause for Thoughts which can be discussed at home as well as in school. All the children left worship on Tuesday with a heart, on which they will portray what compassion means to them in the form of a compassionate act.

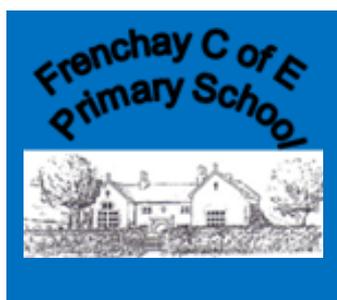
"All things are possible for one who believes." Mark 9:23.

Our Christian Values

Generosity
Compassion
Courage
Forgiveness
Friendship
Respect

Our Christian Values

Thankfulness
Trust
Perseverance
Justice
Service
Truthfulness



Pause for Thought



Week beginning 20th November: Can you think of a time when someone showed compassion to you?

Week beginning 27th November:
How could you show compassion for others?

Learning in Unicorn Class

Unicorn Class have been in school for just 10 weeks. It has been lovely to see them all settle in to school routines, make friends and have heaps of fun with their learning, indoors and out. They have already been on two forest walks. The first one was to find out about autumn and the second one this week was on a hunt for Stickman. Do ask them if they tracked him down.

The children have become expert at hearing rhyme and have shared lots of stories with rhymes in them. They are currently looking at the stories by Bristol author Julia Donaldson. With thanks to everyone at home for all their support, the children have learnt to read all the single letter sounds already and are now setting to work on digraphs (two letters, one sound). Well done to all.

As Christmas fast approaches they are learning songs for their nativity in the church. Reception parents may be quite familiar with these songs already!



St Johns Church Services with Frenchay Primary

During this term we will be celebrating significant events with the Church, both in school as well as being invited to join the community in services on Sundays. Please see below for further information.

Sunday 3rd December

6pm New Head Teacher Commissioned into Church, School and Community

Mon 4th December

Advent service at Church 9.05am Parents welcome

Sunday 10th December

Christingle Service 10.30am Church

Mon 11th December

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Sunday 17th December

6pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday 18th Dec

2pm Carol Service Church

There are also two advent services that we will be attending as a school in the Church which we would like to invite you to. Look on the calendar for further dates.



Frenchay & Stapleton parishes are laying on 'Messy Church' at Holy Trinity Church Hall, 23 Park Road, Stapleton BS16 1AZ on the following Fridays from 4 - 6pm:

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

July 13

For further information find us at: <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/>

A main meal is provided and there are lots of varied crafts round a theme. A story is told and some songs and prayers combine to make this child-friendly worship exciting and fun. Lots of time for grown-ups to chat and/or get stuck into the messy fun with the kids they have brought. All are welcome.