



## Parents Coffee Morning

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
8:45-10:00am  
in the School Hall  
~ ALL WELCOME ~

Peasedown St. John Primary School

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## RUMBLING TUMS

~ w/b 15<sup>th</sup> January ~

Please refer to the Menu for  
Week 2 on our Website  
[www.peasedownstjohnprimary.org.uk](http://www.peasedownstjohnprimary.org.uk)

### Talking Point: Monday's Assembly

Sticking with the theme of New Year resolutions, I confessed that I have not done well with my fitness monitor since the New Year. Try as I may, I can't seem to hit the magic 10,000 steps, so I told the children I thought I might as well give up. Well, they weren't having any of that. They urged me to persevere, to challenge myself, telling me that 'you can accomplish whatever you try to achieve' (Emma D, Y6). We then talked about resolutions not focused on *ourselves*, but focused on *others*. We held a 'raffle' of before-school tasks: get out of bed on time, make your own bed, wash up the breakfast bowls, get dressed quickly, get to school on time ... all things that make for a happy family atmosphere. I got the children to reflect on which of these they had achieved – and which of them might form a ready-made New Year resolution. So please feel free to challenge your child about how *helpful* they are before school. If they're less helpful than they might be (and, as a dad, I say this with some feeling), maybe they could make a bit more effort. DK

### Maths Toys Needed for our Toy Library

We are hoping to start a library of 'maths'-related toys to hand out to classes throughout the School. To begin, we will be running a trial with Blue Class and if successful the scheme will be put out to all other classes. If anyone has any toys that may be anything remotely connected to maths and are happy to donate them we would be very appreciative. Maybe you are having a general 'clear out' after Christmas or have some spare games, Lego, counting blocks, jigsaw puzzles, etc. - we would even be happy to take any with missing pieces as we are still able to utilise these and put them to good use!

If you are able to help please could we ask that they be brought in to the office for the attention of Miss Cantrell. Thank you.

*Miss Cantrell – Blue Class*

### YR6 Trip to the Life Skills Centre

Last Friday Year 6 travelled to Bristol and spent the day either at the M shed learning about the history of Bristol or attending the Life Skills Centre. It was a super day. Unbeknown to the children at the time, was the fact that the teachers were able to watch their progress around the centre on a hidden screen and that when they phoned the emergency service, the teachers answered their calls. Please read the following reports written by Lola and Evie that really sum up what a worthwhile experience it was.

Life skills was an amazing experience to be part of and the people there were lovely. We had a quiz first about what we already knew. Then we were put into teams of three and four, I was put into a group with Imogen, Tilly and our leader was called Jan. First we learnt if we had a crash the weight would turn into the weight and force of a brick. (imagine that hitting you in the back of the head) Then we went shopping and bought some things and we were told we should always check our change before leaving the checkout. Next we had to tell Jan what we couldn't buy because we were under age. Then we had to save someone's life (a doll) by using DRAB D-dangerous, R-response, A-airways and B for breathing and then we had to call 999 which the operators were actually our teachers! Then we learnt what to do in a fire, stranger danger, home rules and garden rules. Then we had to go down a dark alley way in which there was someone being attacked with a knife (sound affects) We learnt about drugs and medicine. It was brilliant. (one of the best trips, in my opinion) Thank you Life Skills - Lola Mu, Purple class

Last Friday, we visited the Life Skills centre. It was the best experience to be part of. We were put into groups of 3 or 4 with a team captain. (Mine was Andy). There were 19 different stations all set up with sound effects and fake props. We learnt C.P.R, always remove objects from someone unconscious and never retrieve valuable items from a dangerous place or situation. We also learnt about what to do in a case involving fire and smoke. Such as, get out, stay out, shout "FIRE!" Also shut all the doors after you've been through them. When doing C.P.R, we learnt a new word. DRAB: D meaning Danger towards yourself, R meaning response (from the casualty), A meaning airways and B meaning Breathing. We also learnt how to identify drugs and prescribed medicines. We all learnt a lot of tips and facts that could potentially save our lives from threatening situations. We also went down a pitch- black graffiti- covered alleyway, learning about what to do when someone is being attacked. (It was all fake). It was the best trip I have ever been on. (My brother loved it as well when he went a few years ago). Report written by Evie W Purple Class Yr6

### **Youth Centre Gate Closure**

We have been notified by the Youth Centre that from **22<sup>nd</sup> January** they will be closing their gate to the car park. The gate will be **closed during school drop off and collection times** (8 – 8.45, 3 – 4) as they feel the significant danger from traffic and lack of parking for council employees and users is now a serious concern.

### **Age Concern**

Over the Christmas period some members of Year 6 noticed the advert highlighting the plight of older people and loneliness. As a result, the year group sang a number of carols they had learnt and had sung in Bath Abbey, to any waiting parents and collected a very healthy sum.

In addition, the staff donated a sum of money they would have spent on cards to the cause and in total £82.00 was forwarded to Age Concern. Many thanks to anyone who made this total possible.

*Mrs Green*

### **Data Protection – Privacy Notice**

Attached to this School News is a copy of the Peasedown St John Primary School Privacy Notice to Parents and Carers. From time to time we are asked to advise/remind Parents and Carers of our Schools Privacy Notice relating to the Data Protection Act 1998 and how we use pupil information.

### **Tesco Tokens**

Don't forget to ask for tokens when you shop in any of the local Tesco stores.

### **UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> January ~ Y6 SATS meeting in 5.30 p.m. in hall
- 24<sup>th</sup> January ~ Lilac Class Assembly - 2:40pm - School Hall
- 25<sup>th</sup> January ~ Parents Coffee Morning - 8:45-10am – School Hall
- 31<sup>st</sup> January ~ Sunflower Class Assembly - 2:40pm - School Hall

*For 'Dates for the Year', please see the website or letters home for further information*

For a list of our current class achievers, letters home (which tab contain attachments from our School News), the weekly menu, term dates and much more please visit the school website [www.peasedownstjohnprimary.org.uk](http://www.peasedownstjohnprimary.org.uk)



### COMMUNITY NEWS

(We bring this to parents' attention without necessarily recommending it)

## Bath Strings Academy Spring Workshops 2018

Bath Strings Academy provides fun-filled musical experiences for string players of all ages and levels.

We always aim to engage our minds and bodies in our music-making, so our courses include lots of playing as well as activities away from our instruments, designed to engage those musical connections. Our workshops cater for absolute beginners to advanced players.



### Next Workshops...

#### Sunday 14th January 2018, Widcombe Junior School, Bath

Workshop 1, 9.45am - 12.45pm

**Building Blocks Series: Internalising Rhythm and Pulse** (Beginners onwards)

The building blocks of playing music - pulse, rhythm, pitch and good posture - will be presented in a fun and creative way with lots of musical games and activities to keep our minds focused.

Workshop 2, 2pm - 8pm

**Immersive Day: Chamber Music in Numbers** (Grade 5+)

We will be studying a work by Schubert, *String Quartet, No 4, D.46*.

#### Sunday 28th January 2018, Widcombe Junior School, Bath

Workshop, 10am - 4.15pm

**Immersive Day: Strictly Tango!** (Beginners - advanced players)

Explore the idiom of Tango, with its dance rhythms and string effects, looking at some music by Piazzolla.

### Looking ahead...

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March

- Performance Skills and Stagecraft Workshop and Masterclass

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March

- A Tasty Bite of Pop
- A Tasty Bite of Italian Baroque

See website for more details.

Fees per workshop: Half days from £20 (sibling discounts available - see website for details)

For detailed information and to book now please visit:

[www.bathstringsacademy.org](http://www.bathstringsacademy.org)

Facebook: Bath Strings Academy    Twitter: @BathStringsAcad



## MIDSOMER NORTON FARMERS MARKET 2018

The 1st Saturday of the month 9am-1pm  
Hollies Gardens BA3 2DP



February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th,  
May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August  
4th, September 1st, October 6th,  
November 3rd, December 1st



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## OUR OTHER MARKETS

### Midsomer Norton

The 1st Saturday of the Month 9am-1pm  
At The Hollies Gardens BA3 2DP

### Axbridge

The 1st Saturday of the Month 9am-1pm  
In the Medieval Town Square BS26 2AP

### The Frome Independent

The 1st Sunday of the Month March - December 10am-3pm  
In the Boyles Cross Market Place BA11 1AJ

### Keynsham

The 2nd Saturday of the Month 9am-1pm  
Market Walk BS31 1SF

### Frome Cheese & Grain

The 2nd Saturday of the Month 9am-1pm  
The Cheese & Grain Market Hall BA11 1BE

### Crewkerne

The 3rd Saturday of the Month 9am-1pm  
The Henhoyes Centre TA18 8DA

### Burnham-on-Sea

The last Friday of the Month 9am-1pm  
In the High Street TA8 1PU

### Glastonbury

The 4th Saturday of the Month 9am-2pm  
In the Market Place BA6 9EU

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