



Peasedown St. John Primary School

SCHOOL NEWS

A Newsletter for Parents, Pupils and Friends of the School

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**First Day of Term 1
2017/18**

**Wednesday, 6th
September 2017**

*(All children joining Nursery in
September will have been given their
individual start dates)*

HEAD'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe another academic year has passed. That feeling probably reflects the huge amount that we pack into each day at Peasedown St John. In the new year (i.e. September) we will be giving you some headline attainment and progress outcomes, alongside the School Development Plan priorities that arise from those. We have had some notable successes (e.g. some great Early Years outcomes, and 100% of next Year 3's cohort have passed their Phonics Screening Check, which sets them up well for reading and writing in Key Stage 2). There are also areas we want to improve in, too – boys' English in KS2 and continuing to iron out some inconsistencies in Maths.

Some aspects of parental engagement are strong – attendance at events, parents' evenings and support for homework. Thank you for your recent feedback on the reports: really positive in general, but also with some constructive suggestions for improvement. We liked the Parents' Café on Sports Days and want to explore extending this to other points in the year, to provide an opportunity for parents to meet each other and discuss matters of importance with senior staff.

My first thanks go to your children, who are such a pleasure to work with. Their enthusiasm, commitment and consideration for others are a credit to you.

Next I thank our families – parents, carers, extended families – who support the children and support our school. We don't expect to be thanked for doing our job, but staff really do appreciate it when their hard work on behalf of your children is recognised. Nobody embodies parental support more than our Parent School Association committee, who have done amazing things this year, raising funds for the school and organising some fantastic social events for our families.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff: the teachers, teaching assistants, the office team, caretakers, our kitchen colleagues, cleaners, the finance and HR teams over at Dragonfly, my deputies and assistant head, the School Leadership Team, not to mention our wonderful Governors (who don't count as staff, but devote so much time, thought and energy to our school). We have an amazing, extraordinarily hard-working team who have well and truly earned their summer break. I am proud to work with them all.

A happy summer break to all!

DK

Behaviour Report

One of the stats reported to governors at last Wednesday's meeting was the total number of gold cards awarded across the year and what that looks like as a percentage. A total of **81,819 gold cards** were awarded (as well as a number of Diamond Cards); there were 349 yellow cards and 82 red cards. That means that **99.5%** of all cards awarded throughout the year were gold. This is a strong indication that behaviour at Peasedown St John Primary is routinely outstanding and every single child has contributed to that picture. Governors have asked for a detailed breakdown, so this will come to our first meeting next year. For now, though, let me congratulate all our children on maintaining the high standards we pride ourselves on at PSJ Primary.

How we celebrate gold card achievement has been the subject of some discussion and we will be making some tweaks to this next year as a result, whilst continuing to recognise those who achieve a 100% record. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who have contributed to that discussion in a constructive way - it helps us improve what we do! DK

Sport at PSJ

Last Thursday, Mr Lucy took a group of 20 Year 4 children to the athletics tournament at St Benedict's School.

The children took part in a range of events such as throwing a Vortex; standing long jump; running sprint; the relay and the gruelling 400 m. Both teams performed extremely well with the Team A finishing a magnificent 3rd place and Team B finishing 7th out of 16 teams.

The star of the day was Lily M who was fourth highest girl overall. Well done to all who took part!



Spirit of Peasedown Awards 2017

	Apprentice	Inventor	Agent	Collaborator	Trailblazer	Detective	Spirit of the School Award
YR	Florence J	Dylan R	Archie B	Josiah P	Jude P	Maisie W	Alfie B
Y1	Charlie W	Amelia O	Oscar L	Livia McC	Austin R	Rosie T	William C
Y2	Amelia A	Jack L	Theo B	Jasmine D	Isaac H	Rhys H	Rebecca A
Y3	Ruby S	Gracie I	Joshua L	Erin O'HB	Fynley C	Harris C	Olivia N
Y4	Sofi-Mai G	Amy H	Morgan E	Kian C	Phoebe V	Jensen Y	Jodie S
Y5	Izzy S	Ellison F	Isla C	Jay B	Lola M	Morgan R	Amelie E

Spirit of Peasedown Awards 2017 – Year 6

Musician	<i>Rose Roberts</i>	Writer	<i>Grace Morris</i>
Sportsperson (Girl)	<i>Ruby-Ann Foxwell</i>	Mathematician	<i>Rosie Robinson</i>
Sportsperson (Boy)	<i>Jay Butler</i>	Spirit of Peasedown School (Boy)	<i>Luca Hargrave Smith</i>
Performer (Boy)	<i>Joshua Hawketts</i>	Spirit of Peasedown School (Girl)	<i>Erin Weaver</i>
Performer (Girl)	<i>Tia James</i>	Artist	<i>Daniel Dawdry</i>
Laura's Legacy		<i>Rosie Boby</i>	

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



COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Somerset Coalfield Life at Radstock Museum presents a family event "MEET THE VICTORIANS AT THE SEASIDE" Saturday 29th July 11am-5pm. Come and find out how the Victorians enjoyed their holidays at the seaside. Find museum volunteers in Victorian bathing costumes and enjoy arts and crafts activities, traditional games and take a photo on your phones of your family with their faces peering through face holes in a comedy Victorian seaside scene. Stay until, or come back at 4pm for a seaside show with drama and music. Children go FREE and receive a FREE drink and fairy cake. Usual entry price for adults £6 for an annual ticket to come back all year whenever you like which includes a voucher for 20% off a meal for your family at the Radstock Hotel to use anytime within the year. Hot and cold drinks, cake will be on sale in the museum tea room and the museum gift shop will be open - pocket money toys are available to buy. www.radstockmuseum.co.uk

SJ'S BREAKFAST CLUB FROM SEPTEMBER 2017

Bookings for September Terms 1 and 2 are now open. Please register ALL children on our website via -

www.stjsgroup.church/breakfastclub

. Please do book as soon as possible as some days get quite full very quickly.

PAYMENT IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1ST.

All enquiries: Rob Bubyer (Manager) - 07973972018 /

breakfastclub@stjsgroup.church

Your School Nurse isn't available over the summer but you can find support in other ways:

- KOOTH.COM**
- ChildLine** 0800 1111
- YOUNGMINDS** (to help you get your child's mental health and wellbeing)
- KEEP CALM AND TELL A TRUSTED ADULT**
- TALK TO US** (0117) 222 222
- Nature Sounds Relax Sleep The** www.headspace.com
- Worry Box**
- THE MIX** (The Mix is a free service for young people aged 13-19)
- Off The Record: Bath** 01225 312481 www.offtherecord-bath.co.uk
- Riverside Sexual Health Clinic**
- Bristol** 0808 808 9120 www.otrbristol.org.uk
- 01225 831593**
- Contact Social Care directly:** 01225 396312/313
- Project 28 Outreach, with other similar organisations, every Thursday 2-5pm at Pigeon Green, Bath (opposite Lamb & Lion Pub). Tel 01225 463344 www.dhi-online.org.uk**



Summer - Multi Sports Programme
Monday 31st July to Thursday 3rd August 2017



© Ralph Allen School, Claverton Down Road, Bath BA2 7AD
9am - 3pm | Open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 11

Learn new sports, improve your skills and have fun with your friends!

Follow Us @UpandUnderSport Find Us /Up-and-Under-Sports M: 07896 814270 E: enquiries@upandundersports.co.uk

INTRODUCTION

Up & Under Sports is a sports coaching organisation which specialises in raising sporting opportunities and standards in schools and clubs across the Bath, Bristol and Wiltshire areas. The Up & Under Sports team is led by Geraint and Jenny Lewis who between them have over 20 years Physical Education teaching experience in both primary and secondary schools. All Up & Under Sports coaches are either qualified teachers or Level 2 coaches who are CRB checked and have a First Aid, safeguarding and Child Protection certificates.

Multi Sports Programme



Monday 31st July to Thursday 3rd August 2017
@ RALPH ALLEN SCHOOL, CLAVERTON DOWN ROAD, BATH BA2 7AD
9am - 3pm | Open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5-11
Our multi sports programme will give children the opportunity to try a fantastic variety of sports and activities including:
Football, Handball, Cricket, Tag Rugby, Lacrosse, Basketball, Tchoukball, Dodgeball, Tennis, Mini Olympics and lots of Team Challenges
Daily competitions, prizes and certificates
Our activity days are structured around teamwork and working together and are delivered in a fun and engaging atmosphere

HOW MUCH?

£22.50 per day OR discounted rate of £80 for 4 days
10% SIBLING DISCOUNT IS ALSO AVAILABLE

HOW TO BOOK

Website - www.upandundersports.co.uk
Email - enquiries@upandundersports.co.uk
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