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## **Newsletter 7**

30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Mums, Dads & Carers

Welcome back. I am really pleased to report that on visiting each classroom this morning all the children were cheerfully working and appeared to be enjoying their learning. We have a lot planned for this half term as you will see from the list of 'dates for your diary'.

### **Running Day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

At the end of this week Jim Plunkett-Cole, a well known runner and ex pupil of St Ben's, will be visiting our school to promote fitness running and being active outdoors. Jim has visited many schools throughout the UK and America and will be sharing his experiences and setting up running activities. All of the children will need to be in warm sports kit for the whole day with appropriate trainers for running in. In addition Jim would like all children to wear a homemade running number – this can be any number of their choice. Please do make one at home if you get the chance so that it can be pinned onto your child's PE shirt. The children will also be given the opportunity in school to make one.

### **Clubs update**

- Please note that Upper school football on Tuesdays after school will now be for Year 5 pupils.
- Due to a timetable clash Gymnastics club will no longer be able to run. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### **Staff leaving**

Mr Hyde, our very popular sports coach for many years, will be leaving us at the end of the week to join the Police force. We wish him every success and if anyone would like to contribute to collection please send it into the school office in a clearly marked envelope.

### **Swimming update**

Year 4 will continue swimming from Wednesday this week (1<sup>st</sup> November) until Christmas with Aston Coaches. This is at a considerably higher cost and subsidised by the school. We will be reviewing swimming arrangements for other year groups and will let you know of any updates.

### **Somerset Junior Chess Events**

Somerset Junior Chess will be holding a number of all day Grand Prix events for keen players of all ages on the following dates: -

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Somerset County Cricket Ground, Taunton.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at High Ham C of E Primary School, High Ham.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January at Millfield Prep School, Glastonbury.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at St John's First School, Frome.

These tournaments, which are arranged in different year groups, are open to all and are of course hugely beneficial to the youngsters in making progress with their chess, especially those boys and girls who have been attending the school club for at least a year.

If Mums, Dads or carers would like more information they are welcome to see me at the end of Wednesday chess club. I am also happy to help set up car sharing, although I will not be present at the events myself.

The Somerset Junior Chess website for these events is:

<http://www.somersetjuniorchessgrandprix.co.uk>

Finally, congratulations to Arthur Reakesmith who scored 3 points out of 6 at the Grand Prix tournament recently held in Bath!

Mr Roger Parsons, Associate Governor & Chess club leader.

### **Parents Evening**

Your child will be bringing home a separate letter regarding parents evening appointments. Please complete and return to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to everyone who donated items of food for our Harvest Festival. A huge amount of food stuff was collected by volunteers of Glastonbury foodbank and will be put into parcels and delivered to individuals in Glastonbury and the surrounding areas who are in crisis. Thank you once again for your kind generosity.

Best wishes

Steve Gumm

### **The week ahead**

<b>Tuesday</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> October	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 10.00 – 12noon Horse riding, 12.15 – 12.45 – Debating club, 3.15 – 4.00 – Netball club and Year 5 football club, 3.15 – 4.30 – Drama club.
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> November	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), Year 4 swimming, 12.15 – 12.45 – Kx365 fitness club, 3.15 – 4.00 – Glee club and Lower school football club, 3.15 – 4.15 Chess club.
<b>Thursday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 3.15 – 4.00 – BIG Art and Art club,
<b>Friday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 3.15 – Hotdog and hot chocolate sale, 3.15–4.00 – Gardening club.
<b>Monday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> November	DASH club (8.00am – 8.30am), 3.15–4.00 – Cross Country club and choir.

## Dates for your Diary

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Whole school running day with Jim Plunkett-Cole
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Hotdog and hot chocolate sale from 3.15pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Football match vs Catcott.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Tempest Photography to take individual and sibling photos.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Tony Walsh - author visit.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Cross country event at Collet Park, Shepton Mallet.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening 5.30 – 7.30pm.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety meeting for parents with Mr Gumm. 9am.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	School disco evening.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening 3.30 – 5.30pm.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	'The Great Wellington Walk' as part of Children in Need
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Glastonbury Schools' Open morning. St John's. St Benedict's and St Dunstan's School.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Mufti day in aid of Children in Need.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	P.T.F.A meeting at 3.20pm – all welcome
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 6 Wow science morning
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 3 library visit.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 4 cake sale 3.15pm.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Football match vs West Pennard.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5/6 football tournament.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fair in school hall.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Football match vs Baltonsborough
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 trip to Bristol Museum.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper school cake sale.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Football match vs Brookside.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am – Cutting of the Holy Thorn.
Date t.b.c.	Year 3 play
Date t.b.c.	Whole school carol concert
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last Day of Autumn term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school