



NEWSLETTER NO 18

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Dear Parents and Children

You may be aware of a "Winter vomiting Bug" which is currently affecting a number of people in the local community. We have had a number of children off ill with symptoms of the "bug".

Could I remind parents that if your child is affected, s/he should stay away from school until s/he has been symptom free for 48 hours to try and prevent the spread of infection to others. There is no specific treatment—the illness will run its course— but it is important to drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration. An effective way of preventing the spread of illness is thorough and frequent hand washing using warm water and liquid soap—please could you remind your children to always wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating foods. We are taking measures in school to help prevent further infection and will be talking to the children about good hygiene habits.

Philip Pope

Dates for Your Diary & Forthcoming Events



School will be closed
MONDAY
1 FEBRUARY
For Staff Training

Dinner money for next week will therefore be £7.60

School Crossing Patrol

Ian Thomas Midford Road crossing is away next week- Roger Eggleton will be cover the Midford Road crossing instead mornings and afternoons of 3rd, 4th and 5th February.

What's on during half term: 15-19 February

Events in Bath Museums and Galleries

There are a number of activities on offer for children and families in local museums and galleries starting on Saturday 13 February. Pick up a leaflet at your local library, tourist information, most Council reception points and the museums taking part, or please visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/

Holiday Clubs

Kiddlywinks are running a week of fun activities for 4-9 year olds at The Hive, Oldfield Park Infants' School. The cost is £26 per day from 8.30 am—6.00 pm, which includes breakfast and afternoon snack (children need to bring a packed lunch). For further information contact Louise or Izzy Tel: 07870 154142 or 07852 908829 email kiddlywinks@hotmail.co.uk

Manvers Gospel Hall are running a holiday club at Old Orchard Street (by M & S). For information contact Yme Potjewijd, tel 01761 439998 email holidayclub@manversgospelhall.org.uk.

Anti-Bullying Workshop

This is being held on **Saturday 6th March** from 9.00am - 1.00pm at Fry Club and Conference Centre, Somerdale, Keynsham. Robert Higgs, playwright, author and Kidscape consultant will perform a play, based on personal experience, followed by a Question and Answer session and Workshop. For further information, please telephone the Parent Partnership Service on 01225 394382 or 01225 394294 or email parent_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk. Closing date Friday 26th February, 2010. Free admission for Parents.

Pupil Parliament

Well done to Toyah, Perry, Lewis and Emily who represented the school at the Pupil Parliament in The Guildhall on Monday. They, together with representatives of nine other schools, discussed environmental issues and how schools can do their bit.

Watch out for environmental issues having a higher profile around school.

Rugby Squad

Good luck to the members of our rugby squad who are playing some matches at Trinity Primary School in Radstock tomorrow.

Parent Governors

I am really pleased to let you know that we now have a full complement of parent governors. Ruth Haynes, whose daughter, Lauren, is in Year 1 has come forward and will be joining Nicki Doman, Rilla George and Sharon Nightingale. We are one of the few schools in the city which has managed to fill all parent governor positions. Thank you and well done to them all. *Philip Pope*

LIBRARY NEWS

Thomas Docherty's Visit



Thomas Docherty's visit was enjoyed by the whole school. On Monday morning the author and illustrator turned up with his bucket and spade and even his goggles and snorkel and took the Infants on a trip *To the Beach*. After the storytelling Thomas worked with Year 2 to make some truly terrifying *Big Scary Monsters*. In the afternoon he went to the Junior school and entertained everyone with his

drawing and explained how he thinks up and creates his stories. Year 6 then had a chance to create their own *Little Boat* stories – using drawings as a starting point. Find out more about Thomas Docherty on his website: www.thomasdocherty.co.uk

Big Scary Monster picture by Luke Chambers, Aspen



BANES Proposed Admission Arrangements & Admissions' Criteria

The proposed 2011/12 admission arrangements and admissions criteria for all maintained schools within Bath & North East Somerset together with the in year admissions scheme for the 2010-11 school year will be available to view on the authority's website from the 1st January 2010 - www.bathnes.gov.uk Education & Learning-Schools & Colleges-School Admissions. Hard copies of the documents are also available to view by prior appointment with the Admissions & Transport Unit Tel 01225 394312. Any comments on the proposals should be sent to the Admissions & Transport Unit, PO Box 25, Riverside, Temple Street, Keynsham, Bristol BS311DN by 26 February 2010.

HAITI APPEAL UPDATE

The final total raised from last week's mufti day was £326—thank you everyone for your support