

ST PHILIP'S NEWS & INFORMATION



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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

New House Captains

Congratulations to the new team of House Captains:



St Andrew	Christian and Ella.
St David	Louie and Saki.
St George	Toby and Abi.
St Patrick	Kelvin and Fearné.

School Councillors

Congratulations to the following children who have been voted to represent their classes on the school council:



Dove	Blake & Ruan
Nightingale	Isabella & Ryan
Hawk	Tehzeeb & Louis
Eagle	Sophie & Jacob
Osprey	Ava & Coby
Owl	Molly & Ashlie
Kestrel	Emily & Jacob



Absence from School

Please be aware that schools are being required to tighten up on school absence – in

particular holidays during term time. Please note that absence from school will **not** be authorised unless it is in **exceptional** circumstances. Where possible, please make dentists' and doctors' appointments outside of school time – if it is an emergency and must be in school time, please go in the afternoon if possible – however, I do understand this is subject to availability and may be beyond your control.

Bringing Mobile Phones to School

Children are NOT allowed to have mobile phones in school. They may bring one to school ONLY if they walk to and from school alone and their parents insist on them having one for safety. If they must have a phone this must be switched off and handed into the office on arrival and collected at home time.



Gate Closure

A bell will sound at 9am to remind parents to vacate the playgrounds so we can secure the perimeter for the day. Also a bell will sound on the junior playground at 3:30 to remind parents to vacate the playground so after school clubs can begin. I do understand this could rather undermine a community feel – but I trust you understand pupil safety must come first. Thanks for your understanding.

New Reception Parents' Coffee Morning

We would like to welcome all parents and carers of new reception children to a coffee morning on Monday 25th at 8.55am, in the hall.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evening will take place on Wednesday 18th (3.30pm – 7pm) and Thursday 19th October (3.30pm – 5.30pm).

Sign-up sheets will be in the school foyer from Monday 9th October.

After School Club for St Philip's Children

Opening 30th October 2017, at United Reformed Church, Frome Road. Monday – Friday 3.15pm – 6pm. £10 per session. For more information please call Vanessa on 07917 606970 or email neshuk@hotmail.co.uk.

Harvest Collections 2017 Foodbank

We will be holding a simple Harvest Service over at St Philip & St James church on Friday 20th October at 9:30am. We are again supporting the Bath Food Bank this year.

We would be really grateful if you could bring produce in for the display in the foyer from Monday. The food bank would be particularly pleased to have any of the following:

- Pasta sauce,
- fruit squash,
- tinned vegetables,
- tinned meat (not corned beef),
- packets or tins of soup,
- tinned rice pudding,
- jam, biscuits, chocolate

Thanks so much for your support.



Head Teacher Awards :

Jay	Sonny & Josh.
Dove	Olive & Ruan.
Nightingale	Harry.
Owl	Riley.
Kestrel	Sophie & Josh.
Eagle	Samuel & Sophie.
Hawk	Owen & Juliet.
Osprey	Charlie, Jack & Charlotte.



Free School Meals

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child attends an LA maintained school or Academy in Bath and North East Somerset, please register for Free School Meals - Eligible By Benefit (EBB). Registration could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, £1,320 per Primary pupil and £935 per Secondary pupil.



- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

Please contact us at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk or call 01225 394317.

Visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to download and complete a form online.

Prayer Meeting

Some of our parents are arranging a prayer meeting on Friday 29th September 2pm at Vicki Atkinson's house, 51, Frome Road. ... All are welcome.



Prayer Requests

Parent Governor Vacancy

If you have 12+ spare evenings a year and would like to support the school by joining the board of governors, please come in and chat ... I, or one of our parent governors, would be happy to chat to you about what's involved. Mrs Ball can give you a nomination form to complete if you are interested – please pop into the office before Wednesday 4th October.

GET INVOLVED!

Operation Christmas Child

We are recently all too aware of the results of poverty and war on families and children – Here is a chance to make a difference... We hope to collect shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year. Each one of our children will receive a leaflet soon with information about the charity and instructions on how to put a gift box together. Mid November is the deadline for these as they have to be shipped off to Africa and Eastern Europe. If you have a box to be sent off, we are collecting these in the foyer so they are ready to be sent off in good time for Christmas. If you can't afford a whole box – we can make up a few school ones – please send in what you can.



For the last 4 years we have collected over 80 boxes each year. This year we are aiming for 100!

As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Andy Joy
Headteacher