

6th September
2019

Term 1 - Wk 1

**Letters &
Electronic Forms
Sent Out
This Week
Letters**

3/9/19

Yr 5 Camp

Medical Form

4/9/19

Timestables

Parent's Meetings

Forms

4/09/19

Yr 3 Walking Tour

**After School
Clubs**

All clubs are
running next
week.

**Word of The
Week**

This week's
word is

Embark

Please ask your
child - Do you
know what this is?
Describe it?
Can you use it in
a sentence?



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the summer break, it was lovely to bump into some of you whilst out and about. What a great first week we've had at WJS! Y3 have been getting to know our school, and have impressed everyone with their behaviour, enthusiasm and efforts. I've also been pleased with our Year 6 cohort, and how they've set the tone in modelling expectations.

At the start of an academic year, there's lots of new information to take on board. Instead of me bombarding you with everything at once, I thought I would take this opportunity to explain my plan of action. I was pleased with the response to our annual Parent Questionnaire; we received 145 responses. Overall, the comments were positive with a few common comments/queries threads. What I'll do in the next few newsletters, is address some of these items and explain how things will develop moving forward. Hopefully, this will keep our channels of communication and understanding running smoothly. There were a couple of comments I would be interested in following up – however, as no name was given it's a bit difficult to initiate contact. If you would like to follow up your feedback, please let me know.

We also have a new School Development Plan, and over the next term I will share the headlines, so you are clear on our journey for improvement. Our main piece of work is our new curriculum! We are excited about 'The Widcombe Way' and here's an overview of the themes which will be covered. Much more to come on this, in due course!

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 3	Explorers	Machines	Digging up the Past
Year 4	Jungle Fever	We can be Heroes!	Lasting Legacies
Year 5	A Magic Carpet Ride	The Land of the Rising Sun	Breaking Boundaries
Year 6	Migration	Peace & Conflict	Identity

If you attended the Information Session with your child's new class teacher I hope it was of use. If anything, it was an early opportunity to say hello and find out just some of what will be happening this year for your child. Please let myself or Jenny know if you would like to be the Link Parent for your child's class. I'll write soon to confirm the time and agenda for our first meeting. During this meeting, we can secure the remaining dates for the academic year.

If at any point during the school year you have a query, concern or comment please do not hesitate in making contact with your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team (myself, Miss Smyth or Mr Seatter).

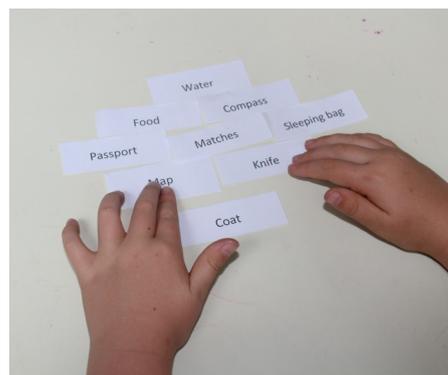
Enjoy your weekend; an engagement party and decorating are on the cards! *Miss Taylor*

Year 3 Explorers



Year 3 have settled brilliantly into their new classes this week. Both Mr Dorrans and Mr Seatter have been extremely impressed at their readiness to learn and answer questions in class.

This week we have started our new theme on Explorers where we found out what the children already knew about explorers and talked about what gear an explorer would need to take with them on an expedition. We then made a diamond 9 to show what was the most important piece of equipment.



Word of The Week

Each week on the front of the newsletter there will be a word of the week. This will be a word which is often unusual or has two meanings. Unusual words often come up in reading texts and language which can be ambiguous and confusing e.g. the wake of a boat. The idea of the word of the week is to help build children's vocabulary so that they can understand these and hopefully use them in their own language and writing.

Year 6 Secondary School Transition Letters

All year 6 children have been given an individual secondary school transfer letter addressed to their parents this week. Please make sure these have been handed to you and are kept safe as we don't keep copies in school.

Each letter gives your child's unique ID for their application and instructions on how to apply for a secondary school place. Please be aware the deadline for doing so is midnight on 31st October. If you require any assistance with your application please contact Admissions and Transport Team on 01225 394312 or visit <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/admissions-schools/admissions-transfer-secondary-school>

After School Clubs

After School Clubs run by SPARKES started this week and it was wonderful to see so many children enjoying the wide range of sports we have on offer. Spaces are still available in most SPARKS Clubs to enquire please see Chris Walker in the playground or visit <https://www.sparksportscoaching.com/> to make a booking.

After school clubs run by school staff start next Monday. If your child is registered for a club, and is going to miss a session due to other commitments, please make sure the office or coach/teacher is informed so that we don't look for them unnecessarily.

If your child takes part in after school clubs please make sure they are collected promptly to prevent staff being diverted from other duties, thank you.

Asthma Inhalers

If your child has been diagnosed with Asthma please ensure they have an in date inhaler (and spacer if needed) in school. These are to be delivered to the office please, where you will need to complete a medicines form. Inhalers will be logged, clearly labelled and kept in the medical room until they are needed. These will be collected by staff and carried by them on school trips.

Medicines in School

Just to remind you, medication is only permitted in school when prescribed by a doctor. In this instance, we need to have written consent and instructions, from the child's parent or carer, so that the medication can be administered correctly. Forms are available in the office. Prescribed medications, in clearly labelled containers, need to be handed into the office for storage.

All medicines, except Asthma inhalers and Epi Pens, which are stored in the medical room, will be kept in the first aid cupboard in the school office for use when necessary. These will be collected and carried by staff when children are off site. Children should not bring in any non prescribed medication under any circumstances. This includes cough sweets, painkillers, such as Calpol, travel sickness pills and homeopathic remedies. Thank you for your assistance.

NUT AWARENESS - We are a Nut Free School!

We have a number of children with potentially severe allergies to nuts, including peanuts, coconut and all tree nuts. Tasting even a small trace of nuts could cause serious illness for these children.

Due to the possible severity of this allergy, please **DO NOT** send peanuts, peanut butter, Nutella or nut products in your child's snacks, lunches or mufti day cakes. We also ask that you please check ingredients on ready-made foods, if nuts are listed as an ingredient please save them for home. Items made in a factory using nuts, but not listing them as an ingredient, would be suitable to bring to school.



We will be including allergy awareness in our healthy eating learning at school and ask that you reinforce these messages at home by asking your child/ren not to share food or snacks with other children, not to share cutlery, or bring birthday chocolates, cakes or sweets containing nuts into the playground to share. We want our school to be a safe place for all our children and hope that you will support us in this aim.

School Uniform

Please make sure all uniform, bags, pencil cases and lunch boxes are named, with a sew-in tag or permanent laundry marker our lost property boxes, located outside the school office, are filling up already! Don't forget to label scooters, if ridden to school these must also be named. Thank you.

Coats/Shoes

Please make sure you send your child to school with a named waterproof coat and robust shoes as we play outside in all weathers!

Nail Varnish

Everybody looks really smart at the start of term, thank you. However, we have spotted quite a bit of nail varnish. We really appreciate it if this could be removed over the weekend please. Please keep nail varnish for weekends and holidays only!

Library News

Library Opening Hours

Our school library is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for children to browse and borrow books or ask advice about what to read from our school Librarian. We have a great selection of books, comics, graphic novels, non-fiction books and audio story cds and a thriving community of library users, who are always happy to talk about books and recommend their favourites to others.

We also have a number of kindles that can be borrowed. They are a great way for children to try reading books they might not otherwise have chosen from the book shelf. Some children really benefit from being able to change the typesize and line length of the text, and will read books that they may have found too daunting in book form – there's a sign-up sheet in the library.

Golden Time in the Library – Fridays 2.30-3pm

We try to open the library during Golden Time on a Friday afternoon and this is very popular with the children – for the last year, Davina Williamson has been opening the library at Golden Time, and we'd like to say a big thank you to her for doing this! If there is a parent who would like to volunteer to be in the library between 2.30 – 3pm on Friday afternoons, please let Jenny in the office know. Thank you!

Bath Children's Literature Festival Events – Years 4, 5 and 6

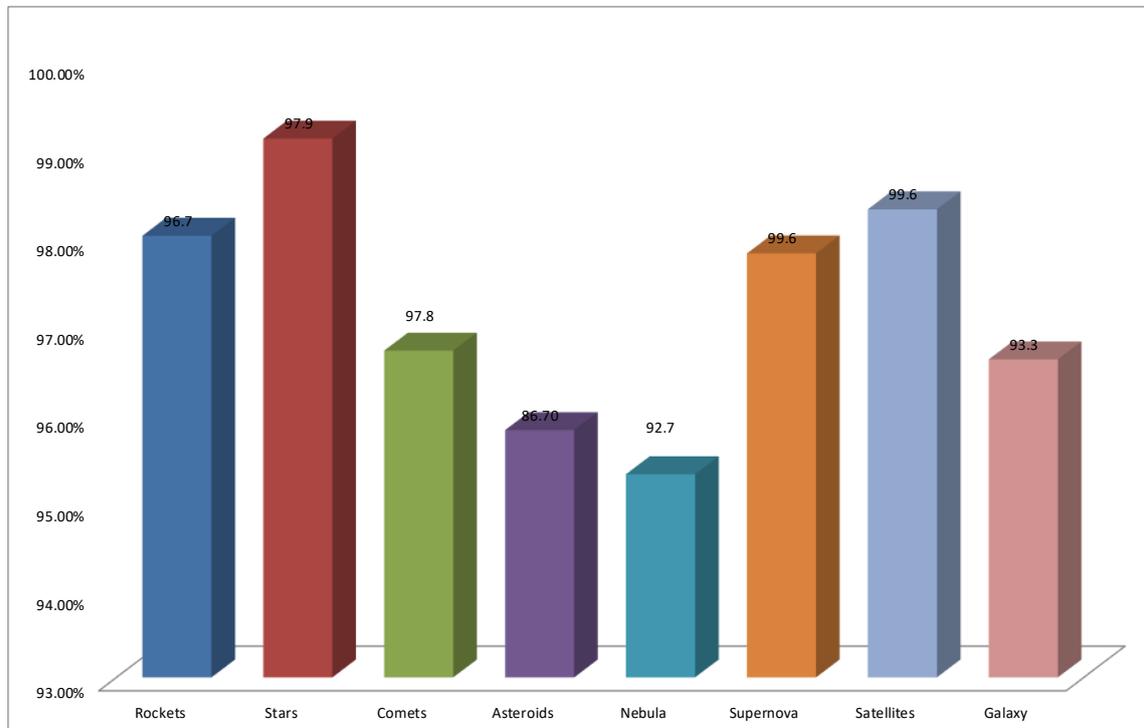
We are looking forward to the Bath Children's Literature Festival at the end of the month! If your child is attending the Andy Stanton author event with us on Friday 4th October, it will be possible to order signed copies of his new book and a letter will be sent out about this shortly.

Weekly Class Attendance

Maximum pupil attendance is really key to us as we believe every lesson in school is important to ensure all of our children achieve their potential. Attendance and punctuality are also valuable life skills for their future. Please help us by keeping non-emergency appointments to out of school time.

Our whole school accumulative attendance this week is 95.3%

Top of the school last week were SATELLITES & SUPERNOVA , who achieved 99.6%. Well Done!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 11th Sept

Wednesday 18th Sept

Thursday 19th Sept

Weds 25th—Fri 27th Sept

Monday 30th Sept

Friday 11th October

Friday 11th October

Mon 14th—Fri 18th Oct

Friday 25th Oct

Monday 4th Nov

Timestables Meeting for Parents, school hall 2.30pm

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Year 3 Bath Walk Trip, leaving school at 10.15am, returning at 2.15pm

Year 5 Camp

Year 2 Open Morning, 9.00—10.30am

Harvest Festival at St Matthew's Church, 2.00pm

Foodbank Collection

Year 6 Camp

Last Day of Term 1

First Day Term 2

Every week we will update this section with upcoming events, sometimes event dates do change due to unforeseen circumstances, please make sure you check regularly to make sure you are up to date with school events.