



October 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE
HEADTEACHER

It's been a hugely busy start to the academic year. The sensory garden is now a usable space and the pupils are enjoying the new facilities including the carousel horse and bubble machine. We look forward to further items being added in the coming months. Wrens class also has a newly completed transformation to the conservatory which means that room is usable all year round and we have a new production kitchen where our upper Nest 'Catering Team' will be based. This will mean that the Food tech room has greater availability for our middle and lower Nests.

Emma West has commenced her maternity leave as of last week. Jon Hoare has joined the school as Assistant Head Teacher and Hayley Cobb is temporarily stepping up as 'Lead teacher' to support improvement across the school and work with Jon in Emma's absence.

We have been carrying out learning walks and lesson observations this term and it has been amazing to see pupils making excellent progress. I have seen young people using an approach called 'Colourful Semantics' to support their sentence building, our older learners perfecting their front crawl at Glebe House swimming pool and our reception pupils settling into school life and busying themselves with a range of kinaesthetic learning activities. Please remember that you can view your child's progress by logging on to Evidence for Learning (EFL). There is also a function for you to upload photos and videos from home.

SCHOOL DATES

21st October 2022 – Inset Day / End of Term 1

31st October 2022 – Start of Term 2

9th December 2022 - Christmas Jumper Day

15th December 2022 - Christmas Lunch (TBC)

16th December 2022 - End of Term 2

2nd January 2023 – Bank Holiday

3rd January 2023 - Start of Term 3

30th January 2023 - PLIM Evening

8th February 2023 - Relationships, Sex and Health Education

10th February 2023 - End of Term 3

20th February 2023 - Start of Term 4

2nd March 2023 - World Book Day

31st March 2023 - End of Term 4

17th April 2023– Inset Day

18th April 2023– Start of Term 5

25th April 2023 - Relationships, Sex and Health Education

1st May 2023– Bank Holiday

2nd May 2023– Inset Day

15th May 2023 - PLIM Evening

26th May 2023 - End of Term 5

5th June 2023 - Start of Term 6

18th June 2023 School Fun Day - TBC

7th July 2023– Sports Day

11th July 2023 – Annual report evening

14th July 2023– Reserved Sports Day

21st July 2023 – Inset day / End of Term 6

CHRISTMAS DATES

Enterprise Christmas Fair - 7th December

Lower Nest Nativity - 8th December

Details of both events will be sent home nearer the time.

New Starters. Welcome to ...

Molly Ross -Teaching Assistant

Jon Hoare - Assistant Headteacher



Sign

of the



term!

Your Sign

HALLOWEEN

As in: HALLOWEEN

Open hands (palms back, pointing down) at head height quiver, body looms forwards; then flat hands (palms back, pointing up) held in front and to each side of face, bend towards each other from wrists until hands touch with working hand in front.

Sign Images



School News..

This term as part of our Working Future programme we would like to say thanks to Rachel, Dawn and Lisa from Frome Town Council for supporting Hawks Class by leading a session on working in social media.

We have also welcomed back Nikki Blackwell from The Apprenticeship and Skills Team who led an interactive 'What Employers Want' workshop with Hawks and Post 16.



We are pleased to have started the new academic year with some exciting work placements in Post 16. We have one student placed in a children's nursery and also three students have commenced their work placements at The Newt in Somerset. Two within the gardening team and one within housekeeping.

We continue to build on relationships with local employers and secure both work placements and employer engagement opportunities. If you are able to help at all then please contact Sally Smiles, Careers/Working Futures Lead.

Friends of Critchill School

Friends of Critchill are pleased to donate a picnic table and bench for the sensory garden. Both items will be delivered later this month. We are also donating 10 bean bags and storage so children can enjoy story time in the garden.

Our cake sale raised **£250**. A huge thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes.

Christmas Cards - The children's designs will come home over half term, with details on how to order. Please ensure forms are returned with art work to class or the school office by November 2nd. We can not accept any late forms.

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM earlier this month. Lots of ideas were discussed about future fundraising events. If you wish to know more about what we do please speak to Hazel or Claire in the school office.



Thank you Tony from Double M of Warminster for donating all the parts needed to repair the school guitars.

