



Newsletter 11 – January 2017

Dear Parents

We would like to welcome you all to 'Fabulous Flax' on Wednesday 25th at 3:15pm until 3:45pm. Please look around your child's classroom and visit other classes to see the learning that is taking place throughout the school. The children are very proud of their work and learning so far this term and excited to share it with you. If you are unable to join us you are very welcome to invite other family or friends to attend instead.

We have introduced a new PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education) programme into the school this term. This programme is called Jigsaw and is made up of 6 themed puzzles under the headings, Me in My World, Celebrating Difference, Dreams and Goals, Healthy Me, Relationships and Changing Me. This term we will be focusing on Dreams and Goals throughout the school and the perseverance and determination that you need to achieve them. Each class will be carrying out activities at an appropriate level for their age. The programme has British Values woven throughout it as well as Mindfulness activities that are taught to the children during calming time. All the children in the school are thoroughly enjoying this new approach. We are planning to hold a parent's meeting in Term 5 to give you more details about PSHE at Flax and the Jigsaw programme.

Best wishes
Jane Bennett

Maths Meeting for all parents

This will be taking place on **Wednesday 1st February at 7pm**. The format will be similar to the English meeting held earlier this term: There will be a welcome and introduction in the hall and then parents will choose 2 year groups to visit for 2 x 20 minute maths sessions. These maths sessions will be a typical number maths lesson that your children experience. For example if you attend Maple's session it will be a lesson demonstrating maths at a Year 1 level. If you have more than one child at Flax you can attend sessions in both their classes or if you only have one child at Flax, you can attend their current class session and one in the class they will be in next year.



We hope to see LOTS of you there! Maths is an area of the curriculum that has changed quite a lot in the way it is taught over the last few years – please do try to come along so you can see how to support your child at home with the same strategies and language used at school.

School Council

The School Council representatives will be collecting gloves, hats, scarves and socks for the homeless people in and around Bristol. If your child has grown out of any of these things, please could you donate them to the School Council. There will be a box in the entrance hall where donations can be placed from 30th January until 3rd February. Many Thanks
The School Council.



Community Group

Miss Cole and Mrs Moss are starting a new community group in order to extend our school links with the wider community. We would love parents and children to get involved and further details of different projects and events will be shared through the year. Our first event will involve a local animal charity; **Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary**.



Holly Hedge have invited **Oak Class pupils** to volunteer to help raise vital funds the Sanctuary. Holly Hedge is a local independent charity (registered charity number 294606) that rescues and re-homes unwanted, abandoned and often mistreated cats and dogs. They rescue and re-home around 800 animals each year, finding loving and responsible new homes for each and every one of them. They receive no funding from the government or National Lottery and rely on the generosity and goodwill of supporters to keep their kennel and cattery doors open. It costs approximately £475,000 every year to run – that's over £1,330 each and every single day.

There will be a **'Bag Pack' event** at **Tesco** stores in **Nailsea** on **Saturday 25th March from 9am - 8pm**. Oak Class - please let us know if you are interested in accompanying your child to help with this event. Ideally volunteers would be able to help for a minimum of two hours during any point in the day. If you are able to take part in this event with your child, please inform the school office (note / email / call) along with the most suitable time you would be available. We will pass the information on to Holly Hedge who are co-ordinating the event.

Volunteers from Holly Hedge will be around during the day, providing the collection buckets for donations. Ideally pupils would dress in 'animal' fancy dress making it a great fun day! As a thank you all the volunteers would receive a Holly Hedge certificate to thank them for their support and the Sanctuary will arrange a time for a group to visit and look around.

We hope that family with children in other classes will support this event by a Tesco shop or popping in to encourage the bag-packers! Other charity events will involve other year groups, it is Holly Hedge's policy that limits this event to older pupils.

Gold Book



Jessie was nominated for the Gold Book because *'She is a brilliant friend to everyone and for including people in her games so generously and kindly. We would all love to have a friend like Jessie.'*



Singing Tree

There are a few spaces available at the Singing Tree Club. This is a singing group led by Piri on Tuesday lunchtimes. If your child enjoys singing, then this club may be perfect for them. Please complete an application form which can be obtained from the school office.



Easy Fundraising – Thank you!

We have received a cheque for £70.82 from easyfundraising.org.uk and would like to say a really big thank you to everyone who supports us when shopping this way. You can continue to help us by collecting free donations when you book holidays and travel as well as all your usual purchases from groceries to getaways! It is easy to register, just visit the easyfundraising.org.uk website and search for Flax Bourton Primary School.



Coats

Please ensure that children come to school with a warm coat and named hats / gloves – they are outside in all weather and it is particularly cold at the moment.



Aiming High, Respecting Others, Having Fun

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who is involved?</u>
24.1.17	Chestnut trip to the zoo	Chestnut
24.1.17	NSPCC workshop @ 1pm	Oak
25.1.17	Walk around Farleigh Green	Maple
25.1.17	Fab Flax @ 3:15 until 3:45	All classes
30.1.17	Open top bus trip 9am until 12	Maple and Willow
31.1.17	2.45pm – Class Assembly followed by parents coming into classroom – Clever Chestnut	Chestnut - parents invited
1.2.17	Maths meeting for parents @7pm	All year groups
3.2.17	Beech cake sale	Beech

6.2.17	Parent's Evening	All classes
7.2.17	Safer Internet Day	All
8.2.17	Parent's Evening	All classes
10.2.17	Chestnut trip: tobogganing	Chestnut
10.2.17	End of Term 3	
20.2.17	Start of Term 4	
24.1.17	FBSA film night	Everyone
3.3.17	World Wildlife Day	
6.3.17	FAB kids at Flax	Oak
7.3.17	African drumming workshop: am	Maple
15.3.17	Quick Sticks hockey final @ BGS AM Arrows archery finals @ BGS AM	Oak Oak
20.3.17	2.45pm – World Water day service - SB	
21.3.17	2.45pm Maple Class Assembly followed by parents coming into classroom – Marvellous Maple	Maple - parents invited
24.3.17	Red Nose Day	
25.3.17	'Bag Pack' event at Tesco store in Nailsea from 9am - 8pm	Children and parents - Oak
28.3.17	2.45pm – Class Assembly followed by parents coming into classroom – Brilliant Beech	Beech - parents invited
29.3.17	Dance Festival – The Playhouse, WSM	Oak
3.4.17	9am – Easter Service in the Hall - RG	Whole School
6.4.17	End of Term 4 for pupils	
7.4.17	INSET Day 4: Maths	
24.4.17	Start of Term 5	
26.4.17	am – School Games Day	all
8.5.17	Y6 SATS week	Year 6
22.5.17	Year 5 Aspire Day	Year 5
25.5.17	Class photos	all
26.5.17	Musical Thank you End of Term 5	all
5.6.17	Start of Term 6	
14.6.17	1pm - Sports Day	All classes
20.6.17	2.45pm – Class Assembly	Willow - parents invited
26.6.17	KS1 Multi Skills festival @ Nailsea AM	Yr 1 - 2
28.6.17	Sports Day – Reserve Date	all
29.6.17	1.15-3pm - Moving Up session	All classes
4.7.17	Moving Up Day – Backwell tbc??	All classes
10.7.17	1.45pm – KS2 show – dress rehearsal	All watch
11.7.17	9-10.30am – Moving Up session 1.45pm – KS2 show	All classes
12.7.17	Countryside Day	Oak and Beech
12.7.17	7pm – KS2 Show	KS2
14.7.17	Reports to Parents	
17.7.17	9am - Whole school to church 7pm – Year 6 Leaver's Service	All classes Year 6
18.7.17	10-2pm Buddy Picnic	Oak and Chestnut

19.7.17	3.30pm: Time for parents to speak with teacher re: report queries	Parents- as required
20.7.17	2pm – Final Awards Assembly Last day of the year for pupils	All
21.7.17	INSET Day 5	