



St Keyna Primary School & Little Gems Nursery

Newsletter 3 – 24th October 2019

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been a very positive term but it is clear that the children are ready for a well-deserved break. I would like the children to access TT Rockstars to practice times tables over the holidays and also to read on most days as we have restarted our reading challenge in all classes, including Little Gems.

I would also like to thank all of the children, parents and carers for supporting the Harvest of Talents – the total raised is **£1001.01** and after the one pounds have been deducted there will be a very sizeable sum going to the Oxfam Yemen appeal which will make a huge difference.

I also have a fun competition to launch - I would like as many children as possible to design a sign (which will be made and will replace the old Keynsham County Primary sign) for the Wild Willow Wilderness. I would like the competition entries to be on A4 paper, landscape, and to say The Wild Willow Wilderness and to be decorated. The winning entry will be made into a sign and of course there will be prizes!

The children will be returning to school on Tuesday 5th November as we have our fourth INSET day on early reading and phonics on the Monday.

Wishing you all a positive and restful break

Steve Gumm

Friends of St Keyna

Your School Needs You!

We need new active members to replace some long-standing and experienced personalities who left us at the end of the academic year as their children moved on to further their education. Active members of FOSK help to plan, organise and run events and activities. This isn't a stuffy club we're running, it's a friendly group of everyday parents and staff who have a passion to support the very best learning environment their children can enjoy.

FOSK is vital to the school, we simply could not organise the variety and number of events we do without the help of willing parents, carers and grandparents giving up a little of their time for the good of the school. For just an hour or two a year, you could make a huge difference by helping set up an event, or clearing up after it, running a stall, washing pre-loved uniform ready for sale, being a helpful elf for Father Christmas, selling goody bags at a disco or ice creams in the Summer, there are so many ways you can get involved! You could go one step further and become a Committee member and play an active role in the leadership of FOSK!

We truly appreciate the demands of work and home life, but there are a so many ways you can help, so please do sign up as it makes all the difference if everybody lends a hand for half an hour or so. It's easy to think that there are already plenty of volunteers helping out and running events but, regrettably, this isn't the case and your help would be truly valued, not only by FOSK, but by the children whose school experience is enhanced by the funds we provide.

If you can help, please get in touch by email to friendsofstkeyna@hotmail.co.uk or message us via our Facebook page, or better still, come along to a FOSK meeting to find out more!

Sport News

Our Sports teams have been busy over the last few weeks and have been a credit to the school.

The cross country team participated in a very large inter-school competition. They all completed the course in typical cross-country weather and a real highlight was Edward in Year 6 winning a bronze medal – the first time anyone in our school has finished in the top 3.

We also had a very inexperienced girls' football team who played a match against The Meadows School. Mr Eaton was very impressed with their attitude in defeat against a very strong team. They tried hard and supported each other throughout the match.

There is a new sports team, The St Keyna Cycle Team, they took part in a competition with 6 other schools and had to contend with a series of unfortunate events, including a crash and a chain coming off. They showed grit and determination and represented us brilliantly.



Our most recent sporting endeavour was our mixed football team's match against our neighbours St John's. We were losing 3-0 at half-term but were playing well. Incredibly, aided by a goal from a goal kick, scored by Bradley, we battled to win the match 4-3, with George scoring the winning goal. A superb effort and very well done.

In school through the Tenacious Tortoise skill we talk about resilience a lot and it is impressive that we can exemplify this life skill through our sporting contests.

BONFIRE BONANZA

ON: Tuesday 5th November

- Bonfire Pot Mild chicken & Butternut Squash Curry & Rice
- Pizza Catherine Pinwheel & Cracking Fries
- Popping Peas
- Golden Star Sweetcorn
- Dunking Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard

Kelston Road Park Community Tree Planting Day

11am on Saturday 23rd November 2019
- Meet at the play area -

- Roll up your sleeves and help plant some trees to encourage wildlife, absorb pollution and benefit people in and around Keynsham for generations to come.
- No need to book – just turn up
- Wear warm waterproof clothes and boots/sturdy shoes. Bring gloves and a spade if you have one. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.
- This is a family-friendly event but children should be accompanied by an adult.

www.bathnes.gov.uk/kelstonroadpark

School Uniform

Our uniform supplier is now Harvem on Bath Hill, Keynsham.

There have been concerns about how the jumpers have washed. Please complete the survey on the FOSK facebook page.

We have received the following information from the manufacturers:

Wash garments inside out
Use powders with a low bleach content (for example not DAZ or Bold 2 in 1 as they can be abrasive)

Persil even recommend a colour care for dark garments <https://www.persil.com/uk/laundry/laundry-tips/washing-tips.html>

School Meals Supervisory Assistant

We are looking for casual School Meals Supervisory Assistants to cover occasional staff absences. You will be working closely with children, supervising them in the dining hall and playground.

If you are interested please contact the office for an application form.

Mon 4 Nov	INSET DAY
Tue 5 Nov	Term 2
Fri 15 Nov	Bonfire Night –special lunch
W/C 18 Nov	Uniform Sale 3pm
Mon 18 Nov	Parent Consultations
Mon 18 Nov	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Thurs 28 Nov	Non uniform day (donations for tombola)
Thurs 5 Dec	Year 3 Violin Concert for Parents
Fri 6 Dec	Junior Carol Service at St John’s Church
	Christmas Fair
w/c 16 Dec	Christmas Gift Shop
Mon 16 Dec	School Carol Service 6pm – mince pies & non-alcoholic mulled wine
Tue 17 Dec	KS1 Christmas Production 9:15am
	FS Christmas Production 2pm
Wed 18 Dec	KS1 Christmas production 2pm
Thurs 19 Dec	Christmas Lunch
	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Disco
Fri 20 Dec	Christmas Parties
	Last Day of Term 2 – 3:15pm finish
Mon 6 Jan	First Day of Term 3