



31st January 2018

St Barnabas visit

Yesterday, we were joined by children from St Barnabas Primary School in Bristol for the day. The children explored the village and took part in some drama activities with Eagles class. The children from both schools learnt a lot about the differences in the places where they live and told us that they had lots of fun and found out things about each other.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February is national safer internet day. Mrs Jones teaches most of our computing across the school and continually reinforces safe internet use through the computing curriculum. Next week, Mrs Jones will emphasise the importance of keeping safe online and carry out some activities to ensure this remains high profile in children's minds. Our safer internet strategy is supported by the Local Authority who place strict filters on our internet to ensure no unsuitable sites are accessed by children.

More information for parents and carers can be found on the following website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/sid2018-education-packs/education-pack-parents-and-carers>

Angel Heart Theatre visit

Our visit to Iron Acton Village Hall to see a performance by the Angel Heart Theatre will take place on Tuesday 6th February at 9.45am. We will need a few parents to help supervise the children as we walk to the Village Hall. Please let Sonya Grubb know if you are available. Children and parents who might be joining us in September are also invited.

Star learners

Our star learners last week were:

Kestrels: Claudia

Falcons: Finley

Eagles: Dublin

Well done to all of our star learners for working hard through the week. Their work is displayed on the noticeboard in the school hall.

Swimming

The next block of swimming sessions will begin on Tuesday 27th February.

Dates for the diary

Last day of term 3 – 09.02.18

Inset day – 19.02.18

First day of term 4 – 20.02.18

Iron Acton film club

The Iron Acton Film Club will be showing it's next film on **Saturday 3rd February 2018** in Iron Acton Parish Hall and we will be showing "Despicable me 3". Please note that the certificate for this film is PG. The film is free but we ask that children under the age of 8 are accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 3:15pm and the film starts at 3:30pm. Refreshments are available.

We hope you can join us.

Iron Acton Film Club

The date for the next showing is March 3rd.

Term time absence requests

This is just a reminder that school is unable to authorise any term time absence requests unless there are exceptional circumstances. The local authority states that this includes:

- significant family events
- parents/carers only allowed to take leave at certain times of year
- forces personnel on leave from an overseas posting

But it does not include:

- cheaper holidays
- visits to family and friends
- family occasions, e.g. weddings and birthdays

Year 5/6 residential payment

The next payment is due on Monday 5th February. This is £40 for children who do not receive free school meals and £20 for those who do. Please use our online payment system; if you have any questions please speak to Mrs Hall in the office.

After school childcare

We are looking at ways in which we can provide wrap around care to make sure our school is accessible to all families.

Our breakfast club has been a huge success and continues to grow in popularity.

We would now like to look at providing after school childcare to families who need it. For the time being, we have begun a link with Barnwood Buddies in Yate which is a 10 minute drive from school. The staff at Barnwood Buddies have a system whereby they are able to collect children from schools in the local for an additional cost. If you would like to know more about this please take a look at their website or call into the school office for a prospectus.