

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It's election week and what seems like a day that has been coming for a couple of years has finally arrived. Hopefully you will get your chance to vote. What we always attempt to model to the children in school is that expressing your opinion is a crucial part of the democratic process, whether it goes against you in the end or not. It can sometimes be easy to feel that no-one listens but one thing is certain, unless we take that chance to have our say then our views will never be heard. No one will miss the constant speculation I'm sure! Let's hope that one of the outcomes is a world that is fit for our children to inherit. Best wishes.

David Forrester

Class of the week



Nightingales

Their first of the year. Congratulations and keep smiling!

Help needed

As part of getting school ready for builders in July we are upgrading the Elliot building that currently houses the After School Club. We therefore have to move the furniture out and into the Nest on Friday Afternoon 14th May. If anyone would be available to help Mr Hanks between 1 – 3pm it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the office and leave your name.

Feel the rhythm!

Fancy coming along and joining in with a band on Thursday 13th May at 3.15pm? We will be working on some Latin rhythms and having some fun as part of the work towards the KS2 Performance at the end of June. If you are a musician and want to bring along your instrument then let Mr Forrester know that you want to come along and you will be very welcome to join in.

Why I liked it

I wanted to play with them with the cars and garage.
Will



The best bit

I liked showing my learning journey because I liked looking at my pictures and work with my grandparents.

Robbie

Grandparents Day

The Reception children had a lovely afternoon when they hosted their grandparents at school on Friday 23rd April. The chance to share what they do in class, to introduce their friends and teachers and to feed relatives a self made cake is a very important time! Here's what they thought about it and a few pictures too.

How I felt

I was happy because they came. I was making some food and my granddad was funny.

Emma



Home Access

A reminder of the packages that you may be eligible for under the Home Access initiative:

1. 1 year's Internet Access only.
2. A computer – including service and support only.
3. Full package: which includes 1 and 2 above.

Information and guidance are available by phoning the

Home Access Grant Helpline on **0333 200 1004**

(Monday – Friday 8.00 am-8.00pm / Saturday 9.00am-1.00pm)

VALUES

Finn showed compassion this week towards mini beasts by moving them out of the way before other children may have stepped on them by accident!

Rebecca showed integrity for being a role model to other children by dealing with friendships in a mature and responsible way.

Joe has been recognised for his integrity in making good choices and always wanting to do his best.

Music Lessons from September 2010

We will be able to offer Guitar, Clarinet, Trumpet, Violin, and Flute lessons for children in KS2 from September 2010. Should your child be interested in learning to play one of these musical instruments, please contact the office for more information by Friday 14th May.

PSA News

Preparations are well under way for the Summer Fete which takes place on Thursday, 27th May from 6 – 8 pm. This week you will receive a fete newsletter and a copy of the winning poster entry which we would like you to colour and display in your windows at home.

Community News

There is opportunity for you to take part in the Bristol 10k this Sunday, 9th May. Entry was £25 but now £20. Please contact Mrs Sharon Marshall (Harvey and Macey's mum) if you are interested on 07768567481.

St Thomas à Beckett Church Services

“St Thomas a Becket Church welcomes everyone to all services and activities. Children of all ages are always welcome as well as their parents and grandparents. Here is a list of our regular activities and some of the special events and festivals over the coming months. Do feel free to come along or if you would like to find out more, ask Chris Moore (Rebecca's Mum in Yr 4) or Julie Gardner (Hannah's Mum in Yr 3) or ring Stuart Young (our vicar) on 0117 937 2260.

Get ready for some fun packed social events at St Thomas a Becket in May!

1. May 9th – Beating the bounds. – Find out where the boundary of our parish lies by walking its length and picnicking on the way! Meet at church at 12.00pm, bring a packed lunch and wear good walking shoes/wellies. Finish at 3pm. (You can stop half way and return home easily)
2. May 16th – Church Youth group activity – climbing in Bristol. Meet at 2.30pm @ the vicarage – specifically for year 6+. Pre-booking is absolutely necessary, limited places available – first come first served – please ring Chris Moore on 937 3337 if you would like to come
3. May 23rd – Messy Church – calling all primary aged children! Meet at church at 3.00pm for games, arts and crafts, singing and the chance to find out a bit more about God.
4. June 20th – Church Youth group activity – book the date in your diary for a bbq.

A Very Special Thanks

We are extremely grateful to Mr and Mrs Webb for bringing in a lamb that the children were able to touch and learn about up close . It makes a massive difference to the children when they have such opportunities and it is so easy to underestimate the limited experience that many children get to really find out about the animals that inhabit the world around them. The children (and adults too!) really enjoyed this and it prompted a lot of thinking and learning. So, we would like to say a huge thank you to Charlie and Jake, the lambs and Mr and Mrs Webb for giving up their time to visit us in school.

