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Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, next term we will be offering Parent Forums to have a look at the Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) resources for each year group. These will be in our usual Tuesday 9.00 a.m. slot, and we will give you the exact dates for your year groups in next week's newsletter. Mrs. Akhter is our PSHE lead, and she will be showing you the resources and answering your questions.

This will help you with have conversations with your children prior to the health education modules in the Summer term.

We have had some advice from Bristol City Council around Winter flu and Norovirus in the city. Please see the section below.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Tovey".

Mrs. Emma Tovey
Principal

Winter Flu

Key advice remains that children should not come into school or early years settings if they have a temperature. They should remain off until they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Good hygiene practices such as frequent cleaning and hand and respiratory hygiene should be reinforced and making sure indoor spaces are well-ventilated will help reduce the spread.



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More information on when you should keep children away from educational and early years settings can be found on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Vaccinations remain available to any child aged 2-16 years who has not been immunised, via the following routes: School-aged child Flu vaccinations: Booking via 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.schimms@nhs.net

Pre-school child Flu vaccinations: Booking via child's GP surgery or book a free NHS flu vaccination at a pharmacy online or in the NHS App.

Norovirus

If children have symptoms of norovirus (diarrhoea and/ or vomiting) they should not attend the school or early years setting and should not return until at least 2 days OFFICIAL (48 hours) after diarrhoea and vomiting have stopped.

More information is available on the NHS website here [Diarrhoea and vomiting -NHS](#).

Further advice can be found using this link [Managing specific infectious diseases: A to Z GOV.UK](#)

Forest School

It has been a wet week again so far!

We have all been learning about a number of different bird species and using a speaker to listen to their different calls. We even managed to have a conversation with a Great Tit who answered us back each time we played their song.

It was great preparation for next week's big schools birdwatch which we are participating in again this year.

Alongside this the older children used the orienteering skills they have learnt to successfully complete a course around the woods.

The younger children created very detailed obstacle course's for some soft toys and put them through their paces.



Nursery

This week children have enjoyed being in the woods. We listened to some bird sounds and then looked and listened carefully to which birds we had in our woods. We heard and saw some magpies, robins and great tits. We will be joining in with the Big Bird Watch next week.



The children then used the natural resources in the woods to build something for their cuddly toys to play.



Reception

On Monday morning the children were shocked to find giant eggs left in our classrooms. We have been looking after them and on Wednesday they hatched. We are now looking after two baby dinosaurs. Exeter class have named their dinosaur Cutsie Fluffy Vanessa and Bath class have baby Cotton Candy.

We do have a problem though; the baby dinosaurs have lost their Mummy. We are making wanted posters to try to find her. If you see a Mummy dinosaur walking around, please let someone from the Reception classes know.



Year 1

In year 1 this week we've been enjoying our new history topic about old and modern toys! We enjoyed sharing our favourite toys with each other and sorting them into different categories.

In maths we've been partitioning 15 and 16. We're becoming confident in using part whole models and tens frames to support our addition and subtraction.

In Authors, we've been learning to ask relevant questions which we've practised through hot seating! We then learned to write questions and remembering to put a question mark at the end.



Year 2

On Thursday morning Year 2 had an exciting and interesting workshop doing a Clear Air Workshop. We learnt about choosing different ways of travelling to school - walking, scootering, cycling, catch the bus or train instead of driving by car. We also learnt about how much air pollution is caused by our cars 'idling'. We learnt a lot but also had a really fun time.

Year 4

We have continued to look at our class book 'Our Tower' and have developed skills when investigating 'inverted commas' and making our own conversations between characters.

We have also enjoyed our continued swimming sessions and had great fun learning new skills this week at the pool!



Year 5

Year 5 had a great time last week at their money workshop. They played games to learn about budgeting, applying for jobs and borrowing. The children were fantastic and showed great enthusiasm.



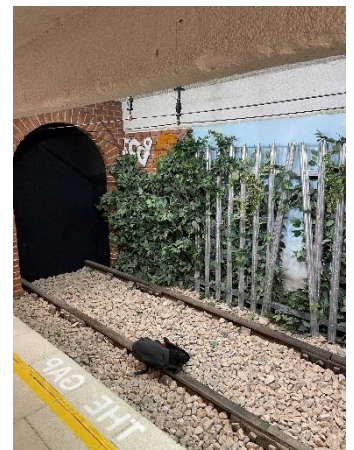
Year 5 have written their own myths this week, based on Arthur and the Golden Rope. We have also been learning how to translate and reflect a shape using co-ordinates.

Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic trip to the Create centre for a Life skills session. The children participated in activities such as calling the emergency services, food shopping (and getting the correct change) and real-life problem solving. It was great to see the children working together. The Year 6 team even had to man the (pretend) emergency phone calls!

We also finished our work on shadow puppet theatres and explored changing variables to complete an investigation.

Please remember to sign up for the trip to the Steam Museum on 6th February.



Resource Base

Lilliput Class:

This week Lilliput class explored the sensory story 'The Messy Magpie.' We kept practicing our cutting and collage making skills in Art and in Science we 'investigated' some of the properties of rocks, such as colour and size and we went on a 'Rock treasure hunt' as some the naughty rocks hid around in our classroom!

Narnia Class:

Narnia class have been studying the text: 'Here We Are'. This book touches on the environment and how best to look after it. We are exploring what that might look like for us, every day. We have been exploring this through practical means, also linked to geographical features. In maths we have started looking at area in maths; exploring how we can cover a surface!

Atlantis Class:

Atlantis class have been exploring the country of Iceland! They have been looking at geographical features and creating their own maps. This week we are looking at Brazil, the countryside, and the cities. In maths we have been exploring Area in practical methods e.g. cooking and measuring real life objects.

Safeguarding

**Avon and somerset police.
Your Eastville
Beat team:**



Inspector Chris Green
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Attendance

You must call the absence line before 9am every day to report your child's absence for illness and appointments. It is a 24-hour line and a message can be left at any time on

0117 9030075 option 1

Just to remind all parents we have an attendance email address to report all children's absences, holiday enquiries, absence request forms, and any proof of appointments.

mppattendance@maypark.excalibur.org.uk

Our absence request procedure is to collect a form from the school office at least 4 weeks before the absence and then email it to the above email address or hand it back into the office with any proof of flight tickets and any other supporting documents.

Admissions

If you know anyone interested in a school place from nursery age to year 6, please get them to email our admissions email address below. I am happy to offer tours and support with the admission's application process.

mppadmissions@maypark.excalibur.org.uk

Thank you all so much again and the Attendance team are always here if you need us.

Trips

Year 6 STEAM 6th February - £22

School Office

School Office Opening Time are:

8am – 12pm

12pm – 12.30pm CLOSED

12.30pm - 4pm

Can we please remind all parents that the office is closed from 12.00pm - 12.30pm. So, if your child has an appointment and you need to collect could you please collect before 12.00pm and after 12.30pm.