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December 2018 Newsletter

For School Leaders, Teachers, Support Staff, Governors and Trustees





Welcome from the Chief Executive

It has been a time of rapid development: 11 schools joined the Trust in the last calendar year and we are just about to welcome five primaries from the Chew Valley on 1st January. The same period has seen a dramatic improvement in our capacity to support our schools with services and School Improvement advice. I am very glad to say that we have now achieved the stability that we were looking forward to back in the summer and it has been a real pleasure to meet so many staff across the Trust and see the sterling work that you are doing for our children and young people.

Read more



(Headteacher Jane Bennett (left) with CFOO Louise Malik)

Trust Expansion

We are delighted to welcome Flax Bourton Primary School who joined the Trust on the 1st October 2018. This brings the number of schools in the Trust to 17.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Sutton Primary School, Stanton Drew Primary School, East Harptree CE Primary School, Ubley CE Primary School and Winford CE Primary School to the Trust on 1st January 2019.

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Reward Gateway Cycle to Work scheme is active. LSP employees can apply for a brand new bike and equipment through your salary (up to £1,000), saving up to 42%!

Login to your Reward Gateway account to find out more.

Wellbeing Support for LSP Employees

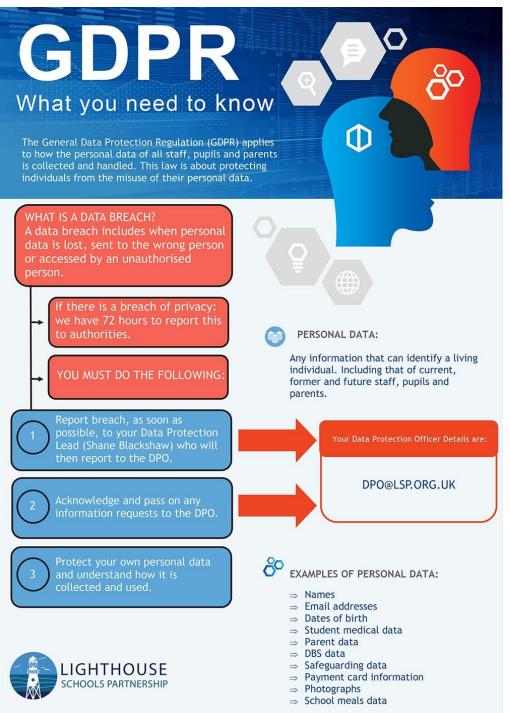
We would like to remind all LSP employees of the Wellbeing support offered through Westfield Health. If you would like to access this please log on to LSP Rewards via this link: <u>https://</u> <u>lsp.rewardgateway.co.uk/SmartHub</u> and select 'Employee Support Service' under 'Other Benefits' on the Main Menu. Alternatively, if you do not have internet access the 24 hour freephone number is 0800 092 0987 (quoting reference number 72114). All calls are completely confidential.



Trust Expansion

During the summer we developed an application to run the proposed Free School for the housing development at North End, Yatton. We felt that it was important to do this so that we have the possibility of working in full collaboration with the new school in a community which is currently served by Yatton Schools and Backwell School. We won't hear the outcome of the competition until late January. We are very grateful to Jo Keeble at Yatton Schools and Richard Riordan at Portishead Primary School for their support and advice as we developed our bid.

GDPR - what you need to know



It is essential that we ensure that people's sensitive data is kept safe and secure. In one way or another this affects everybody in the Trust including all staff and governors.

The Trust has recently updated its <u>Data Protection</u> <u>Policy</u> and <u>Records</u> <u>Management Policy and</u> <u>Guidelines</u>. It is important that all staff are aware of the contents of these policies and your responsibilities within them.

The Trust has also procured a GDPR computer based training module which all staff and governors are required to complete. This module will take approximately 35 minutes to complete and will help you to understand the regulations and what you need to do.

If you haven't already completed the module please could you do so as soon as possible.

Please click this link <u>https://app.ihasco.co.uk/vog089</u> which will take you to the Register/Log-in page.



Schools across the Trust mark the Centenary Armistice

To mark the Centenary Armistice, Gordano Year 7 pupils made an art installation of 135 clay poppies.

Each poppy represented the soldiers and civilians associated with Portishead and the surrounding area who died as a result of the first world war conflict.



Backwell pupils created an incredibly moving art installation

Pupils from Portishead Primary created artwork to mark the occasion



Year 8 Gordano Students take part in STEM Faraday Challenge

36 Year 8 students took part in a national STEM Event on Thursday 20th September called the Faraday Challenge. The event is organised by the Institute of Engineering and Technology and was based around the new NASA James Webb Telescope.

The teams had to work together to solve problems and create innovative ways of building components that could be used by the team around the telescope.

The challenge of the project was pitched really high, with our students responding really well. They had to bugject their spending, learn new techniques and work with the technology they had to hand.

Each student received a Science CREST Award for their involvement.



Whether you cook your turkey upside down, boil your roast potatoes before putting them in the oven, or swap the cranberry sauce for bread sauce... we really don't mind how you do it, as long as you remember to save money on your perfect festive feast.

Festive

easts for less

Just don't forget the brussel sprouts!



Sainsbury's

See how much you can save this season at

ASDA

www.lsprewards.co.uk

Iceland

Chew Valley Santa Scramble is a Success!

A staggering 500 Santas of all ages took part in Chew Valley School's Santa Scramble on Sunday 2nd December, sponsored by Winford Ford, in challenging conditions.

This year, the 1k Mini Scramble was organised by Chew Valley School A Level Business students. This fun community event consists of a 1k Mini Santa Scramble, where children (and adults) of all ages run around the course dressed as Santa, supported by friends and family.

Children were rewarded with a clementine and festive medal by Father Christmas and his elves, recruited by the business students.

All funds raised went to Chew Valley School, who are fundraising to provide outdoor sports equipment and also, local charity <u>Mend The Gap</u>.



Photo credit: Kirsty martin



Backwell Sixth Form Students proudly staged their production of Legally Blonde to packed out audiences earlier this month.

Performed, organised and directed by students this production is a testament to their hard work and dedication and all in the name of a good cause by fundraising for Barnardos. Flawless dance routines,



toe tapping musical numbers and a feel good factor for all those watching the show means it certainly was a success. It was a case of art imitating life with Megan (who played the main character Elle) commuting from Oxford University to Backwell each day to take part in the performances as she was interviewing to study Law there next year!







St Peter's CE Primary School hosted a Supporting Girls' Maths event on the 11th December. Mystery Maths Specialist, Jemima Napier, spoke of her experience of a two week exchange visit to Shanghai and shared her expertise. Parents found the evening informative and useful.



Dinosaur Day Workshop

Year Two children at High Down Infants had a surprise visit from Sophie the T-Rex as part of their Dinosaur Day Workshop. Sophie walks, blinks and roars just like her extinct ancestors. There were also nonfiction opportunities, including writing persuasively to convince the reader about the real theory behind dinosaur extinction.

High Down Junior School Council visits Parliament

The Junior School Council enjoyed its third consecutive annual visit to the Houses of Parliament this term, this time accompanied by the Year 6 House Captains. The trip was organised to coincide with the official Parliament Week celebrations in November. The children were treated to a tour of the Robing Room, the House of Lords and Westminster Hall - but unfortunately not the House of Commons as a rather important Prime Minister's Questions was taking place! Following the tour, the children had a workshop on



representation and voting at Parliament's education centre where a government was formed and a prime minister elected!

Lunch was enjoyed beside the Thames followed by a riverboat tour from Westminster Pier to the Tower of London. The children were a credit to the school throughout.

Portishead Primary Pupils become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



During September fourteen children from Years 4-6 along with Headteacher Richard Riordan, and the Learning Mentor and Safeguarding Governor attended training to become school anti-bullying ambassadors run by the Diana Awards.

During the day children learned about the definition of bullying, the different types of bullying and strategies they can promote back in school to raise awareness and create an effective school anti-bullying culture. They also focussed on e-safety, including how to support other children and keep adults informed to ensure children and young people are not at risk when on line.

The day was a huge success with one of the Year 4 girls given a special award for her contribution to the training day which included secondary, special and primary schools from across the South West.



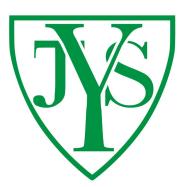


On the last day of Anti-Bullying Week, Pudsey Bear visited children at Portishead Primary to help raise money for Children in Need.

As well as meeting Pudsey, children decorated plain t shirts with compliments for each other.







Congratulations to Yatton schools who have been awarded the Active Healthy Schools Award. This award is designed for schools who have gained the ordinary Healthy Schools Award over the past few years.

Jon Heywood, Deputy Head Teacher, Yatton Schools, said: "We are delighted to have been awarded the Active Healthy Schools Award through which our day-to-day work in all areas of Personal, Social and Health Education has been recognised and praised. We are especially proud that our links with the local community, the large range of physical activity opportunities we provide, the way we encourage children to take on responsibilities and the work we do to support children emotionally and socially are seen as particular strengths. We will, of course, continue to explore ways we can further develop what we offer and provide for the children to improve their health and well-being."



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Phonics showcases will provide the opportunity for two members of staff (one must be the Headteacher) to explore how to develop expert phonics and early reading provision in their school. The day will include opportunities to:

- Deepen understanding of the evidence supporting the teaching of phonics
- Consider how to create a whole school commitment to delivering outstanding phonics teaching and early reading
- Observe phonics/early reading teaching in a variety of contexts including whole class, small group and guided reading sessions
- Develop accurate and timely assessments to inform future teaching
- Explore available resources to support the delivery of phonics teaching
- Create an action plan for your own school

Following attendance at the roadshow your school may also receive three days of support to complete an audit of your current phonics provision and then funding for resources of up to £6000 (depending on phonics results).

Showcase Events

St Peter's C of E Primary School, Portishead will be hosting phonics showcase events on the following dates:

13th February 2019 5th March 2019 20th March 2019 27th June 2019

Funded places(£400 per school on completion of an action plan) are available for two members of staff.

Please book via tsportal.org





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