



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 6 December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information plus details of any letters sent home during the last week.

MESSAGES		
Justina Lewis PC 4469 Beat Manager AN005 Redwood	All years	<p>Update from local police to all local schools:</p> <p>The Local Beat Teams are receiving an increasing amount of complaints regarding parking and standards of driving in and around school drop off and pick up times. School car parks do not have capacity for all attending vehicles, this is not an issue for the school to address. The use of a school car park is a privilege and not a right and therefore the use of it should not be taken for granted. Whilst a car park is private property, it is still a public highway and therefore standards of driving in these areas are the same as those expected on a road.</p> <p>Please show consideration to other road users, local residents and pedestrians when coming to and from school. I do not wish to attend and have to ticket vehicles for poor parking, speeding or a serious/fatal accident when people are driving carelessly in and around schools. Take care and always drive as though your own child may run out without notice.</p>
School	All years	<p>We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers, and effective communication between home and school is key. We recognise however that it can often be difficult communicating with teachers because they have a very full timetable, are running clubs or working with students during lunchtime or after school; and we recognise that parents and carers have very busy lives. Please read the Communication Guidelines - School and Home. Communication with parents and carers is important to us, and we will continue to monitor these guidelines and our approach to improve the process further.</p>
School	All years	<p>A reminder of the temporary road closure on the A369 Martcombe Road / Pill Road, Pill/Abbots Leigh. It is intended to close part of the road from Monday 2 December 2019, between the hours of 8pm – 6am (Monday - Friday) for up to two weeks. This is necessary to facilitate carriageway maintenance works. The closure extents will be between the junction of Rectory Road and Sandy Lane. A diversion route will operate during the closure times.</p>
School	Year 10	<p>Year 10 Progress Evening - Thursday 12 December</p> <p>A reminder to make appointments for the Year 10 Progress Evening next week. Please use the online Parents' Evening booking system or call our reception team who will make the bookings with you over the phone.</p>
Mrs Shephard	All years	<p>Students have been working hard making gifts and stocking fillers for the Festive Market to be held in school next Friday 13 December. There will be handmade soaps, jewellery, sweet cones, gift jars, as well as festive gingerbread, biscuits and other treats for sale. All proceeds raised will go to local homeless charities that work to support young people. A great chance for students to buy a present for family and friends. Prices range from 50p - £2.</p>

Mrs Collins Miss Adams	All years	Tickets are selling quickly for Miss Saigon! You can purchase yours via parentpay. £10 adults and £7.50 for concessions. Tuesday 17th Wednesday 18th Thursday 19th December 2019.
SKAMPS	All years	SKAMPS CAROL SINGING CANCELLED: Unfortunately the SKAMPS Carol Singing event in Clifton on Friday 6 December has had to be cancelled this year. The next SKAMPS meeting will be on Thursday 23 January at 7.00pm at the Anchor, Ham Green.
Ms Hughes	Year 8	English: The next ILP is being launched; this term we have been reading and performing the play Frankenstein. They will prepare and then perform either a short Gothic monologue or a 1-2 minute speech in response to the themes. This can be recorded and sent to the teacher, or performed in class. Please see Class Charts for further information.
Mr Hake	STEM (Year 7 and 8)	Students who are involved in the STEM family challenge next week (Tuesday 10 December) please note that the timing of the event has been changed due to roadworks closing the road. As the road is being closed at 8:00pm we have moved the event forward by an hour - 5:30-7:30pm with arrival in the canteen from 5:15pm. Sorry for any inconvenience and if you have any questions please feel free to email myself: hakej@skdrive.org
Miss Adams	Students in Miss Saigon orchestra	Students in the Miss Saigon orchestra; next rehearsal is the sitzprobe on Friday 13 December at 9.00am. Students need to go to morning registration and then come straight to the lecture theatre. For the nights of the performances they need to wear plain, all black clothing please. We would also be grateful for any music stand lights that we could borrow.
Miss Sutton	Food Technology	Students who are currently doing food technology need to remember to bring the following ingredients: Monday 9th December - 7r Flapjacks Tuesday 10th December - 8r Fruit muffins - 8l Fruit muffins Wednesday 11th December - 8r shortcrust pastry All ingredients have been set on Class Charts. If you have any issues with providing these ingredients, please contact me on: suttone@skdrive.org with at least 48 hours notice if possible.
Victoria Park Primary Green Team	All years	Have a great green Christmas! Each week our Green Team will share some tips to help you have a greener Christmas. Crazy Christmas fact: In Britain, we use over 8,000 tonnes of wrapping paper over Christmas, which creates over 83 square kilometres of rubbish!! Make the wrapping part of the gift - use material or brown paper tied with string or ribbon that can all be used again or turned into something else Support local artists and makers at Bristol's numerous Christmas markets - https://visitbristol.co.uk/whats-on/christmas-markets Decorate your home with greenery rather than tinsel and plastic - have a family walk to collect some greenery and make your own wreath



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LETTERS THIS WEEK- click [here](#) to see all letters from this academic year

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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

11 December	Year 12/13 Trip to Chemistry Conference at Bristol Uni 17:30-18:30 Ski Trip Parent Information evening
12 December	16:00-19:00 Year 10 Progress Evening
13 December	09:00-15:20 Cross Trust Orchestra rehearsal
16 December	09:00-15:20 Year 10 Future Quest Profiling Day
17, 18 & 19 December	19:00-22.00 School Production
19 December	Festive lunch
20 December	END OF TERM 2 - Early close at 1.00pm
06 January	Professional Development Day - School closed to students
07 January	START OF TERM 3