







**Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 09 December 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information.

<b>MESSAGES</b>		
Finance	FSM Families	North Somerset Council have informed us that the next free school meal vouchers, from the Household Support Grant, will be at the end of January 2023. They haven't indicated how much this will be yet. We will provide an update as soon as we hear anything.
Finance	All Years	<p><b>Lunch accounts</b> - Recently a number of lunch accounts have gone overdrawn. To avoid this, Parentpay allows you to set a reminder to top up when the balance falls below a certain amount.</p> <p>To set an alert go to 'Communication', 'Alert Settings', 'Balance Alerts'. Set a threshold amount (say £5) and tick the email box. You will then be emailed a low balance alert when your child's lunch account falls below £5.</p>
Miss Cave	Whole School	<p><b>Free School Meals</b> - If you think you are entitled to claim a free school meal benefit because of your income or circumstances it's essential you apply. For each eligible child, the school receives funding for the next six years, even if their parents go back to full-time paid work. You can apply to North Somerset <a href="#">here</a>. If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.</p>
Miss Cave	Whole School	<p><b>Free School Meals</b></p> <p>If your child is entitled to a free school meal they can receive breakfast in the canteen before 8.30. They will be able to choose from the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 pieces of toast with jam</li> <li>● fresh fruit with a juice drink</li> <li>● porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink</li> <li>● cereal with milk</li> <li>● 1 crumpet with jam.</li> </ul>
Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>The practicals for this week are:</p> <p>Monday 12th December - 7L&amp;7R Mini fruit cakes</p> <p>Tuesday 13th December - 9R Cookies</p> <p>Wednesday 14th December - 10A Cookies</p> <p>Thursday 15th December - 8L and 8R Swiss roll</p> <p>Please ensure ingredients are weighed.</p>
DT Team	Everyone	<p><b>Personalised water bottle</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="color: #0070C0; font-size: small;"><a href="#">600ml bottle with screw lid and sports cap.</a></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Including personalisation.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">£7.99</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="color: #0070C0; font-size: small;"><a href="#">500ml tapered bottle with screw cap.</a></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Including personalisation</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">£10.99</p> </div> </div>

		<p>Would you like a water bottle that is personalised with an image you like and a name on it so you always know which is yours if so click on the links below and follow the instructions. Maybe a Christmas present for someone.</p> <p><a href="#">600ml bottle with screw lid and sports cap.</a>  <a href="#">500ml tapered bottle with screw cap.</a></p>
Mr Davies	Year 13	<p>The Winter Exam season will run from January 9th - 20th January. Students have been given their personalised timetables, and preparation should now be fully under way.</p>
Mrs Collins	Grease	<p>Huge thank you to all students involved in Grease and to you the parents and carers for coming along this week to watch their performances!</p> <p><b>Reminders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Weds 14 and Thurs 15 Dec</b> students are to bring something in for the American buffet style tea see info from letter sent via ParentPay and on google classroom</li> <li>- <b>Fri 16th</b> Students to bring individual lunch as it is an earlier performance</li> <li>- Students are to <b>take all costumes home with them after Friday 16th performance.</b></li> </ul> <p>We look forward to seeing you next week!</p>
Mrs Weatherson	WB STUDIO TOUR TRIP	<p>Please make sure students attending the Harry Potter WB studio tour trip arrive at school promptly on Monday 12th Dec as coaches leave at <b>8.15am</b>. If you are normally in receipt of free school meals, students will be provided with a packed lunch on the day but otherwise please ensure that your child has a packed lunch or money to purchase food at the venue.</p>
Mr Cook	Whole School	<div data-bbox="523 1151 1485 1697" data-label="Complex-Block">  <p><b>SHORT MAT BOWLS</b>                  St Katherine's School welcomes England U21 Short Mat Bowls Team</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL BOWLS COMES TO ST KATHERINE'S</b>  <b>SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2023</b></p> <p>On Sunday 15 January, St Katherine's will be hosting the England U21 short mat bowls team for a day filled with sporting opportunity for the whole family. This event is open to St Katherine's School students, their families &amp; friends as well as the wider community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>FREE 'TURN UP &amp; TRY' SHORT MAT BOWLS SESSIONS</b></li> <li> <b>PRACTICE WITH THE ENGLAND U21 TEAM</b></li> <li> <b>MATCH PLAY WITH &amp; AGAINST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PLAYERS</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGISTER YOUR INTEREST @ <a href="https://bit.ly/skpebowls">bit.ly/skpebowls</a></b></p> </div> <p>On Sunday 15 January 2023 St Katherine's School will welcome the England U21 short mat bowls team for a sporting experience day. There will be opportunities to try the sport as well as opportunities to practice with and play against International players. You can register your interest <a href="https://bit.ly/skpebowls">here</a> - this is open to SK students, their friends &amp; families as well as members of the local community.</p>
Ms Jefferson	Last call for books!	<p>Christmas Book Bonanza is next week - please continue to send preloved books for all ages to the English Office. Huge thanks to all those who have donated so far!</p>

Mrs Duncan	Year 10 & 12	<p>The weekly WOW (WEX Opportunity of the Week) is found <a href="#">here</a>. Dates for WEX are: <b>Yr12 19th-23rd June</b> and <b>Yr10 3rd-7th July</b>. Deadline for securing a placement and submitting all relevant forms is <b>20th February</b>. Please contact me on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a> if you have any Work Experience questions, thank you.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Please do not complete the forms until you have secured a placement with the employer.</p>
Ms Keir	All years	<a href="#">Weekly careers bulletin</a> 10/12/22
Mrs Crocker	All Years	<p><b>Support for mental health and wellbeing over the holidays.</b> We know that for many children Christmas is a magical time enjoyed with family and friends. However, for some and for a range of reasons, Christmas can be difficult, stressful and upsetting. Therefore, I wanted to let you know about support services that are available to children and their families.</p> <p>Off the Record - Bristol <a href="https://www.otrbristol.org.uk/">https://www.otrbristol.org.uk/</a> Off the Record - North Somerset <a href="https://otrnorthsomerset.org.uk/">https://otrnorthsomerset.org.uk/</a> Childline 0800 1111 <a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/">https://www.childline.org.uk/</a> Kooth <a href="https://www.kooth.com/">https://www.kooth.com/</a></p> <p>We wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back in January 2023</p>
Mrs Crocker	All Years	<p><b>Final reminder - Christmas boxes in support of the Pill Food Bank</b> Thank you to everyone that has already contributed to the Christmas boxes that we are sending to the Pill Food Bank this Christmas. The Pill Food Bank provides an incredible support service to our school and we are delighted to repay their generosity. Boxes will be delivered early next week and if you are able to make a contribution please do so. The details of the boxes can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Mr Francis Black	All Years	<p>If students are working online they may often be required to use a set of headphones. Many students are uncomfortable sharing this equipment and we would therefore request that all students are equipped each day with a small pair of ear bud type headphones. These can be purchased through the school reception at just £2 per pair.</p>
Maths and Science	All Years	<p>Please note scientific calculators are needed for maths and science, like the ones listed below: <a href="#">Aurora Calculator on Amazon</a> <a href="#">Tesco scientific calculator - £6</a> <a href="#">Asda scientific calculator - £5</a></p>
School	Whole School	<p>What Parents Need to Know about Snapchat, click <a href="#">here</a> for a useful guide in summary:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Age restriction 13+</li> <li>● Turn off quick add</li> <li>● Choose good connections</li> <li>● Chat about content</li> <li>● Keep accounts private</li> <li>● Be ready to block and report</li> </ul>

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

12 Dec	Harry Potter Photography trip
14 Dec	1400-1800 Adventure Training Club - Caving
15 Dec	Festive Lunch
14-16 Dec	Grease - school show
16 Dec	End of term 2 - coaches leave at 12:30