


Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 6 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

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

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	Please find letter from Mr Humphreys with regards to SKYFund. Any contribution would be gratefully received. We have been able to set up this on ParentPay if you would like to donate that way.
School	All bus users	You have probably seen the tragic news last week of a school bus crash on the M53 which resulted in the death of one student and left another with life changing injuries. With half of our students travelling by bus every day we are very aware that many of them, despite our clear instruction, choose not to wear a seat belt. Please take the time this weekend to discuss this with your child. All of Turner's vehicles are fitted throughout with seatbelts and it is a legal requirement that passengers wear them, with responsibility falling to the passenger and not the driver. In the unlikely event of an accident a seatbelt will almost certainly make a huge difference to the outcome.
School	Whole School	<p>Hello Yellow 10th October 2023</p> <p>At a time when it's needed most, our school community is coming together for #HelloYellow to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day. St Katherine's School is joining thousands of other schools, offices and community groups on Tuesday 10th October by taking part in #HelloYellow and raising vital funds to support the important work of Young Minds.</p> <p>It's simple: wear something yellow along with your regular school uniform, donate £1 or whatever you can afford and have fun!</p>
School	Whole School	<p>Harvest collection in support of Pill Food Hub</p> <p>The Pill Food Hub is an organisation that work for those in need living in our local community. They also provide support for all students at St. Katherine's School. To help them with their fantastic work, our harvest collection will provide much needed food items and funds.</p> <p>If you are able to donate any of the following items for our harvest collection or make a cash donation, it would make a difference to families in need including those who are students at our school. Students should bring donations to reception before Wednesday 18 October 2023</p> <p>Shower gel, handwash, shampoo, conditioner, baby toiletries, nappies, cleaning products, bin liners, kitchen roll, foil, baking paper, any tinned, dry or packaged food that is unopened and in good date, tinned or dried dog and cat food. Thank you for your support.</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Free School Meals</p> <p>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 here. If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.</p>
School	Whole school	<p>Free School Meals</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"> • 2 pieces of toast with jam • fresh fruit with a juice drink • porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink • cereal with milk • 1 crumpet with jam.
Finance	FSM Families	<p>Free School Meal Vouchers</p> <p>We have been notified by North Somerset Council that £60 of DWP Household Support Fund vouchers are to be issued via Wonde to all fsm students on the Council's list as at 7th November.</p>
Finance	Whole School	<p>Parentpay One-Click Payments (Bank Transfer)</p> <p>Parentpay is encouraging parents to use this payment method rather than card payment. As a school we do not like this as potentially a transaction can fail several days later causing lunch accounts to go overdrawn. The direct debits take 3 working days to set up before a payment should be attempted. The transaction can then take another 4 days to show on your bank statement. We would recommend continuing with card payment as these transactions are pre-authorised.</p>
Sirona	Whole school	<p>This autumn all children from Y7 to Year 11 are being offered a flu vaccine as part of the School Vaccination Programme. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray. Sirona Immunisation team will be on site on the 5 December to administer this vaccine. Please complete the consent form, indicating whether you wish your child to have the vaccine, ensure you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccination. If your child is not able to attend school on the day of the Immunisation session they can attend a catch-up clinic at a later date.</p>
Ms Maurier	Year 7, 8, 9	<p>Just a reminder that this is for next week and all recipes are on Classcharts as homework 7 days in advance of the lesson.</p> <p>Year 7 Tomato Ragu - 7L: 12/10 and 7R: 13/10 Year 8 Swiss Roll - 8L 10/10 and 8R : 10/10 Year 9 Falafel - 9L: 12/10 and 9R : 13/10</p> <p>The following week will be: Year 7 Rock cakes - 7L: 19/10 and 7R: 17/10 Year 7 Deli salad - 7L: 16/10 (new date) Year 8 Cheese and onion pasties - 8L 20/10 and 8R : 17/10 Year 9 Banana bread muffins - 9L: 20/10 and 9R : 19/10</p>
Mrs Shephard	Whole school	<p>An enormous thank you to everyone for making our Macmillan Coffee Morning such a great success. We raised £882.00.</p>
Miss Nattress	Whole school	<p>Please see the attached slides for this term's house competitions.</p> <p> House competitions 23/24</p>
Ms Wyld	Year 7	<p>Today we were delighted to introduce all year 7 students to BookBuzz - an exciting scheme which enables all students to choose a free book for them to keep. We will soon submit the orders and await the books with baited breath!</p>

Ms Wild	Year 7	On the Year 7 Settling Check there is a link to How to Support Your Child With Reading. You can also find this document through this link . If you have any concerns or questions, or would like further support, please don't hesitate to contact me on wildi@skdrive.org
Ms Wild	Year 8	We are delighted that we have launched our Reading Fluency Group with a select group of students this week. If you are concerned about your child's reading, please don't hesitate to contact me on wildi@skdrive.org
Sirona	Year 9-11	From 1 September 2023 HPV vaccine programme will change from two doses to one dose HPV vaccine. Therefore all the young people who have already received one dose of the vaccine will be considered fully vaccinated. If your child has still not received one dose of the HPV vaccine they will remain eligible to receive this in school, details will be shared in due course. If you have any questions, please contact the Immunisation Team at sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 03301245515.
Ms Wild	Year 9	We're delighted that students in year 9 are already reading ambitious reads and reviewing them on our Bucket List classroom. As soon as students finish each book, they should write a review to gain praise points and contribute to the house competition.
Mrs Duncan	Year 10 - Work Experience	Please remember, WEX takes place on 1st - 5th July and the deadline to find a placement is 19th February . Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education and engineering, fill their allocation by December. For more information, please read through this letter sent home a few weeks ago or go to the school website . Please have a look at this week's WOW! (WEX Opportunity of the Week). If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on skworkexperience@skdrive.org
Mrs Weatherson	Year 10 - GCSE photography	Students have now set up their google sites which means they can upload any photographs that they take outside of lesson to their own websites. Please remind and encourage students to do this at home - particularly if they are using their phones to take photographs as we are a mobile free site.
Ms Tallis	Year 10 - art GCSE students	Don't forget there are weekly catch up sessions on: Mon late lunch (room 10) Tuesdays after school (room 12) Thursday after school (room 10)
AR	Year 10	Thank you to those that have contacted me in relation to your child speaking another language and being assessed at GCSE. We are in the process of identifying colleagues within the trust that can support the speaking element of the exam in Portuguese and Cantonese. We will share additional information in due course.

AR	Year 11	Please see attached letter relating to Y11 after school detentions for lateness starting from October 13th
AR	Year 11	All upcoming open evenings, events and application deadlines for sixth forms and colleges in Bristol and the South West can be found here .
R Cameron	Year 11 GCSE art students	Don't forget there are weekly catch up sessions on: Wednesdays early lunch (room 12) Bring your lunch with you! Tuesdays after school (room 12) Thursday after school (room 10)
Mr Davies	Year 11	Our Sixth Form Open Evening will run in Term 2. A letter giving information about how to sign up for the even will be shared next week.
Miss Adams	Year 11 GCSE music students	GCSE ensemble performance exams take place on Friday 20th October. This exam is worth 15% of the final GCSE grade. You can support by asking them about their performance piece and listening to them perform to you. Any questions please contact me: adamsa@skdrive.org
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	Year 12 - Work Experience	Please remember that WEX for Yr 12 takes place on 17th - 21st June and the deadline to find a placement is 19th February 2024 . Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education and engineering, fill their allocated slots by December. For more WEX information, please read through this letter sent home a few weeks ago or go to the school website . Please have a look at this week's WOW! (WEX Opportunity of the Week). If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on skworkexperience@skdrive.org .
Mrs Weatherson	Year 12 & 13	Please note that there is another Rugby fixture this week for the students taking part in the new CST sixth form rugby training on Tuesdays as part of their enrichment. Backwell School Tuesday 10th October - 2.30pm KO - for those that wish to support.

LETTERS - click [here](#) to see all letters

SPORT - click [here](#) to see all updates via our Twitter page

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

10 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
10 Oct	Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day

12 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
17 Oct	Y11 futures day
18 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
18 Oct	1700-1800 Y11 Information Evening (Lecture Theatre)
19 Oct	0900-1100 Open Morning
20 Oct	End of Term 1