

Luckwell Primary School

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Dear Parents

I can't believe it's the final newsletter of the 2016/2017 school year, it only feels like five minutes ago it was September. Some great learning has taken place this year and some fantastic experiences. From children being evacuated to the recreation of the Great Fire of London and many other exciting events. Today we have said Goodbye and Good luck to our wonderful Year 6 children. We have also said goodbye to Gareth Rae and Greg Campbell. We are really going to miss them both and wish them well in their next adventure. Finally, I would like to thank you for all your support this year and wish you an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

NEWS FROM LUCKWELL GOVERNORS

There have been some recent changes to personnel on the governing body at Luckwell. In a long-planned succession Richard Adams has stepped down as Chair of Governors. We are incredibly grateful for the work that Richard has done and the contributions he has made to the school whilst he has been on the governing body over the past seven years, four of which were as Chair. The governors have elected Jane Ellershaw and Adam Morris as Co-Chairs.

We have also said goodbye to Greg Campbell as Staff Governor; and Sarah Minter as Parent Governor. Again, we are grateful for the contributions that they have made to the governing body and the school and thank them for their hard work and commitment.

Update on the proposed Multi-Academy Trust

The proposal to create the new Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) has been approved by the Headteacher Board of the Regional Schools Commissioner. (This is the group that scrutinises all academy conversion applications from schools, or groups of schools.) The next stage of the process is a formal consultation with families, staff, the local community and all other interested parties. This is due to take place in the autumn.

Plans for the new MAT are being led by a steering group, which comprises the Headteachers and a governor from each of the five schools involved: Ashton Park, Ashton Vale, Compass Point, Luckwell and Redland Green. Luckwell is represented by Mr Jones and Matthew Bartlett, who has taken on a new role as Trust governor.

We were pleased to see Luckwell so well represented in the responses to the informal consultation and look forward to working with the whole school community on the formal consultation in the autumn.

RACE FOR LIFE

Our Race for Life raised **£1,003.56**. You are awesome!

PTA SUMMER FAIR

Thank you for everyone who took part – organising, running a stall or simply turning up and enjoying the afternoon! The PTA took **£3,000** and will let you know how much of that is profit in the new academic year.

JUMBLE SALE

The Lounge on North Street is holding a **jumble sale** this **Saturday (22 July) from 10 am until 5pm**, with all proceeds going the PTA. Bring along your jumble and pick up a bargain.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We will return to **Week 1** on our current menu. There will be a new menu issued in October.

SCHOOL DINNER/TRIP MONEY

It is still not too late to check your ParentPay accounts for any outstanding balances on all payment items (school dinners, trips, music lessons etc) so that you can start the new academic year with a clean slate.

MAKE & CREATE

Booking is now open for next term's **Make & Create Art Club** - 7 weeks of mind-blowing creativity, running from Thursday 7 until Thursday 19 October (3.20 – 4.20 pm) for £24.50 (siblings £17.50) including juice & biscuits! Pick up a form from outside the school office and return it by **Wednesday 6 September** to guarantee a place.

FIRST WEEK BACK

Mon 4/9	Inservice Day1
Tues 5/9	Inservice Day 2
Wed 6/9	First Day of Term 1
Thurs 7/9	Make & Create Art Club (1/7)
Sat 9/7	Doors Open Day www.bristodoorsopenday.org.uk

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2017-2018 TERM DATES

- Term 1 4 September 2017 – 20 October 2017
- Term 2 30 October 2017 – 15 December 2017
- Term 3 2 January 2018 – 9 February 2018
- Term 4 19 February 2018 – 23 March 2018
- Term 5 9 April 2018 – 25 May 2018
- Term 6 4 June 2018 – 24 July 2018

2017-2018 INSERVICE DAYS

We have set the following days aside for staff development in 2017/2018. Please note that days 4 and 5 are the last two days of the school year.

- 1 Monday 4 September 2017
- 2 Tuesday 5 September 2017
- 3 Friday 23 March 2018
- 4 Monday 23 July 2018
- 5 Tuesday 24 July 2018

LIFESKILLS POSTER COMPETITION

Design a poster to help Lifeskills spread some important safety messages and you could win amazing prizes. Bring your poster to Lifeskills' big Doors Open Day event on 9 September (see below) to receive an extra free gift.

Ffi: www.lifeskills-bristol.org.uk

INTERESTING THINGS TO DO

Y6 parents will have heard all about the **Lifeskills Centre** from their children's visit at the beginning of the academic year. If you, and parents from other years, would like to see it for yourself, you are invited to pop in as part of **Doors Open Day** on **Saturday 9 September**. The Centre, located on the 4th floor of the Create Centre, will be open from **10 am until 4 pm** (last entry at 3.30 pm), offering a wide variety of activities including treasure hunts, crafts, information stalls and competitions. Ffi www.lifeskills-bristol.org.uk