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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you had a most enjoyable Christmas break and very best wishes to you for 2019.

The first week back has seen lots of children engaged in their learning. Children have been creating wands while being dressed as witches and wizards; life-like models of volcanoes have been on show and I believe porridge may be the new favourite breakfast food in year one! With such stimulus, I am confident the work produced by the children will be excellent and I look forward to popping into lessons and looking at books this week.

This Thursday, after school (3:45pm), I will be available in the school hall for an informal chat; no standing on a podium doing a speech! I hope this will be an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and feelings on anything you think we are doing well at St. Ursula's as well as giving me an insight into any areas you feel we need to improve on or just simply to have a chat! There will be tea/coffee and biscuits available. If you are attending it would be appreciated if you could inform the school office by 3pm on Wednesday. They can be informed directly or by emailing ReceptionURS@E-ACT.org.uk I hope to see many of you then.

E-ACT value parents/carers opinions and aim to learn from them so they can adapt and improve. To gather parents/carers opinion a link to their trust-wide parental survey is

now live. See below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=GO7B01t5ske0wJc0nDNaDrgKbQanA3dGiPGdipv5kKJUNU5XT0VFUldHS1NVSTdGOVM0ME1SUVVQNy4u>

This link is open until Friday 15th February.

If there are any issues concerning the accessing of this survey please let the office know.

On the topic of communication, I have been advised by Mr. Stephen Luke, Regional Education Director, that a full communication regarding Mr. Moody will be sent out hopefully by the end of this week, at the latest beginning of next week.

Kind regards,

Nicky Reynolds,
Deputy Headteacher

Class News

Reception

We have been so impressed with how the children have settled back into school life. They were full of exciting stories of adventures during the holidays and we used this as a writing prompt. We have introduced the children to our new story 'The Gingerbread Man' and we have done lots of Maths linked to this - we have been focusing on matching numeral to quantity. The children have enjoyed finding ice this week in the Early Years garden and experimenting trying to make their own. More to come on this next week...

Year One

The first week back in Year One has been very exciting. On Monday we went into the woods and found an old lady who gave us a magic pot. We took it inside and it made porridge. We got to taste the porridge and thought it was delicious! Since then we've been practising retelling the 'Magic Porridge Pot' story and learning to use question marks and exclamation marks in our writing. In Maths we've been learning to sort and count objects. We loved sorting

sweets! We've also started our topic 'Time Travellers'.

Year Two

We celebrated our new topic with a WOW day. The children all dressed in something related to China and we learned lots about the country. The children also shared the homework pieces they had made over the holiday which were fantastic, thank you for supporting them with this. We started learning our new story 'The Magic Paint Brush' and started our maths topic on multiplication and division.

Year Three

To kick start the new topic, Year 3 immersed themselves on the first day back in learning all about volcanoes! During the Wow Day, pupils worked in small groups building model volcanoes whilst understanding the science behind volcanoes. It was lovely to see such great team work and focus whilst pupils designed and built their volcanic mountains. Did you know the word volcano was derived from the Roman God of Fire, Vulcan? After break we experimented on how volcanoes erupt, and used bicarbonate of soda, food colouring and vinegar to create volcanic eruptions! What a great start to term 3!

Year 4

We have had a superb start to 2019 with some incredible writing in our new unit, based on the Willow Pattern story. We investigated a crime scene to look for clues and explored the Willow Pattern plates for the setting. In maths, we have moved onto our next topic - multiplication and division - and are already making good progress and sharing different strategies. Our new topic is the Shang Dynasty and we are excited to explore ancient China in the coming weeks.

Year Five

This week in maths year 5 have started multiplication and division by looking at multiples, factors and prime numbers. To fit in with our viking topic we have looked at the story of Beowulf and Grendel with a focus on parenthesis and expanded noun phrases.

Year Six

This week, year 6 have been introduced to our writing topic Harry Potter. On Tuesday we had our Wow Day, where we made magical wands and our postal owls. We have been writing a setting description about the great hall which we published in neat on Friday. In maths we have been focussing on percentages and have practiced this in many contexts. We are looking forward to creating potions instructions next week!

Messages

Greetings from our French partner school!

Pupils in 4RB and 3ACW/JQ were very excited to receive festive greeting cards this week from our partner school, Ecole Jules Michelet in Clermont-Ferrand. We hope that the lovely cards from St Ursula's made it safely to France and we look forward to exchanging more news with the French children soon!

School Uniform

Any parents/carers who have items of clothing loaned from the school could they please return these to the school office as soon as possible.

Science Club

Dear Parents/Carers,

Science club is running from 16th January on Wednesdays (3.20 – 4.30 pm). There are few places left so if your child would like to enrol to Term 3 then please contact me directly by email (yana.s.kovacheva@gmail.com) for a registration form.

Term 3 has 5 sessions and the cost will be £25/term.

Many thanks,
Yana Kovacheva

Concerns or Issues

Should anyone have an issue or concern about anything at all please let the office know. The email address is: ReceptionURS@E-ACT.org.uk The office will forward emails received to the appropriate member of staff.

Children Who Arrive Late

Children who arrive late to school (currently 9:01am onwards) must be accompanied by an adult to the office where they will be signed in.

Medication

Medication (including calpol) shouldn't be kept in your child's school bag, it must be handed into the office. All medicine must be in the original packaging with the patient leaflet.

History Club

'The history club will be starting back on 14th January. Please contact Mr Swan if you would like to book your child to history club. All bookings and money will have to go directly to him!

Reporting Student Absences

When reporting a student absence please can you either come into the school office and tell a member of the office staff or report via the student absence line 0117 962 26 16. Please do not email.

Drop off/Pick up

When dropping off and picking up can parents please not park on double yellow lines, please park safely and with consideration.

Key Dates

<u>Monday 14th January</u>	<u>Year 1 Phonics and Reading session Parents 2:45pm – now cancelled</u>
<u>Monday 14th January</u>	<u>AAG 1:30pm</u>
<u>Thursday 17th January</u>	<u>3:45pm – Meet/chat with Mrs. Reynolds</u>
<u>Monday 21st January</u>	<u>Sally Parents Session Dementia and Friends 2pm</u>
<u>Wednesday 23rd January</u>	<u>Year 1 Phonics and Reading session parents 9:15am</u>
<u>Friday 25th January</u>	<u>Sally Parents Session Dementia and Friends 9am</u>
<u>Friday 8th February</u>	<u>Lifesavers Parents meeting 9-9:30am</u>
<u>Friday 15th February</u>	<u>Last day of Term</u>

The Travelling History Company



Heritage for Enquiring Minds

The Travelling History Company is based in Stoke Bishop and provides amazing after school hands-on history designed to be fun, experiential, immersive, inspirational and to surreptitiously educate children. We are delighted to be continuing our History Club at St. Ursula's on a Monday afternoon from term 3.

We take an archaeological approach to our history, exploring the past through artefacts and primary source materials - real objects and people who were there are at the time. From Lower Palaeolithic hand axes to Georgian coins, all our resources have a story to tell. One week we may be conducting some experimental archaeology, another exploring the life of a Bronze Age arrowhead. From Westbury on Trym to ancient China, our themes are broad and often determined by the students themselves



The cost is £5.00 per session, for further information or to book a place, please contact us on:

js@thetravellinghistorycompany.com or 07871128430

www.thetravellinghistorycompany.com





Did you know 1 in 3 Primary aged children will know someone living with Dementia?

That's why St Ursula's are working with Sally Townsend, a Community Education Development Co-ordinator from the Alzheimer's Society, to educate children about Dementia and the simple things they can do to support those living with Dementia.

Last year we were lucky enough to have Sally deliver assemblies and workshops to children in Early Years, Key Stage One and Year Six. In term 3 we are delighted to be able to offer the same opportunities for children in years four to six. Alongside this opportunity for children **we would like to invite Parents to come along to a Dementia Friends Workshop** run by Sally. These workshops will be held at St Ursula's on **Monday 21st January at 2.00pm** and **Friday 25th January at 9.00am** and will last for around 1 hour.

The aim of the workshops is to raise awareness and develop and understanding of Dementia along with finding out what your children have been learning. The spaces in the workshops will be limited but if the demand is high we can arrange additional dates. Please contact Sally directly on **Sally.Townsend@alzheimers.org.uk** to book your space.



Community choir aim for download chart success with song celebrating the NHS

A song celebrating the NHS in its 70th year has been released in the charts by a Bristol choir to raise money for their local hospital this Christmas.

'We Are The Same Inside' by 'Melody Makers Choir and Horfield Primary School Choir for the NHS' is available to download on all digital download sites as a pre-order from November 19 and fully available to download from November 30.

Money raised from downloads will be donated to Southmead Hospital Charity to support patients and fund medical research and new equipment at North Bristol NHS Trust.

The 80 strong-choir is made up of people from communities surrounding Southmead Hospital, including many former patients, NHS staff as well as children from Horfield C of E Primary School.

Lead vocalists are Sarah Villaraus, Rebekah Brown and 11-year-old Nathan Hughes, now a pupil at Colston's School.

Composed and written by Melody Makers Choir leader, Natalie Veal with lyric support from choir member Natalie Sital-Singh, 'We Are The Same Inside' captures the ethos of an inclusive and dedicated health service.

Natalie Veal, a choir leader from Henleaze, said she wanted to bring together her love of music with her gratitude for the NHS.

She said: "Every member of the choir - the musicians, the children of Horfield Primary School and myself - have put a lot of love into this song; it's our way of thanking the hospital staff and giving back to our community.

"In writing the song we really thought about what the NHS means to us and the work that NHS staff do.

“We are all hugely excited about the fundraising this will bring to the charity and I’m so proud of the choir’s achievement and their infectious enthusiasm throughout this project.

“We’ve loved singing with the children, who’ve added a sprinkle of magic to our song.”

Melody Makers have been regular and popular performers at Southmead Hospital Charity’s Great Brunel Buskathon events in the summer and at Christmas.

This Christmas the charity is asking everyone to download the song for just 99p on iTunes or across other download sites to support the hospital, its patients and help fund projects that improve the NHS for future generations.

Adrian Brown, corporate and community manager for Southmead Hospital Charity, said: “When Natalie approached us with the idea of releasing a song to raise money we were delighted – it is a unique, creative and inspired way to fundraise and we are so grateful for the time and efforts that everyone involved has dedicated to it.

“The message in the song is a powerful one that really conveys the strength of feeling that people have for the NHS and for its staff.

“We hope everyone in Bristol, and beyond, will download the song this Christmas to celebrate our NHS – it’s a small thing but it can make a big difference to healthcare now and in the future.”

Find out more about the song and watch the video

at www.southmeadhospitalcharity.org.uk/song

Download on iTunes or listen on Spotify.

We Are The Same Inside was recorded at St George’s Bristol, BIMM (British and Irish Modern Music Institute) and Invada studios in Bristol. It was produced by Guy Britton, with Natalie Veal on piano, Toby Partridge on drums, guitars by Alex Rudhall and bass guitar by Ed Holland.

Notes to editor: For more information, files or interviews contact Aleisha Foreman, Communications Manager, Southmead Hospital Charity, on 0117 4143948 or email aleisha.foreman@southmeadhospitalcharity.org.uk

Arts and crafts



Wind down and relax



Outdoor activities



**Josie's
club**

**Come and join us for
some after school fun
with friends!**

Two sessions per afternoon

1st session 3.30-4.30pm

Two engaging, fun activities
to get stuck into.

2nd session 4.30-6.00pm

Wind down and chill out session
with healthy snacks provided.

Booking information

Book via: e-act.bookinglive.com

Any queries please email:

josie's.club@e-act.org.uk

Dance



Fun with food



Sport

