



# NEWS LETTER



## 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### New Build Update.

The construction of the hall will start in November and the main building will start arriving in late December .

Elliotts have now revised the schedule and intend to hand over the new building in August 2018, earlier than originally planned!



### Bike -O-Ween!

It's the time of year again to spook up your scooters, skate boards and bikes. Bring your spooked wheels to school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and they will be judged. **Prizes!**



**Prizes for the most terrifying!!**

### Basket Ball Stars.

Girls and boys from Bristol Met Basketball programme, who have achieved success in the National league, visited Minerva to tell the children about the secrets of success. They were very impressed!



**Thanks to all the parents who attended this week's Growth Mindset info session. We will be running another one after the holidays, so look out for the date on future newsletters.**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Reception class photos for the Evening Post.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Life Skills visit – Y6  
**Principals Coffee Morning** – New time of 9am – all welcome.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Bike-O-Ween – children decorate their bikes, skater boards and scooters.  
**Friends of Minerva** 2:30pm – all welcome.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** – **Inset day – no school**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct** – **Inset day – no school**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Term 2 begins - school open to all children.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** - Firework hat competition -plenty of time to design & make your hat in the holidays.

**Flu vaccines** for Rec – Y4 for those who have given permission.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** - School photographs.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**- Children in Need. Lots of time to get your spots ready.

**School Council** - The school council has been chosen for this year. The 2 representatives for each class are;

Westbury –	Alishay and Hassan
Henbury –	Sara and Estevao
Hotwells –	Laila and Yaqoub
Clifton –	Reef and Izabela
Bishopston –	Davine and A'Sharia
Redland –	Isaac and Lacey
Bedminster –	Abubakar and Megan
Lawrence Hill –	Ranu and Keshav
Easton –	Louie and Sara
Kingswood –	Cara and Gibriel

### **Harvest Festival.**

Please bring donations of non-perishable food – ie packet rice, pasta, cans of soup, beans etc to school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be donated to a local charity for young homeless people, South Gloucestershire Youth Housing. Thank you.



### Y7 Secondary School Places

If your child is in Y6 you need to apply for a secondary school place by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

If you need help we are happy help at the office next week.

### Reception Class Places.

If your child is in Nursery you need to apply for a Reception class place by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Bristol City Council recommend you apply on- line and as soon you have chosen your school.

It's Back!

## Principals Coffee Morning.

Join Mr Hallam for coffee or tea and biscuits and a chance to speak informally about what matters to you at Minerva.

Please come along at **9 am** on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

Drop the children off and pop in.

You will be very welcome.

**NEW START TIME 9am**

**Community Learning - Winter Crafts** – For people with few or no qualifications. Make some lovely winter crafts and find out how community learning can help you.

The course will run fro 9:15 – 11:15am on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. Please ask Jess for more info.

### Reception Open Days for children starting school Sept 2018.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 9:30am**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2pm**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm.**

*Please tell your friends and neighbours if they have young children due to start school in September 2018.*



Friends of Minerva

### FIREWORK HAT COMPETITION.

Design and make your firework hat over the holiday and bring it to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Prizes for the best, including tickets for the Downend Round Table firework display.



## HAPPY HOLIDAY –

Last day of school is **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

**RE-OPENS TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT.**



## ATTENDANCE

The best attendance in KS1 is **EASTON** with **98.7%**

The best attendance in KS2 is **CLIFTON** with **98.3%**

We are aware that there are a lot of bugs around at the moment; please remember to let the **office** know if your child is not going to be in school on the first morning of the absence. You can call and leave a message on the absence line – 0117 3772990 or email us at [info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk)

If you do visit the GP please get medical evidence if possible. We assume that if your child is ill for more than 3 days you would have sought medical advice.

Every day  
**COUNTS!**

School success starts  
with attendance



**Friends of Minerva** Do you ever feel you want to be part of the school community and have your say in exciting fundraising projects? At the moment, the Friends of Minerva are discussing interesting ways to raise funds for the play grounds and outdoor learning spaces for the new school building. Come along and get involved every Wednesday at 2.30pm. All welcome.

*Did you know we sponsor an owl called Thor? Last year he came into school, with lots of his friends, to visit the children.*

