



# NEWS LETTER



## 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### All Different, All Equal

As part of the national Anti bullying week the children enjoyed sharing what makes them unique and special. They were also reminded to talk to **Trusted adults** if they are worried about anything in or out of school. This included any worries they had about being bullied. Children learnt how to spot and stop bullying by remembering this important message

**"Several Times On Purpose, STOP"**

The children also met our new **FAB Buddies - Friends Against Bullying Buddies**. Every class has a **FAB buddy** that children can now share any worries they may have about being bullied. It has been lovely to watch the Buddies being so caring and taking on this new role so responsibly.

We also have many other different ways that children can share any worries, including our post box to write down their concern, their class teacher, the pastoral care team or our play leaders in the playground.



**Trusted adults sign.**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

**Tuesday 28th Nov – Principals Coffee Morning –**  
New time 9am – all welcome.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friends of Minerva 2:30pm –**  
all welcome.

**Tuesday 5th Dec – 8:45 -9.15,** come in and see your children learning in class, followed by mince pies courtesy of Elliotts builders.

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December –** Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day.

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December –** end of term parties.  
Winter fayre 3:30 – 5pm.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> –** Last day of term.

### Children Learning in Class.

This is your opportunity to come in on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 8:45 – 9:15 and see how your child's day begins and what they are learning in class.

Please stay for a mince pie afterwards, courtesy of Elliotts the builders.



**Parking** For health and safety reasons, please do not park in the staff car park - we have noticed an increase in pick up and drop off times - thank you.

**Winter Crafts.** Congratulations to all parents who attended the winter crafts course. Here are some of the beautiful cards they made.



### Play Out 2018.

This is a great time of the year to meet with neighbours and make plans for **Playing Out** in the Spring. If you have any questions Jo is attending our Winter Fair and will be happy to help.



The last 3 Reception Open Days for children starting School in Sept 2018 are;

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 9:30am**

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am**

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm**

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



**Children in Need.**  
A huge thank you for your generous donations. You raised **£152.80**.  
The children made a great effort, and we had an enormous outbreak of spots!  
**A very spotty Libby!**



**Minerva Choir Children in Need concert.**

Sixteen of our Y5 & Y6 children sang 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' as part of Bristol Primary Schools choir. Clips of the concert were shown on BBC's Points West for the Children in Need programme. All the children performed and behaved brilliantly and it looks like they had a really fun time too.



**Minerva Football.**

Our brilliant football team played against Frome Vale last week. The score was a 0-0 draw in a hard-fought game. Well done to Mason who was voted Player of the Match, and to Amandeep, Miad, Tahini, Nqco, Hassan, Tiago and Ashley, our great team!

**SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY AT MINERVA.**

*Free drop in session with Esther Willetts  
Speech & Language Therapist.*

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's speech and language development please come along to our informal drop in session on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 12:15.**

Esther will also give tips and ideas of how to support speech and language development.



**ATTENDANCE**

The best attendance in KS1 is **EASTON** with **93.8%**

The best attendance in KS2 is **BISHOPSTON** with **98.4%**



School success starts with attendance

**Vicky Franklin, our Education Welfare officer, is in school for the next attendance meetings on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please attend the meeting if you have had an appointment letter.**

**Vicky will inform you of school attendance expectations, offer advice and support and answer any questions you may have. If you have not had an invitation and would like to speak to Vicky, please contact the school office.**



**FRIENDS OF MINERVA**

**Check out our all new page on Facebook: FriendsOfMinervaPA**

Every new person that follows us between now and 8th December will get a free Winter Fair raffle ticket!

***We meet every Wednesday at 2:30, please come along.***