



NEWS LETTER



24th April 2018



New Build Update.

The hand over is still on track for August so the children will still be coming back to a brand new school in September. The school will be closed on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July before the holidays and on 3rd, 4th and 5th of September for us to relocate.

NEW UNIFORM for SEPTEMBER.

We will be having a smart new uniform for our smart new building! The children have chosen the design for the bags and the new colour and owl design look brilliant. The uniform will be sold in the same shop - Initially Yours, 211 Soundwell Road, BS15 1PT - and the prices will also remain the same.

The shop is now back to full opening hours.

Polo shirt	£8.50
Sweatshirt	£9.95
Bag	£6.95
Cardigan	£11.45
P.E top	£5

A Minerva backpack is also available at £12.15.

All children will be given a voucher for a **FREE** sweatshirt!



A sharper owl image and cool new colour means a great new look for Minerva.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Wednesday 2nd May –

Friends of Minerva meeting 2.30pm, all welcome.

Tuesday 8th May – Principal's Coffee Morning, 9am, all welcome. An opportunity to speak with Mr Hallam about what matters to you at Minerva.

**Monday 14th May – Friday 18th May –
Y6 SATS.**

Free breakfast from 8:10am for Year 6 children.

E-SAFETY TIPS.

Social media is a great way to share our daily lives with others. However, we need to respect other people's right to privacy, so we are asking parents and carers:

1. Not to share photographs online of children other than their own.
2. Not to specify the location and name of the school when uploading personal picture to the internet as this can result in accidental posting on social media.

Thank you.



Please can we ask that smokers wait until they are away from the school site before smoking. We hope you will support us in this as we do not want children to see smoking taking place. Thank you.

Minerva Values – The value for Term 5 is
CARING

This term we will be focusing on how we care for each other and the environment.



Follow us on Twitter.
@MinervaCLF

BMX CLUB

The BMX club was very popular. The children learnt how to ride a BMX, do tricks and gained lots of new bike skills.

Sydnee Destiny Kayla Shenai



4 riding linked together, we are very impressed!
Everybody had fun and earned a certificate.

Books we are reading this term.

Hillfields & Fishponds - *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle.

Kingswood & Easton - *Oliver's Vegetables* by Vivian French and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

Bedminster & Lawrence Hill - *Wolves* by Emily Gravett and *How to Hide a Lion* by Helen Stephens.

Redland, Bishopston & Clifton - will be continuing *Rainbow Bear* by Michael Morpurgo

Hotwells & St George - *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo.

Westbury-On-Trym & Henbury - *The Viewer* by Gary Crew

Y2 Wild Place Visit.

Y2 had a lovely trip to Wild Place to learn more about wolves. They had a fab day and now know that wolves are not as bad as they appear in the stories. They also saw giraffes, cheetahs and even a tiny baby lemur.



David
Enjoying himself with antlers on his head!



A beaming smile from **Vena**.
Looks like the big bird is on her shoulder!

ATTENDANCE

KS1 The **TOP CLASS ATTENDANCE** for w/e 16/03/18 is **Lawrence Hill with 98.8%**

KS2 The **TOP CLASS ATTENDANCE** for w/e 16/03/18 is **Redland with 100%**

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Our attendance at the end of last term was **94.7%** this is well below national. Although it is now improving some children are still missing a lot of education due to absence. There is research that links poor attendance with poor learning outcomes. We want to provide your child with daily learning opportunities that support them to achieve in school and beyond. One parent this week told Mrs Harvey;

"Now my child is attending every day, I have quickly seen how much happier she is and her progress is amazing."

We are currently planning our **free end of year attendance reward trip** for those pupils who have attendance above 97% but we have also decided to introduce new incentives. From Monday each class has an attendance chart for children to tick each morning. If they have been in everyday they will get extra play on a Friday or a small prize.

We want to work with families to improve attendance so every child can achieve their best. **Every day really counts!**

Friends of Minerva.

Thank you to everyone who made the cake sale a great success. We raised £101.50. The sun was shining and there were some fantastic bakes for sale. It was great to see some new faces helping out. Please come and join us. We meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30pm. All welcome!

Check out our Facebook page.