



A weekly newsletter for Parents, Carers, Students, Governors and Staff

23 April 2021

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

Welcome back to term 5. It is a pleasure to see everyone back at school and I must commend the student body on their sensible adoption of all our COVID protocols, they are a credit to us all.

We have emailed a letter home this week, launching our Wellbeing Hub, Teen Tips, and I am delighted we can work in partnership with Downside School to make a valuable contribution to our community.

Please be reminded that Monday 26 April is the final call for entries for the St Greg's Spring Watch competition. The best 12 photos will be used to make a St Gregory's Springwatch calendar.

Following on from my assembly this week on Saint George I am delighted to announce that Thomas P in 8Y, Alex M in 8S and Julia F in 7S have won the competition for identifying by flags the country and regions that Saint George is Patron Saint of.

I would like to thank all parents and carers who have continued to support twice weekly lateral flow testing and I would like to share with you a change of procedure: **What to do if a positive test result is entered for a LFD by mistake – a change of procedure.** Since last term the guidance has changed if someone enters their LFD test result online as positive by mistake. From now on if a lateral flow test result is negative but the result is entered as positive by mistake, NHS Test and Trace advise that the person takes a second lateral flow test straight away and enters the results for the second test on the NHS T&T system. As a result of having entered the first test as positive, the person will receive notification from NHS Test and Trace to isolate and have a follow-on PCR test. This advice will be over-ridden by the second negative test **if taken on the same day.** You do not need to phone 119 as they will not be able to over-ride the first test result. We will continue to distribute lateral flow tests however B&NES have asked us to advertise their 'Rapid Test Kits for All' program, see page 5 for details.

I have also included in this newsletter a letter from BSW regarding a COVID 19 Vaccine Reserve List which may be of interest.

Finally I would like to wish you all a very happy Saint George's day.

Ms Cusack, Headmistress

Dates for Your Diary

Fri 30 Apr	Inset Day—School closed
Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Thu 13 May	Y8 Virtual Parents' Evening
Fri 28 May	End of Term

Next week: Week A

School Uniform



The school uniform shop, Scholars, is now open again, at 4 Terrace Walk, Bath BA1 1LN.

PE kit items are now in stock.

Uniform items may also be ordered online via the following link - http://scholars-uk.com/index.php?cPath=182_214

Easter Garden



Our Easter garden in reception made up of the lovely plant pots and felt flowers made by many of our students during Chaplaincy sessions at break and lunch.

FROM 'SO CALLED BIG 6' to G7 SUMMIT

For the sports fans amongst us, you will have struggled to get away from talk of the European Super League in the past week. The venture, nothing but a money grabbing power trip with the intention of making the rich richer and pretending the poor matter, has thankfully been binned after a reality check. With regards to the English clubs who signed up to be a part of this breakaway 'elite' competition, the clubs were constantly referred to as the 'So called big 6', veiled and beautifully passive aggressive in description. The irony was that many of these big 6 clubs had struggled to dominate and qualify in the top positions in recent years.



Moving away from sport, many of you will have heard of the G7, comprising seven of the big global super rich countries of the world (UK, USA, Canada, Japan, France, Germany and Italy). They come together annually to look at how to address some of the worlds biggest challenges and use their collective might to influence everything from climate to economy, security and healthcare. Hot on the agenda should be how the world recovers from a global pandemic, and will be a chance for repairing of relationships with the US after the damage of Donald Trump. When their annual Summits are held here in the UK it is an opportunity for the people of our country to lobby leaders and encourage them to use their seat at the table for good.

The last time the G7 Summit was held in the UK was 2013 and this year is the first time since 2019 that the leaders have gathered in person. It is being held at Carbis Bay, Cornwall, from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 June. Boris Johnson says that the summit can "build back better from the Coronavirus pandemic and create a greener, more prosperous future".

If you feel passionate about any of the issues that will be discussed at the summit, about politics or making your voice heard, then charities are giving you ways of getting your message across. CAFOD is 'urging G7 leaders to support the poorest nations by cancelling all debt payments owed by low-income countries so that those countries have the money they need to recover and rebuild from the pandemic.'. They have petitions available on their website cafod.org.uk.

Action Aid (actionaid.org.uk) are pushing for the UK to take a lead on trade and women's rights in the wake of Brexit and new trade relations. Save the children are encouraging a plan called *crack the crises* for future response to global pandemics, climate and ensuring that families and their children can be safe (savethechildren.org.uk).



16 years ago I jumped on an overnight Megabus from Preston to Edinburgh with just a rucksack to take part in the '**Make Poverty History**' campaign to ensure the G8 Summit in Scotland heard our voices. I took part in rallies, serenaded Bob Geldof (a whole story in itself!) and somehow blagged my way into the huge concert at Murrayfield. It's one of the most vivid recollections I have from my teenage years. I believe it's because it meant so much; it had a real purpose for others. Fans made their voices heard and stopped the creation of the selfish European Super League, in 2005 the UK made it's voice heard and got eight huge promises from the G8 which have made massive strides. If you care, make your voice heard this year.

Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain

PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Diocesan Prayer Link for Schools

CLIFTON DIOCESE

During this uncertain time prayer is more important than ever. All of the schools of the Diocese need our prayers and so each week we shall pray for different, specific schools and all who work and learn in them.

This week we pray for:

All Hallow's, Shepton Mallet St Louis, Frome St Edmund's, Caine St Joseph's, Devizes

Holy Spirit,
be with the students of these schools we pray for this week.
Bless them, their teachers and all who work at the school.
Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and
understanding to their search for knowledge and
strength to continue to learn despite the difficulties.

Thank you, Lord for the gifts that they all bring to
their community.
May everyone connected with the school remain safe and well.
Amen

Dr Frost Maths

Well done to those of you logging on to Dr Frost, completing challenges and Trophies and improving your maths. This month's top ten are:

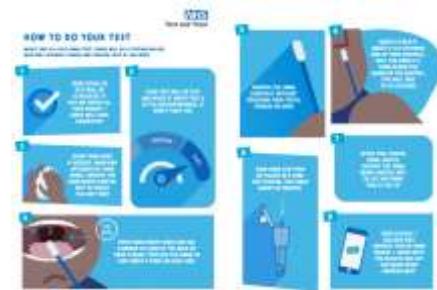


Whole School Leaderboard

Name	Points
Bryn M (Year 11)	5366
Florence B (Year 8)	3470
Isabel M (Year 11)	2135
Owen P (Year 11)	1566
Bruno S (Year 7)	1414
Bella H (Year 11)	1341
Austin S (Year 8)	1322
Marysia T (Year 11)	1124
Daniel W (Year 8)	921
Krzysztof O (Year 7)	903

COVID Testing

Please remember the importance of continuing to COVID test twice a week to help protect our school community as much as possible. New test kits will be issued to students shortly.



SEND
Partnership
Service

Signposting

Special Needs

Support

Local Services

Inclusion

Disabilities

Childcare

Impartial Information

Take a well-earned coffee break with SEND Partnership Service Parent Champions for information about what support is available from SEND Partnership Service and other local services that may be relevant to you.

Meet us on Zoom

(no account required, just contact us to request a place, copy the link we'll send you into a web browser to join, please join at the beginning to get the most out of the session)

Tuesday 27th April 2021, 1.30-2.30pm

Monday 10th May 2021, 10-11am

Monday 24th May 2021, 10-11am

Tuesday 15th June 2021, 1.30-2.30pm

Monday 28th June 2021, 10-11am

Monday 12th July 2021, 10-11 am

Contact SEND Partnership Service:

Email: send_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk

Phone: 01225 394382

NHS

Bath and North East Somerset,
Swindon and Wiltshire
Clinical Commissioning Group

The Great St Gregory's Springwatch!

Thank you to all those students who have entered our photo for the calendar competition, the final deadline for entries is **Monday 26 April**.

- Take a photo showing spring wildlife or a beautiful spring view
- Send them to tidballj@st-gregorys.org.uk
- If you have already submitted a photo in Google Classroom there is no need to re-send
- The best 12 will be used to make a St Gregory's Springwatch calendar
- There will also be three prizes up for grabs – a £25 voucher for the winner and two runner up prizes of £10 vouchers.



Doodle Star Champions of the week:

Year 7: Lyvia G

Year 8: Kieran H Henry D

Kiera R Seb W

Year 9: Abi B Cally B-G

Ana S Seb C

Congratulations to these students for completing so many doodle stars this week. Well done!

Summer Extra-curricular Clubs 2021	Terms 5 & 6	3.15 - 4.15pm
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week A 26.04.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket
Week B 03.05.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Rounders	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Athletics
	No club - May Day	Year 7 & 8 Cricket	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Tennis
Week A 10.05.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket
Week B 17.05.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Rounders	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Athletics
		Year 7 & 8 Cricket	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Tennis
Week A 24.05.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket
HALF TERM				
Week A 07.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket
Week B 14.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Rounders	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Athletics
		Year 7 & 8 Cricket	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Tennis
Week A 21.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket
Week B 28.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Rounders	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Athletics
		Year 7 & 8 Cricket	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Tennis
Week A 05.07.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket
Week A 12.07.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket

All sports clubs will run from 3.15 - 4.15pm. You must book a place on School Cloud to attend (this is the same as the Parents' Evening booking system).

<https://saintgregorysbath.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

COVID 19 Vaccine Reserve List

The vaccination rollout in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire so far has gone better than anyone could have expected, with more than half a million vaccines having already been given over the last few months.

There may still be occasions when vaccination sites have a small surplus of vaccines near the end of each day, often because of people not attending their booked appointments earlier in the day.

To maximise every opportunity to use all the vaccines before they expire, we are asking people in certain groups to come forward if they would like to be placed on a list of individuals who could be contacted to be offered a vaccine at short notice.

These groups include:

Emergency services (police and fire) – those coming into contact with members of the public

Education and nurseries – those in direct contact with students / children.

Supermarket workers – those in contact with the public within the shop environment

Skilled traders (e.g., gas, plumbing and heating engineers) – those going into people's homes to ensure essential services are provided

Factory workers – those working on manufacturing lines

Additionally to the priority work groups, people coming forward will be prioritised in order of their age, oldest first.

If you have already booked an appointment for a vaccine, or have had a first dose, this opportunity is not open to you – please keep your existing appointment.

As with all vaccine appointments, there is no opportunity to select which vaccine you are offered and if you have concerns regarding allergies you should wait for a discussion with your GP practice.

This is no guarantee you will be offered a vaccine through this list and you should still make an appointment when you are able to do so via the normal routes.

In order to collate the reserve list, we are asking interested and eligible people in line with the above criteria to complete the form which will open at this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Rapid test kits for all

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

Asymptomatic test kits are now available from the following sites in Bath and North East Somerset:

- The Apex Hotel, Bath
- The Masonic Hall, Keynsham
- The Centurion Hotel, Midsomer Norton
(Monday to Saturday, 7am-7pm)
- Carpenter House, Bath
(Monday to Sunday, 2:30-8pm*)

Let's stay on track

*Times may vary, please check latest details: <https://nhsx-test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Pre Loved Uniform and PTFA Support for Prom

If you are updating any school uniform items, or have any pre-loved uniform loitering in cupboards waiting for action or recycling, please consider donating them to the PTFA. We have plans to run further Pop-Up shops in the coming months to support our families and those joining us in September so and are in need of good quality, washed uniform items that can be sold to raise funds for the PTFA and school. Please send in items to main reception and we will be in touch soon with booking details.

All students (but especially Year 11!) - please consider donating any old uniforms. The more that we can raise through the Pop-Up Shops, the more that we can donate to the school to help to fund your end of year enrichment week activities!

Thank you, PTFA

Online Safety from Mr Foley

As we begin a new term, I would like you all to still be vigilant regarding Online Safety. It has recently come to my attention that there is a worrying Instagram post doing the rounds about a sensitive issue. The National Crime Agency is investigating the post and taking action where needed.



My advice to you all is to talk to your children about reporting any disturbing posts they come across through Social Media and report any disturbing issues to either the police direct or through CEOP.

Remember, the following steps you can take to help keep your child safer online: -

Have an ongoing conversation: Continue to talk about the apps, games and sites they like to use, and what they like and don't like and any concerns about being online. Discuss with them when to unfollow, block or report. For help starting this conversation, read [having a conversation with your child](#).

Be non-judgemental: Explain that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online, and you will always give them calm, loving support.

Make sure they know where to go for support: Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. For a breakdown of report services, visit: [Supporting your child with reporting unwanted content online](#)

Talk about how their online actions can affect others: If your child is engaging with peers online, remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo/video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.

Information on safe usage and monitoring

As parents/carers you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. However, as a parent myself, I am fully aware this can be really difficult and daunting to manage because our children know more than we do!

Therefore the following links, provide important information and guidance/advice regarding matters related to safe usage and monitoring: -

[ParentInfo](#)
[Saferinternet](#)
[Internet Matters](#)

We have produced a useful [guide](#) providing further details on what steps parents and carers can take to support their child during this period, together with a comprehensive list of online resources and tools to help keep your children safe online. There is also more information on our [school website](#).

If you have come across anything that seems wrong and not right then it is really important to report them to the relevant authorities – this includes the school but more importantly the police and the National Crime Agency.

This link button can be found on our website in our Online Safety section under the Parent Information Tab.



THE LANGUAGES CORNER

French:

Quand je serai grand, je serai... = when I am older, I will be.....

When I am older, I will be an accountant, because I am good at maths

Quand je serai grand, je serai comptable car je suis fort en maths

Interested in Music lessons?



We have a fantastic team of peripatetic music teachers and offer lessons during the school day. If you are interested in learning an instrument, please email:
music@bathnes.gov.uk



Benefit Related Free School Meals

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child attends a LA maintained school or Academy in Bath and North East Somerset, please register for benefit related free school meals.

Registering could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, £1,345 per Primary pupil and £955 per Secondary pupil.

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income Support

Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance

Income Related Employment Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190

Working Tax Credit Run-on which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit

The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit

Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Apply online at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Email the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk or call 01225 394317 – please leave a message if you reach our answerphone.



Dear Students, here is this week's instalment of a Slice of Science. It includes an article of inspiring quotes from women in science. The practical looks at growing plants and the use of fertiliser.

The Science Team

Article of the week - <https://interestingengineering.com/25-quotes-from-powerful-women-in-stem-who-will-inspire-you>



Practical of the Week - <https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org/article/science-experiment-plants-grow-radishes-fertilizer>



Project 28
Serious Violence

Parents and Carers
26th April 1-2pm or 29th April 5-6pm

Knife Crime Awareness Workshop

Supporting young people in the prevention of knife crime.

Contact..

Megan Brewer at Project 28:

Email: mbrewer@dhi-online.org.uk

Mobile: 07768390154



Locker key recall notice

Letters have been sent to every Year 11 student who had been allocated a locker asking for all keys to be returned.

All students with a locker numbered between 1 and 168 (Pupil Reception) are also requested to hand in all keys by 21 July 2021.

Please place keys in an envelope with your name and locker number and put in the box in main reception.

Thank you in advance

Mrs Wright, Finance Assistant

Lunch Cards



If you are purchasing refreshments from Sodexo please remember to bring your Lunch Cards with you, especially on the days you have PE.

Replacement cards are available at a cost of £2.00 each, please ask at a till point if required.

ASD Support Service

Courses for Parents 2020-21

Date and time	Course	Leader	Description
April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 12.30 – 2.30pm	CYGNET Core	Paul Ford	CYGNET Programme: Supporting Parents of Autistic Children aged 4 - 18
April 29th 9.30am -12.30pm	CYGNET Siblings	Laura Chard	Supporting parents to understand autism and siblings to build confidence for a positive family life
May 6th, 13th, 20th & 10th June 1.00pm - 3.30pm	SPACE	Hannah Hobbs	SPACE Programme: Supporting Parents of Autistic Children in the Early Years
May 20th 9.15—12.15pm	Understanding Sensory Behaviour and the causes	Jo Thorn	Looking at the basics of sensory processing, learning about the different sensory systems alongside sensory behaviours and various strategies and resources to support in the
June 10th 6.00pm - 8.30pm	ASD Strategies in the Home for younger children	Hannah Hobbs and Hayley Brimble	Understanding how ASD strategies can be implemented to support younger children in their home environment
June 25th 9.00am - noon	Understanding Girls	Sarah Keelty	Supporting parents to understand how to support girls on the autism spectrum
June 30th 9.30am - 11.30am	Social Scripts	Paul Ford	Exploring how social scripts can be used to reduce anxiety surrounding new situations and experiences
July 1st 3.30pm - 5.30pm	ASD Strategies in the Home for Teenagers	Conrad Hein Hartmann and Carol Jones	Understanding how ASD strategies can be implemented to support teenagers in their home environment

To further information or to book onto any of these courses,
please contact: asdss@fossewayschool.com

