

# PARENTS WEEKLY BULLETIN

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September/October	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Community Parents Evening Class 3 Parents Evening, 5 - 7pm Class 6b Parents Evening, 6.30 – 7.30pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Class 7 Parents Evening, 7 - 8pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents Forum, 2.30pm, Vaccine Information Class Reps Meeting, 6pm Class 6a Parents Evening, 6.30 – 8.00pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 2 Parents Evening, 5 – 7.00pm

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

Attendance last week was 95.7%

## DRESS CODE - REMINDER

The academy does not have a school uniform, but these requirements of the pupils' dress must be adhered to.



- All clothes should be whole and not torn.
- All pupils should be tidily and cleanly dressed.
- Clothing and footwear should be sensible and appropriate to the season; others should not be able to see up, down or through clothing
- Tops should come up to the neck, and come down below the waist. No spaghetti straps.
- Skirts and shorts should be of decent length and no more than a hand width above the knee.
- Clothing should not bear distracting slogans or pictures and should be comfortable and appropriate for movement, and movement lessons.
- Jewellery should not be worn in classes 1 – 7 or to excess in classes 8, 9 & 10. Those with pierced ears in younger classes can wear studs only.
- Jewellery worn in pierced areas of the body other than the ears is not allowed. Pupils will be asked to remove those items.
- No make-up is to be worn in classes 1 – 7 and only discreetly in classes 8, 9 & 10. No dyeing of hair in classes 1 – 7 and only natural hair colour in classes 8, 9 & 10.
- A games kit is to be worn in games lessons from Class 4 up.

## GET EXTRA FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

We're asking all parents to check whether their child can get free schools meals and to register for Pupil Premium funding.

Pupil Premium funding goes directly to the school and makes a massive difference to the whole school.

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS	FREE SCHOOL MEALS Class 2 (Y3) to Class 10 (Y6)	PUPIL PREMIUM (From Kindergarten to Class 10)
All children up to the age of 6 get free school meals – no need to take any action.	<p>You can apply for free school meals if you receive one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income Support</li> <li>• Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)</li> <li>• Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190.</li> <li>• Support under part VI of the Immigration &amp; Asylum Act 1999.</li> <li>• The 'Guaranteed Element' of Pension Credit.</li> <li>• Income Related Employment And Support Allowance benefit (any element of contribution based paid free school meals are not available)</li> </ul>	<p>The Government introduced 'Pupil Premium' funding to raise achievement in schools.</p> <p>It is targeted at students from disadvantaged backgrounds to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as students from less deprived families.</p> <p>It encompasses all students who are either In Care, in receipt of free school meals, Ever 6 FSM (those who have claimed free school meals in the past 6 years) or whose parents are actively serving in the Armed Forces.</p>
<p>APPLY NOW – CLICK <a href="https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals">HERE</a> – FOR BOTH FREE SCHOOL MEALS &amp; PUPIL PREMIUM</p> <p><a href="https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals">https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals</a></p>		



### CELEBRATING MICHAELMAS – FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Join in the harvest celebrations – bring in ONE vegetable for our display

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – A REMINDER

In line with government guidance, schools are no longer able to authorise leave of absence in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Term time is for education; children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together including weekends and school holidays.

Should you consider your request for Leave of Absence to be for exceptional circumstances, please request a form from the office. The Academy assesses each request on an individual basis. If a Leave of Absence is not approved it will be recorded as unauthorised absence and the Education Welfare Office will be informed, and you may be subject to a Penalty notice issued by the Local Authority, currently £60 per parent per child.

## SCHOOL SINGING GROUP - Starts 20<sup>th</sup> September

The aim for this term is to try and gain a bigger gathering of singing folks, whose voices will help us soar high into the winter months and fuel the yule fire with our songs.

I am hoping to do at least one day long workshop in Oct/Nov at the school, a possible evening sharing in Dec of some of the songs we have been learning and of course our annual outing at the school fair!

Jannah Warlow – [j\\_warlow@hotmail.com](mailto:j_warlow@hotmail.com)

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When Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm  
Where Old Chapel  
Cost £6.00

*Meet 5 minutes early at the entrance on College Rd*

We will have a nice long break in the middle for tea and catch ups.

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## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Thank you for jars and fruit so far  
Please ensure children are wearing clothing/footwear that they independently put on/take off (e.g. no laces).  
Please ensure that children are following the school dress code (see handbook) and above.

## KINDERGARTEN PARENTS EVENING

This will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 3.45 for a 4pm start in our classrooms, more information to follow by email.



## COUNTDOWN TO CENSUS DAY

National Census Day for all schools takes place on 4<sup>th</sup> October. So that the school gets the funding it needs, we need all our students in school on this day. So, help us to teach your children – get them to school on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you

## FLU VACCINATION

The parent forum on 27<sup>th</sup> September is an opportunity to discuss the flu vaccination that will be offered to the children of reception to class 4 rather than any other vaccinations. The school neither opposes nor endorses vaccination and encourages all parents to inform themselves as appropriate and make their own decisions on this matter.

## CLASS ONE PARENTS

There is a workday on Sunday 10-2 to fix up the path and playground outside the two Class one classrooms. We will also do some painting of the inside walls. We look forward to seeing you, thanks Kat Pringle.

## DONATIONS OF ONION SKINS

We need the papery skins of yellow and white onion skins please for dyeing. Please bag them and leave them at reception. Many thanks, Charlotte Handwork.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Drama Club	Wednesday, 3-4pm	Theatre	No Charge
Capoeira (Circus Skills)	Thursday, 3-4pm	Chapel	Charge payable to Bob

If you would like join, please email [info@steineracademybristol.org.uk](mailto:info@steineracademybristol.org.uk)



# Parents Plus

## Adolescents Programme

***Parenting 10-17y olds can be tough!***

**Free Course!**

***Topics Include:***

- Positive Communication and Listening
- Rules and Discipline
- Problem Solving
- Connecting with your Teenager
- Dealing with Conflict and Aggression
- Encouraging your Teenager

**Refreshments Provided**

***Tuesdays 9.30 - 12pm***

**Starts 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 (Term Time only)  
for 10 weeks**

Steiner Academy Bristol, College Rd,  
Bristol BS16 2JP

***Call Kauser on 0117 3576460  
to book your place!***



Parents Plus is an Irish charity that develops practical, evidence-based parenting and mental health programmes. We train professionals working with children and families to deliver the programmes in communities and clinical settings.



## Parents Plus Adolescents Programme

The Parents Plus Adolescents Programme is an 9 week course that considers how parents can connect with and build good relationships with their teenage children, while also being firm and influential in their lives.

It provides simple, effective tools to help parents to acknowledge and build on their own skills, confidence and strengths whilst understanding and managing teenage feelings and behaviour.

The Parents Plus Adolescents Programme includes the following topics:

- *Getting to Know and Connecting with your Teenager*
- *Communicating Positively and Effectively*
- *Encouraging and Listening to Teenagers*
- *Establishing Rules and Boundaries*
- *Teaching Teenagers Responsibility*
- *Discipline for Young People*
- *Dealing with Conflict*
- *Solving Problems Together*

Parents completing the course will leave with a pack of information and strategies to help manage the challenges of parenting a teenager

COME AND JOIN  
the  
STEINER ACADEMY BRISTOL

# School Choir

ALL WELCOME, NO EXPERIENCE  
NECESSARY! COME ALONG + SING  
SONGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD  
IN SIMPLE HARMONY - NO SHEET MUSIC  
ALL LEARNED BY EAR. A RELAXED, FUN  
AND SUPPORTIVE SESSION TO DISCOVER  
THE JOYS OF SINGING TOGETHER!  
BE PART OF THE SOUND OF THE SCHOOL  
GATHER YOUR VOICES + SHARE IN SONG!  
EVERY THURS 7.30 PM £6/CONC. avail  
IN THE OLD CHAPEL contact j.warlow@hotmail.com