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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
November  
2017**

## NEWSLETTER 5

Dear Parents,

The junior school has been awarded the silver SPACE EDUCATION QUALITY MARK as a result of our participation in the Tim Peake Primary Project last year. Well done to all involved and to Mr Culverhouse for organizing.



### **Children in Need**

We are pleased to say that our non-uniform Friday last week raised £725.10 for Children in Need.

### **Christmas is Coming!**

As Christmas approaches, we have our Infant Fair tomorrow morning and the Junior Christmas Fair next Friday evening. We hope you are able to come along and support. Funds raised make a real difference to our school budgets and the opportunities and resources that we are able to provide.

During the next few weeks, there will be so many wonderful Christmas events taking place here at school and through visits to the local community. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December a number of our Year 5 children will be singing in the North Somerset Music Service annual **Christmas Extravaganza** at the Colston Hall and on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm our upper school choir will be performing alongside various adult and school choirs in the **Penny Brohn Christmas Concert at Clifton College Chapel**. Tickets are available at [www.pennybrohn.org.uk/christmas2017](http://www.pennybrohn.org.uk/christmas2017) or phone 01275 370076.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Parker,  
Associate Headteacher,  
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## Junior School Golden Book Children

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

Years 3 and 4 – Holly & Harvey 3R, Layla & Ethan 3W, Caitlin & Manny 3L, Isla & Ashley 4D, Dino & Bonnie 4F and Grace & Ben 4S.

Years 5 and 6 – Olivia & Sami 5S, Louis & Kez 5W, Olivia & Joshua 5B, Tom & Leah 5C, Callie & Blade 6G, Ella & Luke 6HB and Nikki & Elliot 6HD.

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

Years 3 and 4 – Oliver & Amelia 3R, Corey & Oliver 3W, Amber & Dylan 3L, Harrison & Evie 4D, Rafe & Jessica 4F and William & Alannah 4S.

Years 5 and 6 – Sophie & Alfie 5C, Blythe & Calli 5W, Amelia & Darcy 5B, Immy & Morgan 5S, Florence & Elliot 6G, Josh & Rosie 6HB and Beth & Seb 6HD.

## Reception Classes

This term our learning expedition topic is Light and Dark and we started off this learning with a visit from the Explorer Dome. The children absolutely loved this experience and learnt a lot about different light sources, the sun and how shadows are formed and what makes a rainbow. We also learnt about different celebrations and looked in depth at the celebration of Diwali. We made Diya lamps out of clay and lit them during a circle time. Thank you to all of the parents who attended our first Stay and Play.



## Year One Toys Learning Expedition

As part of our learning expedition this term the Year One children have been finding out about toys in the past. We have looked at examples of old toys in school and also surveyed mums, dads and in some cases, grandparents to find out more about toys when they were little. Some of the children brought in old toys from home. One of these toys is over 80 years old – can you guess which one?



## Year Two The Great Fire!

This term Year 2 have been learning all about The Great Fire of London and discussing how lucky we are to have our emergency services. On Monday 13th November we had a very special visit from some local firefighters!



## Year 6 Parliament Week

On the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017, it was UK Parliament week, which the school took an active part in. To start with, we had an assembly explaining how Parliament works, and on Tuesday we re-enacted the House of Commons. On Wednesday, a loan box was sent around the school, containing a model of the Queen's Sceptre, and a background of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. As well as a wig and cloak, there was a wooden block with a bicycle bell on it for the Speaker (a gavel is not suitable for a school). On Thursday, Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to Skype Lord McFall. They could ask him questions and the funniest question was asked by Kavell : "Do you like Donald Trump?" We asked some Year 6 children what they thought about Parliament Week. Hannah (6HB) said "It was fun and interesting," and Esmee added "I really enjoyed the Skype session with the Lord." Emma , 6G, said "I also liked the props."

Parliament Week was a great success!

By Bethan and Ella 6HB