

Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 29 April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information plus details of any letter sent home during the last week.

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	<p>Coffee Morning with the Headteacher If you would like to join us for a coffee/tea with the Headteacher on Wednesday 4 May from 9.30-10.30am, please contact Mrs Crompton via school@skdrive.org or reception on 01275 373737.</p> <p>This will be held in Mr Humphreys office and light refreshments will be provided, we look forward to seeing you.</p>
Science	Year 9 - Folly Farm trip	<p>Folly Farm trip The deadline for this trip has been put back until 3rd May on parent pay - please see the reminder on parent pay. Please email hakej@skdrive.org with any questions.</p>
Music	Folk music day	<p>Is your child aged 12-18 years and approximately grade 2 - 8 standard on their instrument? If so, read on!</p> <p>We are organising an Instrumental Folk Day on Sunday 8th May 10am-4pm for musicians from South Gloucestershire, Bath and North East Somerset and North Somerset at Little Stoke Primary School, BS34 6HY. There will be a sharing to family at 3.40pm.</p> <p>The day will be run by the English Folk Dance and Song Society and tutors from South Gloucestershire, BANES and North Somerset music services. If your son or daughter would like to play by ear, develop their creativity, be inspired by top musicians and explore folk music then this day is for them!</p> <p>It is free to attend but places are limited to 30 and this will be done on a first come, first served basis. We kindly ask that if you sign up for this course you must attend. If there are exceptional circumstances which mean you cannot attend you must let us know so that we can offer the place to someone else.</p> <p>Your son/daughter will need to bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks for the day as well as their instrument!</p> <p>Here is a link to a YouTube video of the National Youth Folk Ensemble if you're not sure what it's all about. Please note we are not limited to the instruments in the video!</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjd7byKewXw</p> <p>To book a place, please sign up using this online form as soon as possible to avoid disappointment:</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/r/8AjWJPf4pM</p>
Miss Daniels	Maths Year 7	<p>A new homework platform is being launched with year 7 this term. Please read this letter for more information.</p>

Mrs Collins	Performing arts year 11	As year 11 have completed their BTEC assessment, all lessons in the run up to their summer exams can be used for revision prep. Please encourage students to bring along any outstanding coursework as well as books from other subjects to revise from in our lesson time.
Mrs Jenkins	Food and Nutrition students	<p>Practical lessons for next week: Tuesday 3rd May 9L - Afternoon tea Tuesday 3rd May 8L - Tea cake challenge Wednesday 4rd May 10C - Mini Pavlovas Thursday 5th May 7R - Rock cakes Thursday 5th May 8R - Tea cake challenge Thursday 5th May 10D - Mini pavlovas Friday 6th May 9R - Afternoon tea</p> <p>Please ensure all students bring in an apron from home. All practicals have been set as homework on ClassCharts.</p>
Mrs Slater	All Years	<p>North Somerset Parents Carers Working Together (NSPCWT) Use the link here to see what they have coming up in Term 5 to support parent carers within North Somerset for free.</p>
Mrs Slater	Years 7&8	<p>An exciting opportunity for young people with SEND, are vulnerable, from challenging circumstances or entitled to Free School Meals to be a part of a Creative Music Programme. This is the fifth course within the initiative and is open to young people who are new and those that have attended before.</p> <p>Students will create music using a range of instruments and our voices, inspired by the world around us. There will be a sharing of our work through 'show and tell' at the end of the final day for parents, carers, family and friends.</p> <p>Venue: Parklands Educate Together Primary School, 1 Russell Road, Locking, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 7NH When: 30, 31 May 10am – 2.30pm each day with a sharing to parents/carers at 2.30 on 31st May.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be in school years 7 to 8. No particular music skill is required (they don't need to be able to play an instrument, but it's fine if they do). • Need to be self-supporting and independent young people, able to sustain involvement in a two-day creative project without additional support. Students are likely to present mild to moderate communication, interaction, sensory, cognition or learning difficulties. • Available to attend all days <p>There is no cost to participants to attend this programme; the course is fully funded by the Music Service. All parents/carers need to do is sign up online here: https://forms.office.com/r/6bKAvc2GLn . The music service will send final details nearer the time.</p>
H Price	Year 7 Rounders	Year 7 rounders practice will be on Tuesday 3:00-4:30PM. For next week only, practice will be on Wednesday as there is a tutor meeting on Tuesday.
School	All Years	Community Children's Health Partnership is launching a new confidential text messaging service, ChatHealth, launched on the 25 th April the chat will enable

		<p>students across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) to contact our School Nurses when they need support.</p> <p>ChatHealth will enable students aged 11-19 to text a number and receive confidential advice on a range of topics including mental health and wellbeing, smoking, drugs and alcohol, bullying, body image, relationships and healthy eating.</p> <p>The number for ChatHealth is 07312 263093 and it will be open Monday to Friday, from 9am-5pm, during term time and school holidays - excluding bank holidays. It is an anonymous and confidential service.</p>
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>In tutor time this week we commemorated Stephen Lawrence Day that takes place each year on 22 April. The resources we used to speak to the students about the life and death of Stephen Lawrence are created by the Stephen Lawrence Foundation.</p> <p>For some students, Stephen's story may trigger feelings of upset and hurt and therefore we have signposted some support services that are specifically aimed at supporting children who experience racism and discrimination. These agencies can be contacted by students using the details below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boloh - https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/ / 0800 151 2605 • Muslim Youth Helpline - https://myh.org.uk/ / 0808 808 2008 • The Helpline - https://thehelpline.org.uk • The Mix - https://www.themix.org.uk/get-support/speak-to-ourteam/ / 0808 808 4994 • Childline - https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/ / 0800 1111
Mr Court	Year 11	<p>As year 11 approach the end of their time at St Katherine's, I would like to share some key dates with you:</p> <p>Friday 6th May - World Food Day: We will have at least 6 stalls selling snacks from all over the world for between 50p and £1. This will help us celebrate Eid and raise money for the prom.</p> <p>Thursday 23rd June - Final exam (Physics)*: For the vast majority of students, this will be their last compulsory day. We would ask that once students have completed their exam, they leave the site. There will be a space for students to wait if they require school transport to get home.</p> <p>Thursday 7th July - Leavers' day and prom: We are in the process of arranging a day to celebrate everything this cohort have achieved. This will be an opportunity to sign shirts, see friends and say goodbye to teachers. In the evening we will be hosting our Prom at Leigh Court, details of which have been communicated previously and will be on Parent Pay soon.</p> <p><i>*Some students have a Polish exam the following week and there is a contingency day in place in case of any national issues with exam completion.</i></p> <p>As we enter the examination period, students are expected to attend school as normal. A series of booster sessions, as detailed here, are planned for students on the day of or prior to the exam. Other than these boosters, students will attend their normal lessons. If their course has finished, students will be expected to revise independently for their remaining exams whilst in their normal timetabled lessons. They should therefore attend school with the resources that they require but staff will be available to provide resources such as past papers on request.</p> <p>The full timetable including all lessons and exams can be seen here. You will note from the timetable that any two exams within the same subject are separated by a minimum period of 10 days. This is to allow for any absence due to COVID related illness. Should a student test positive for COVID and</p>

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Mr Davies	Year 13	The full timetable for year 13 exams can be seen here . You will note from the timetable that any two exams within the same subject are separated by a minimum period of 10 days. This is to allow for any absence due to COVID related illness. Should a student test positive for COVID and therefore miss an exam they would require confirmation of a doctor's note. Following the minimum period of absence they will then be able to return to any remaining exams and provided that at least one third of the scheduled examinations have sat a grade will be awarded on the basis of completed papers only.

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UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

30 Apr	DofE Practice walk
14/15 May	DofE Expedition (Mendips)
25 May	Trust concert
26 May	Y7 Progress evening