



Bird's Bush News



Autumn 1, Week 3

21st September 2018

Class Champions

R1	Scarlett
R2	Aiden
2	Karter
3	Rowan
4	Louie
5	Rebecca
6	Stefan
7	Grace
8	Maddison
9	Chloe-Anne
10	Taylor

Read it! Winners

R	Isla-Rose
Y1	Harry
Y2	Jayden D
Y3	Ellie
Y4	Jess
Y5	Harrison
Y6	Scarlett

We love Big School!



Welcome to the World Baby Hathaway!

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Hathaway's baby boy on 12th September. He weighed 8lb 5.5oz and is named Charlie Isaac Hathaway.

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Hathaway



Newsletters will be available via the App, on the website, by clicking the text link or we will send it by email - if you give us your email address!



School finishes at 1.15pm on Fridays

Bug Busting!

Nits!! An annoyingly common problem in schools, every school has them!

Head lice are tiny insects which live in the hair and feed by biting the scalp and sucking blood. The female head louse lays her eggs close to the scalp where it is warm enough to incubate them. The eggs, or nits, hatch out, start feeding and soon begin to lay more eggs. Empty egg shells are left attached to the hair when the louse hatches.

Head lice cannot fly, jump or swim but spread by clambering from head to head. Head lice are caught by head to head contact with someone who already has them. Although anyone can catch them, they prefer the heads of 4-11 year olds. Clean hair is no protection against them. When heads touch, the lice simply walk from one head to another.

Head lice treatments can be brought over the counter at chemists and other shops and can also be given on prescription from a doctor (so you can get it free!)

The only way to get rid of nits is to check your child's hair every week and treat at the first sign and then treat again a week later.

Once a week, take a peek!

If we see or think your child does have head nits we will contact you and ask you to get them treated as soon as possible. We will also send a text out to the class asking all parents to check their child's hair. There is no 'cure' for head lice and we cannot stop them infesting hair! Please help by checking regularly.

School Dinner Money - Trust Debt Policy

Most parents understand that they cannot take their child to a cafe and expect them to be given food without paying or to a cinema and watch a film free of charge. However, a minority of parents do not pay on time for services offered by the Trust. This puts the Trust in the position of subsidising a few families with funding that is intended by law for all children, as well as causing considerable extra work for administrative staff and therefore cost to the Trust budget.

Research has shown that the system that works best is a 'zero tolerance' approach i.e. the Trust does not accept debt. Schools can only offer free meals to children whose parents qualify for FSM entitlement.

Every other meal and service for which there is a charge must be paid for. The ParentPay system is now in use at all of our Trust Schools for most services offered by the school to make payment easier.

All dinners must be paid for in advance

Children will not be provided with a school lunch unless it is paid for, except those that are entitled to free school meals. If a parent genuinely forgets to pay in advance, the school may grant a debt allowance of 1 meal. However this debt must be paid next day and future meals must be paid in advance before any meal is provided. If the debt is not cleared, parents must provide a packed lunch.

We will be holding a coffee morning in school on Friday 28th September between 8.45 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. and would like you to come along and enjoy a cuppa and a cake to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We would really appreciate any cake donations which can be brought into school on Thursday (27th) as well as any contributions towards this cause-thank you.

Denese Hill (our Family Support Worker) will also be holding a coffee morning in school once a month for our current parents on 19th October, 30th November and 14th December 8.45 a.m.—10.00 a.m.

Denese is also available throughout the week to discuss any issues, problems or concerns you may have.

