



# MINERVA NEWSLETTER 9

## 31st January 2020



### *Friends of Minerva Fundraising event for Valentine's Day!*

As a celebration of love for our children we will be selling special 'Valentine Balloons' for parents to give to their children on Valentine's Day, with a message attached.

Balloons and messages will be on sale at 2.45pm outside the school office most days (please check your text messages.)

**Balloons 50p each**

All funds raised will go to support school activities.



The winning team for the most house points is **BLUE** with 94 points

*(Red 83, Green 61 & Yellow 60 points)*

In celebration of their win, all pupils in blue house have a non-school uniform day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

They will also be watching films in the afternoon as a treat for all their hard work!

**Well done!**

### CHILDREN'S LEARNING IN CLASS (CLIC)

**Tuesday 11th February, 8.45-9.15am.**

All parents/carers are invited to join their child in class and find out what 'state of being' their children have been experiencing this term. There will be a showcase of work too, so you can see how our new curriculum is being taught in class.

There will also be a chance to talk with Mr Hallam, Mrs Harvey and Miss Roden (our new Assistant Principal) afterwards to ask questions about this new approach to learning.



### WACKY WARDROBE DAY

Thank you to everyone who took part and dressed up on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, for our Wacky Wardrobe Day.

There were oversize clothes, inside out/back to front clothes, pyjamas, onesies and all sorts of costumes worn by pupils and staff alike.

It really cheered us all up and helped us to beat those January blues!

Here are some of the wacky outfits:



Your generous donations raised **£151.34!**

**THANK YOU!**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 8.45-9.15am:

Children learning in class,

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February:

Last day of Term 3 & blue house non-uniform day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February:

First day of Term 4

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

3.45-5.45pm:

Parent/Carer's evenings for all classes

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March:

World Book Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:

INSET DAY school closed to pupils

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct school uniform:

- ✓ **A blue sweatshirt with the school badge**
- ✓ **Black school trousers, school skirt or pinafore** (No trackie/tracksuit bottoms or leggings)
- ✓ **Black shoes-** sensible with a good grip
  - Avoid logos, heels, wellies and 'Ugg' style boots.
  - Trainers are allowed if they are plain black all over (leather/ leather look) including soles and with no obvious logos.
- ✓ **White polo shirt or school style shirt with collar** (children can also wear light blue polo shirts or shirts)
- ✓ **Black hijabs or head scarves**
- ✓ **Black, white** (or your child's hair colour) **hair bands**
- ✓ **Blue book bag with the school badge**
- ✓ **Jewellery**, if worn, is only to be **plain stud earrings and a simple watch.** (These will need to be removed for PE.)

Please label all items with your child's name to ensure mislaid/lost uniform can be returned.

During the Winter months it is also important that your child has appropriate outdoor clothes in school (eg: warm/waterproof coat, hat, scarf, gloves and wellington boots.)

## E-SAFETY MESSAGE

Safer Internet Day is just two weeks away on Tuesday 11th February 2020. The UK Safer Internet Centre have released a series of films to be used as discussion starters, including one about how parent's/carer's can talk to their children about their online lives. Check it out, along with lot of other great resources, here:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer/film-how-can-parents-talk-children](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer/film-how-can-parents-talk-children)



## WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

(Costumes to be confirmed.)

We will have a second-hand book sale of preloved, good condition books for 10p each.

If you have any books you would like to donate towards our sale, please hand them to the school office. Thank you.

## APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

A polite reminder that routine medical appointments should be booked outside of the normal school day or during school holidays. All routine appointments taken during the school day will be classed as an unauthorised absence for your child.

For all lunchtime appointments: Please arrange to collect your child at 12.30pm before lunch time play or when they return from lunch at 1.30pm.



## SNOW



In the event of heavy snowfall, all parents will be sent a text message before 8am to confirm that the school is closed. Please ensure that the school office has your up to date contact details. You can also refer to our school website or the Bristol City Council school closure webpage.



## TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS IN SCHOOL

We do not want to stop parents/carers from taking photos when you come to assemblies, shows or to see your child in class. We would ask you, however, for safeguarding purposes to crop out any other child in your photos and to not upload any photos to social media.

Thank you for co-operation.

## FREE CHESS CLUB AT HILLFIELDS LIBRARY

**Tuesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm**

Play chess at home and need a new challenge? Are you new to chess and willing to learn more? Or just looking for something different to do?

Talk to a member of library staff or call 0117 903 8576

## ON ROAD CYCLE TRAINING

Bikeability Holiday course for ages 9-12 years

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

- Bikeability Level 2 for Primary school pupils.
- 6 hours of training over 2 mornings. For more information and to book visit: [www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/bristol-holiday-courses](http://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/bristol-holiday-courses)



Courses are partially funded by Bristol City Council for local young people. The additional cost to families is just £20.