Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing Monday 1st July 2024

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure this week to spend an evening at Cumberwell with the year 11s and year 13s as they celebrated together at their Prom. Everyone looked incredible arriving in style in a range of vehicles! Now that the exams are officially completed, I hope they have an excellent summer.

At school we have had science trips, geography trips, year 5 open mornings and cluster day: a busy time. It's been so much better with the sunshine too!

This coming week we have all our year 6 students coming for the day as well as their parents in the evening. As happens every year, there are some parents that decline their place at St Laurence meaning that we have a couple of spaces for September. If you know of anyone who didn't get a place or who thought they shouldn't apply, please do let them know that they are still able to get a place for September and only must call the school to get the details.

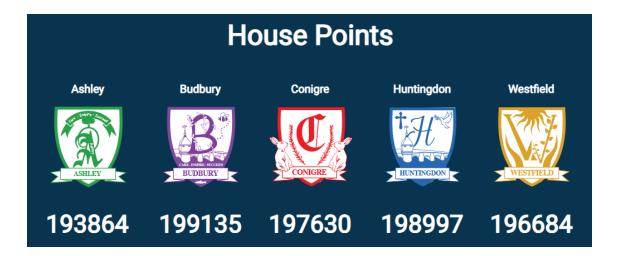
Finally, as mentioned before, we will be inviting the sniffer dogs into school this term. I wanted to confirm that the handlers are all DBS checked and very used to working in a school setting.

Don't forget to book your tickets for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!

A vacancy has become available for the Diocese of Salisbury, for more information please follow the link, <u>DBF Vacancies - The Diocese of Salisbury (anglican.org)</u>

Please could I once again take this opportunity to remind parents to avoid dropping children off in the school carpark to alleviate traffic in the surrounding area.

Mr Farrer



From Mrs Barber - Assistant Headteacher - Online Safety

Family Pairing

Monitoring your child's activity on social media is **not** an invasion of their privacy, it is a protective measure in the online world.

Of the more popular apps, here are ones that allow family pairing along with a link which describes what family pairing is, the features available and how to set it up:

TikTok - <u>TikTok Social Media Privacy Settings - Internet Matters</u>

Snapchat – <u>Snapchat Parental Controls and Privacy Settings | Internet Matters</u>

YouTube What is a supervised experience on YouTube? - YouTube Help (google.com)

Instagram About supervision on Instagram | Instagram Help Centre



Lost Property

Each term, we have a large amount of lost property left at Student Reception, which often goes unclaimed.

To help us to reunite lost property with their owners please ensure that **ALL** belongings have your child's name in them – if we can identify an owner the item will be placed in the Tutor Tray, collected each morning, and returned to students during their Tutorial time. **Remember to also put names in any items bought throughout the year.**

At the end of each term unclaimed belongings are disposed of and can no longer be collected. Please remind students that they are only allowed to look for lost property after **3:00pm** each day. Phones and items of value are stored at the main Reception desk if they have been handed in.

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From: Miss Eyles – Head of Dance

Leggings donation.

The dance department need any spare <u>black or blue plain leggings</u>, that you may no longer need or wear. If you have any spare leggings, please could you donate them to the dance department for spare kit.

Please hand to student reception by the end of this term, ready for upcycling.

From: Mr Chadwick – Head of English

At Year 10 parents evening, there were several requests asking about productions of some of the GCSE English Literature set texts.

JB Priestley's An Inspector Calls plays at Bristol Hippodrome from 8-12 October. We were going to run a trip, but the theatre would not give us enough tickets to make this viable. Therefore, students and parents should book individually with the theatre.

There are various versions of Shakespeare's Macbeth on school media stream. The website Drama Online Drama Online - Home (dramaonlinelibrary.com) also has a production of this play.

Username = Laurence

Password = Drama

Type Macbeth in the search bar and the first play is from 2018, featuring Ann-Marie Duff as Lady Macbeth. It's 2 hours and 15 minutes.

From: Ms Woodley - Careers

We held our 2024 Careers Fair on Wednesday 26 June, with over 25 local and national employers joining us for the day. It was a huge success with all students having some really good conversations with the visiting businesses, who commented just how mature and engaged they all were.

<u>From Mrs Nash – Head of Drama</u>

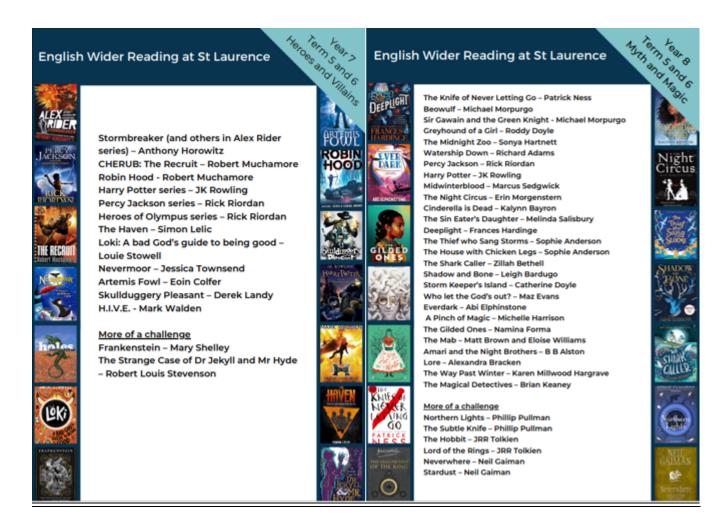
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Tickets are selling well for our summer production of 'Charlie' - do book these through parent pay to save money on 'on the door' prices and to prevent disappointment - last year's 'Bugsy' was a sell out! Performances are at 7pm on Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July.

Cast and crew are reminded of the whole day rehearsal on Saturday 6th July from 10am until 4pm. This will be a very important day where the technical elements start to come together and last minutes changes are made so we do expect everyone there. Students should remember to bring plenty of food/drink and to wear cool, comfortable clothes if the weather looks to be hot. All involved will also be off timetable for dress rehearsals on Monday 8th July and are performing to 300 primary school pupils at a Friday matinee!

Most of the costume have been provided but we are asking students to provide their own footwear if possible and some parts have a few specific requirements. Those involved should know about these so please do check that your child has what they need if they are involved in the show.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!







This one-day creative arts workshop examines how the media represents girls & women and explores social and gender stereotypes through art, photography & discussion.

We are offering this FREE Body Positive Workshop in schools and youth spaces in Wiltshire.

An exciting day of art & photography. Plan & be in your own photoshoot; create a monoprint and collage of your photo. Develop your creative skills confidence, & challenge stereotypes of body image.

No previous experience necessary.



St Laurence Drama proudly presents... AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF ROALD DAHL'S Charlie and the Chocolate factory ADAPTED BY RICHARD GEORGE FRONT GATES THIS GOLDEN TICKET SALES & ADMITTA 9TH, 11TH, 12TH JULY TRINITY HALL. 7PM. TICKETS £8 (£10 ON THE DOOR) £5 CONCESSIONS (CHILDREN, STAFF AND STUDENTS) TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY.





Programme of Activities

SATURDAY 10AM - 7PM & SUNDAY 10AM - 3PM

Embroidery: Have a go at our Christ Church inspired embroidery.

Wood Carving: Watch a bench being carved by local artisan, Michael Weltike.

Artefacts: View displays of historical items including our foundation trowel.

Quiz Time: Have a go at our Christ Church quiz, created by local children.

Biodiversity Display: See what we've been doing to improve our church yard.

Arts & Crafts: Have a go at some Christ Church inspired arts.

Refreshments and cakes will be available throughout the event.

SATURDAY

10-4pm - Time Tots

Fun, archaeological activities in the churchyard for children under 10, led by Dr Emily Hellewell.

11-1pm – Wool Spinning Come and see the art of traditional wool spinning led by expert crafter

Victoria Robinson.

2-5pm - Stone Carving

Come and have a go at stone carving in our churchyard led by award winning sculptor, Jem Hobbs. For ages 10 and over, children must be accompanied by an adult.

6pm-7pm – Canapés & Drinks reception with a history talk led by local historian Ann Chapman. Come and learn more about the history of Christ Church through our short, interactive talk.

SUNDAY

10-2pm - Time Tots

Fun, archaeological activities in the churchyard for children under 10, led by Dr Emily Hellewell.

10-12pm - Traditional Building

Talk to local building contractors James and Alan and learn about traditional building techniques.

10-3pm - Stone Carving

Come and have a go at stone carving in our churchyard led by sculptor, Jem Hobbs.

1-3pm - Silk Painting Suncatchers

Have a go at silk painting inspired by our vibrant stained-glass windows, led by Nicola Davis.

3:30pm – Family Church Service

Come together for a celebration service and BBQ to follow, led by our Rector Rev. Katie Jackson.



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