



## Our value for March is 'Helpfulness'

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Dear Parents,

### **In memory of Jane Pratchett – British Lung Foundation**

Lauren and Danielle Pratchett will be running the London Marathon this year for the British Lung Foundation. Lauren had originally secured a place to run the London Marathon with her Mum Jane. However, very soon after they secured places, she was given the devastating news that she had lung cancer. Very sadly, Jane lost her fight last August so her daughters will be running in April in Jane's memory.

If you would like to support Lauren and Danielle please bring in your donation to the school office. All donations will be gratefully received and the school will be supporting them all the way. We wish both girls the very best of luck with all their fundraising and of course running the London Marathon.

### **School Car Park**

The car park is in constant use **ALL** day with deliveries to the school and Woodlands as well as other professionals and staff starting and finishing work at various times. **Only parents who are dropping off children at breakfast club before 8.30am and picking children up after 4.00pm are allowed to use the car park entrance to gain access to Woodlands.** As you should already be aware there is a 5mph speed limit for vehicles entering the school grounds. Unfortunately it has been brought to our attention that some parents are not adhering to this speed limit. The school will not be liable for any incidents/accidents that occur due to parents ignoring these car park rules, if parents continue to ignore these rules then we will have no option but to close the school gates and allow access to the car park to members of staff ONLY. This is for your own safety and for the safety of all of the children. ***Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.***

### **Clifton All Saints Academy to grow seeds from space!**

Children at Clifton All Saints Academy are preparing to become space biologists and embark on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space.

In September, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz 44S where they will spend several months in microgravity before returning to Earth in March 2016. The seeds have been sent as part of Rocket Science, an educational project launched by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and the UK Space Agency.

Clifton All Saints Academy will be one of up to 10,000 schools to receive a packet of 100 seeds from space, which they will grow alongside seeds that haven't been to space and measure the differences over seven weeks. The children won't know which seed packet contains which seeds until all results have been collected by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

The out-of-this-world, nationwide science experiment will enable the children to think more about how we could preserve human life on another planet in the future, what astronauts need to survive long-term missions in space and the difficulties surrounding growing fresh food in challenging climates.

Mrs Infante, the Science Coordinator at Clifton All Saints Academy, says: *"We are very excited to be taking part in Rocket Science. This experiment is a fantastic way of teaching our children to think more scientifically and share their findings with the whole world!"*

Rocket Science is just one educational project from a programme developed by the UK Space Agency to celebrate British ESA astronaut Tim Peake's Principia mission to the ISS and inspire young people to look into careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects, including horticulture.

Follow the project on Twitter: @RHSSchools #RocketScience

### **Nut-Free school**

We would like to confirm that we are a 'nut-free' school and can assure you that no nut products are used in the ingredients in our school meals. Please can we remind parents that no food items containing nuts are to be sent to school in your child's pack lunch. Thank you.

### **Spare PE Kit & Clothes**

Several children have been coming to the office lately asking to borrow various items for P.E. especially socks for girls who wear tights. Trainers also seem to be very popular item to borrow with children saying theirs are too small for them! Unfortunately we are also very low on spare underwear and socks as the items are often not returned. Please check your child's P.E. kit regularly to ensure that their P.E. kit still fits them and all items are in their bag. If your child does borrow an item please make sure it is returned to the school after being washed. Many thanks.

### **Sports Relief – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

The school will be open from 7.30am and we welcome pupils, parents and any other relatives to come and join us walk the Sports Relief mile, any donations for this charity would be gratefully appreciated. The PTA will also be providing a breakfast on that morning from 8am further details to follow.

### **Young Author visit**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Luke Temple, a young author is coming to visit the school and talk to the children in Years 1 to 4 about his experiences as a writer and to introduce them to the books he has written. This is to support our work on developing the children, especially the boys, as imaginative and creative writers. His books will be available for you to order after the visit if you wish, but you might like to look at his website to find out more about him prior to the visit. After the visit, children will come home with an order form for his books which he will bring with him on the following Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) and sign for them. Any orders, including the money, will need to be at the school office by the Friday morning to qualify for the reduced price. Luke's website is:

[www.luketemple.co.uk](http://www.luketemple.co.uk)

### **Thank You**

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the fantastic events organised by our dedicated members of the PTA. However we would like to remind parents that the PTA need to impose deadlines for certain events, and we ask that **you adhere to these deadlines to avoid disappointment**. The PTA will continue to use their discretion regarding future deadlines, but this will ultimately depend on the popularity of the event and/or resources available.

### **March Reminders**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Mother's Day Afternoon Tea (event is full)	2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Puffins Class assembly	3.00pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA meeting	7.30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Party – Robins & Puffins Kingfishers, Swallows & Woodpeckers	4.00-5.30pm 6.00pm-7.30pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 talent show (afternoon)	Details to follow
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sports Relief morning March's birthday assembly	7.30am onwards 3.00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Non Eucharist celebration Easter assembly Last day of term	9.15am

The last day of school before the Easter break is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March and the children return to school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Please check our website for updates, copies of letters, forms etc. The School e- mail addresses are as follows:  
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