



FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER

Term 5 Issue 1 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back to term 5. I hope you managed to enjoy the weather over the Easter break and are feeling ready for the coming term. I am delighted to be back with you following my surgery. Thank you for the warm welcome back.



The news of Mrs Tilbury's sudden death has been devastating to the school and wider community. Mrs Tilbury was a much-loved and respected teacher, friend and colleague and will be missed by everyone who knew her. Thank you for the kind words and condolences for her family and also to the school community.

Our thoughts, love and prayers especially go to her husband Andrew and two daughters, Eloise and Charlotte, as well as her wider family.

I am so proud of the way in which staff have conducted themselves this week, supporting the children so admirably, whilst managing their own grief. As you know, there is no rule book for grief, and we will continue to take feedback from the staff, governors, parents, the Trust, and above all the children themselves as to what is most needed and helpful as we move forward. I know that we will hold each other tightly in this tragedy, but

also that it will be a very challenging term. I am grateful to the Palladian Academy Trust, diocese, governors and church community for their continued support and prayer.

We are unable to have a book for people to write in directly at the moment due to current restrictions, however we would like to collect your thoughts and memories. If you would like to send in these condolences and memories, please use the **school email address** - office@combedown.com - or post your card/letter through the **school post box** by the top gate. We will then collate all these responses into a book that we can share with the family and make a copy for school.

There will be other ways of celebrating Mrs Tilbury's dedication to teaching and Combe Down in particular. We will be in touch with further details of how families can be involved in these.

Mrs Tilbury's funeral will be during the afternoon of Friday 7th May. Whilst there are limits on the numbers of people who can attend funerals at the moment, as a team we wish to be involved by joining the live stream of the service. As a result, and as a sign of respect, the school will be closed for the afternoon on Friday 7th May, to allow staff to say farewell.

Due to the current restrictions this will have to be a staggered collection.

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|-------------|-----------|
| EYFS 1145 | Y5/6 1145 |
| Y1 1150 | Y3/4 1200 |
| Y2 1200 | |

Thank you for your understanding. I hope that this weekend, you are able to spend time with your families, taking in some of the beautiful weather and enjoying the signs of spring. I know many of the staff find real solace and refuge in being outside and will be doing that too.



Colourburst Run - Sunday 2nd May 2021 - Deadline for Entries this Tuesday 27th April at 9am

Link to Just Giving Campaign: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CDLegacyplayproject?invite=true>

As you will be aware, last years fundraising event, the Colourburst Run, has been rescheduled for Sunday 2nd May 2021. Almost 200 children and parents were signed up last time around, and all these entries have been transferred to the new date. If you are in any doubt as to whether or not you entered, then please contact the school office.

It is not too late to sign up - the deadline is Tuesday 27th April at 9am. If you want to sign up please go to the following page: https://ojeoarcyls.formstack.com/forms/two_tunnels_2021
You then need to follow the route for group registration and select Group 3 (this is the CDPS group). Regardless of age, each person taking part needs to be input individually.

Due to the Covid secure measures that have to be put in place by the organisers, they have asked if any parents who are not already taking part with their children would be able to volunteer to help Marshall throughout the whole event. This would allow you the opportunity to throw paint over the kids, and to watch (spectators are not permitted due to the Covid restrictions). If you are interested in volunteering to help, please email: tom@relishrunningraces.com

Our Just Giving Campaign has gone live today! We have an ambitious target of £20,000 to make huge improvements across both playgrounds, but with your support we feel sure this is achievable. Please share the campaign with friends, family and local businesses. In the shorter term, our initial target is £8,000 to install a timber trail in the upper playground - this will be known as **The Tilbury Trail**. We very much hope this can be installed over the summer break.

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Two Tunnels Races 2021

A great variety of routes from flat, fast and officially measured, through to more scenic and challenging routes. All incorporating the wonderful two tunnels, 1/4 mile and 1 mile long old railway tunnels under the city of Bath.

It is only possible to book one person on the events per run through the form. You can select multiple races for each person each run through the form.

Are you registering as an individual or as part of a group registration (10 or more runners)?*

Individual Group Registration

Online group registrations must all be taking part on the same date.

Are you setting up a new group or registering as part of an existing group?*

New Group Existing Group

Please select your group*

Two Tunnels Group 3

Your Team Captain, who first registered the group, will be able to tell you your group number

Select the discount rate for your group*

10-19 runners (save 15%)

20-49 runners (save 20%)

50+ runners (save 25%)

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Donations can be made directly to the Just Giving page above, or you can set up your own fundraising page which links to it which you can then share with friends and family. This could be a page relating to the Colourburst Run, or you might have your own fundraising idea that you would like to set up.



Accessibility, Wellbeing, Play

PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Many thanks to all those that took part in the PTA's Easter Egg Hunt over the holiday. We raised a fabulous £138. We hope you enjoyed it. The lucky winners are: 1st Felix S, 2nd Holly D and 3rd Poppy A. Well done!

The PTA

Morgan's Haircut for The Ben Saunders Foundation

Morgan has finally had his hair cut following a couple of cancellations due to COVID. He raised a huge amount of money for The Ben Saunders Foundation and has donated 17 inches of hair to The Little Princess Trust.

Many thanks to all those who donated after reading about the campaign in the newsletter.



Rapid COVID-19 tests now available to everyone

Alongside vaccine rollout, regular twice-weekly testing 3-4 days apart, is at the heart of plans to reopen society and the economy, helping to suppress and control the spread of variants. **Rapid lateral flow testing is now available free to anybody without symptoms.** Testing twice a week will help make sure you don't have COVID-19, reducing the risk to those around you.

Local Rapid COVID 19 test sites and community pharmacies are offering community collection of home test kits. [Find your local pick up site here.](#) No booking is required to pick up home test kits from any of these sites and if you haven't taken a test before help is on hand at our 3 local test sites in Bath, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton. You can also order test kits online for delivery to your home <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> If you have symptoms you should continue to get a [PCR test](#). If you're not sure, you can [find out which coronavirus test you should get](#).

Rapid test kits for all

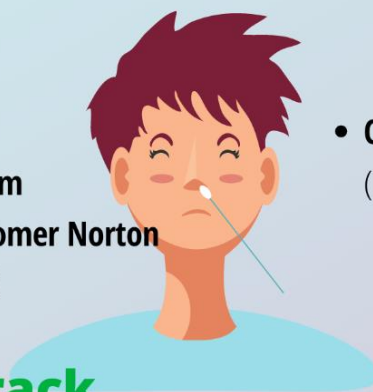


Bath & North East
Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

Asymptomatic test kits are now available from the following sites in Bath and North East Somerset:

- The Apex Hotel, Bath
- The Masonic Hall, Keynsham
- The Centurion Hotel, Midsomer Norton
(Monday to Saturday, 7am-7pm)



- Carpenter House, Bath
(Monday to Sunday, 2:30-8pm*)

Let's stay on track

*Times may vary, please check latest details:
<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Upcoming Dates (subject to change, please always check the website):

May 2021

02
MAY

Colourburst Run

🕒 08:00 - 13:00 | 📁 Whole School

28
MAY

End of Term 5, 3.15pm

🕒 15:15 | 📁 Term Dates

June 2021

07
JUN

Term 6 Starts, 8.45/8.50am

📁 Term Dates

18
JUN

Inset Day - school closed to pupils

🕒 08:45 - 15:15 | 📁 Staff Training Day

July 2021

21
JUL

End of Term 6, 3.15pm

🕒 15:15 | 📁 Term Dates

Support the PTA when you shop online by clicking via **Amazon Smile** or signing up with **The Giving Machine**.





Letters home this week:

No letters home this week

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