

Bathampton Primary School  
**Start of Term letter**  
**Term 1 2008**



Dear Parents.

I hope that you and your children had an enjoyable summer holiday, and feel refreshed and ready for the new season.

A special welcome to the new families starting this term. I do hope that your first days with the school are happy ones, and that your children settle in quickly. Please let your child's class teacher or teaching assistant know if your child has any problems, most can be sorted out quickly.

### **Changes**

The class arrangements are as follows.

Class One: Mrs Seaford

Class Two: Mrs Lake/ Mr Falkus

Class Three: Ms Ovigne/ Mrs Wood

Class Four: Ms Johnson

Class Five: Ms Bergmann

It is a pleasure to welcome back Mrs Seaford, after her absence, and to welcome Ms Bergmann to our school.

Congratulations to Helen and Simon Marton-Brown and their family on the safe arrival of Noah during the holiday.

### **Starting school in 2009**

Do you have a child that is starting school in September 2009? A reminder that the application deadline is at 4.30 on 24<sup>th</sup> October. The admissions criteria for this and some other schools have changed so it worth studying the handbook, which is also available online at the B&NES website.

### **New People**

We will shortly have a number of students in school for short visits. Sarah Krejec from the USA will be in Class Three each Tuesday. Danielle Baker from St Marks and Norland College will be in Class One on alternate Tuesdays this autumn.

### **Induction Meetings**

Class teachers are keen to give parents an opportunity to find out details about class routines and learning goals. Two sessions have been organised for each class. The times and dates are noted in the Diary Date section of this letter. The teachers will also be sending home information about the curriculum and class routines. Please keep these handy as a reminder

### **Uniform**

We would be grateful if all parents could ensure that their child is dressed in the correct uniform. Children with long hair should have it tied back. Studs rather than earrings may be worn. Trousers should be tailored, and either black or grey. Socks should be black, white or grey. Shoes should be black or dark navy blue. PE kit should be worn for all PE lessons, and should be in school every day. Tracksuits may be worn for winter games. We suggest that trainers are appropriate for the field, and that daps are checked periodically for fitting. New and second hand clothing can be bought through the school shop if required. The school shop is open on Thursdays between 3.00 and 3.15p.m.

### **Time keeping**

As usual it is worth emphasising that the school doors open at **8.40 a.m.**

All children need to arrive by 8.45 a.m. to give them time to hang up coats and get organised **before 8.50 a.m.**

Traffic is always a problem and we need to build in time to allow for heavy traffic.

**Persistent lateness affects learning and could affect a child's future.**

The late book is kept in the Cookery Room.

### **Harvest Festival**

Harvest Festival will be at 9.30 a.m. on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Class One children will not be attending this year. We would like children to bring in tins for Julian House from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The collection will once again go towards the RUH Neo-Natal 'Space to Grow' appeal.

### **Maths Games**

There will be another Maths Games Information session for parents with Ms Johnson at 2.30 p.m. on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, so if you don't know how these packs work please attend if you can, we would particularly welcome parents new to the school. We strongly encourage families to make use of these games, and to help children to develop their mathematical understanding and skills in this fun way.

### **Snacks**

Children were very good last term at just bringing in healthy snacks such as fruit. Chocolate and sweets are not allowed, and I do ask for your co-operation regarding this. **We are also asking that children having birthdays or returning from holidays do not bring in sweets as a gift to the class.** Recent research has highlighted the negative effects of additives and unhealthy food on young children.

### **Water Bottles**

It is good to see that the vast majority of children are continuing to use their water bottles in school. Replacement bottles are available at a cost of £1.00 per bottle.

### **Courtesy**

It is always noticeable at school when children have been encouraged to behave in a polite way at home. Ensuring that children always say please and thank you, and learn to show respect towards others is an important aspect of parenting. It is not particularly fashionable, but definitely helps make the world a kinder and happier place. We will do our best to work in partnership with you in this task!

### **Clubs**

Now that Paul Hurley has become a full time professional coach we are looking for a replacement coach for our Football and Tag Rugby clubs. The top two classes are getting Tag Rugby coaching in Term One from Bath Rugby, and we will send home a letter giving further information when we have made the necessary arrangements for these clubs.

### **Building changes**

The new building has arrived during the holidays. This has replaced the old swimming pool structure. The block consists of a classroom for Class Two, and a 'Learning Zone' for small groups and other purposes.

The playground is in the process of being improved and we are anticipating that the new equipment will be installed in mid-October.

### **Car parking**

We are committed to encouraging children to walk to school where possible even if only from The George.

We ask that parents park with consideration, preferably using the George Car Park.

It is particularly important that cars are not double parked or turned outside the school.

### **Volunteers**

Is anyone interested in supporting the School Magazine Club with professional backup and editing from Ali Stewart? The key would be to meet with the children on a regular basis and help and encourage them with their tasks. It's a great opportunity for an adult who wants to go into education in some way in the future and would value some experience.

At present the 08 Magazine is still being completed.

## School Fundraising

We have recently joined a brilliantly simple scheme to raise funds for our school.

If you shop online, as most of us do these days, the purchases you make could now generate significant cash for the school, on a regular basis, and the really great news is that it won't cost you anything extra at all!

PTA Planet is a website gateway to 800 or more online stores, like Amazon, Marks & Spencer, Next, Boden, PC World, Halfords and lots more of the places you already shop. You simply click through to the stores of your choice through the PTA Planet website, and every time you make a purchase, we make a little money!

Your support is the key to making this scheme work for us, as with most of the fundraising events we do. Please visit [www.ptaplanet.com](http://www.ptaplanet.com) and check it out, and then just get in the habit of using it every time you shop online.

If we all do this, we can make some very easy money for our children, at no cost to ourselves! What a great idea!

**Please add these dates to the family calendar/s**

### **September**

Cricket Club has started

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** Bath Rugby p.m. (Class Four and Five) and Multiskills lunchtime club for Class Three children

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** Jo Gane – French lessons begin (1<sup>st</sup> of 12 sessions)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** New School Council elected this week

Swimming: Class Five (Terms 1,2 & 3)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** Clarinet and Woodwind Band starts

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Cello and Violin start

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Story Club starts

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** Class Four to Bristol Museum and Aust Cliff

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Class Two, Three and Four Induction Session 2.30 – 3.00 p.m.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** Class Four Induction Session 2.30 – 3.00 p.m.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** Class Three to Rocks East Woodland all day

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** Class Three and Five Induction 2.30 – 3.00 p.m.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** Animation Club Starts

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Year Six Playground Leaders Training session

First School Council Meeting

Class Two induction session 2.30-3.00 p.m.

### **October**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** Individual Photographs (All staff and pupils)

Class Four Orienteering

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Class Four Orienteering

Class Five Induction Session 2.30 – 3.00 p.m.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Festival in St Nicholas 9.30 a.m. for Classes Two – Five)

Reception children in full time

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Governors' meeting 7.15-9.00pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** Admiral Arthur Phillips, Memorial Service 11.00 a.m. (Class Four and Five)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** Barefoot Story Teller for Classes Two and Three

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** Class One Induction Session 2.00- 3.15 p.m.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** Ted's Big Day Out (Mufti)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** Family Assemblies (School 'Houses')

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** End of Term 1

### **November**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** INSET Day

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** Start of Term 2 for pupils

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** Maths Packs Induction Workshop for parents in 'The Learning Zone' (New building) 2.30 p.m.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** Parent/Teacher Interviews this week and next

Rebecca Reid Classes Two and Four 'Yogabugs'

Family Assemblies

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** School Council Meeting

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** Class Four visiting @Bristol (all day)

### **December**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** Class Five to @Bristol Explore

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** School Families Assemblies

Class Five to Schools' Carol Service in Bath Abbey

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** Class Three Party

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** Classes One & Two Parties

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Carol Service 2pm (TBC)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Class Five Party

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** Class Four Party

End of Term 2

### **January 2007**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** Term 3 starts