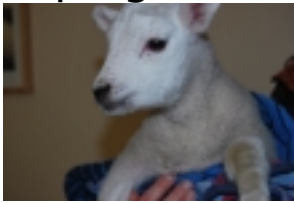




Dear Parents and Friends,  
I hope that you have enjoyed a good Easter break.

## Spring visitor



It was a real pleasure to have a visit from this lamb. Sally Fenna brought in Georgina to meet the children.

A warm welcome to Olivia Wilson and her parents Jo and Duncan. Olivia started in Class Two on 20<sup>th</sup> April. A retrospective welcome to Robin McGuinness and his parents Emma and Mike. Robin joined us in March.

## Performing Arts Trouble in Splodge City



Congratulations to the Drama Group who gave some superb performances in this very funny play. The good inhabitants of Splodge City elect a Mayor to save them from the Mad Dag McNut Gang. Things get very wet and in the end a cowgirl called Billie-Jo Brisket plays an important role, as does the Two Stroke Indians. Well done to Mrs Wood and all the cast, as well as the talented back stage crew. One of the delights was seeing every single member of the drama group giving their all.

## Dance Umbrella



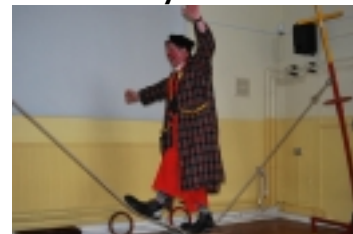
Congratulations to Mrs Lake's Dance group who took part in Dance Umbrella at the Forum on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The children choreographed and performed a piece called 'Hawaiian Fever'. They enjoyed the opportunity to dance in front of a large and appreciative audience.



## The Egg

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March Class One and Two went to the Egg Theatre to see a production of 'What a Wonderful World'. The theatre experience was wonderful, the children were engaged throughout. They learned through music, drama and hands on about how important our world is, and they were given a big cushion 'world' to pass to each other and hug.

## Clowning Around Holy Fool



On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March we had a visit from Roly Bain who is a professional and award winning clown, and also an Anglican priest. Roly made everyone laugh at his slapstick and slack rope routines. There was some thought provoking ideas sprinkled amongst the craziness. Roly has performed around the world in churches, prisons and even at football stadiums. It was wonderful to see the children rolling around with laughter.

# Beware Pirates!

Ahoy there me hearties



March was a bad month for pirates at Bathampton. Class Three had a topic based on these maritime pests, and learnt at 'Pirate School' how to become pirates. They discovered that forgetting to wash, having bad manners and generally being a rascal were the minimum qualifications. They wrote pirate stories and made treasure maps. As a form of community service they went to Class Two and read their stories to the younger children. There's good in everyone I am told.



Class Two had a Pirate Day as well, and enjoyed dressing up. On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March they gave a short performance for their parents in the playground.

## Out and About



On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Class Five went to learn about Georgian Bath. They had a workshop and a guided

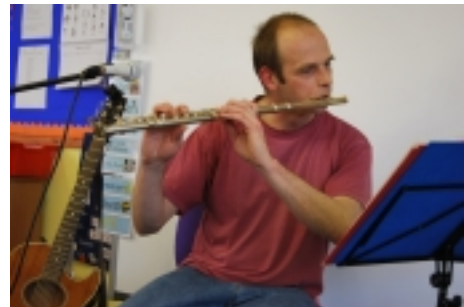
tour of Bath and learnt about Georgian architecture, and how Bath developed during this period. They also visited No 1 Royal Crescent to see how some Georgians lived.

## India



Class Four have enjoyed learning about India. Prim Pike and her mother Sunita came to the Hindu Temple and then came into class to relay the story of Rama and Sita. Inspired by their visit the children wrote some excellent versions of this story. It's always good to have parent visitors in school, so let us know if you have a story to tell, or a skill to share.

## Music One Man Band



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March parent Brian Madigan gave a one man show to Class Two who greatly enjoyed listening to his songs. Brian demonstrated his versatility using an electronic device to build a wall of sound adding instrument after instrument.

Brian, who is the father of Mari and Florian, has been composing music for theatre and visual media since the late 1980s. Since then, he has gone on to write for theatre, film and TV commercials, as well as becoming the UK's leading producer of music for dance education. Brian has performed at festivals and venues throughout the UK.

## Red Nose Day



On Friday March the school raised £177.10 for Comic Relief. I am grateful to Zac Wynne for his help and ideas.

## Celebrating and Achieving Success

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** is KS2 SATs Week  
Year Six children **must** be in school this week.  
Please do not book any sleepovers during this week or in the week before as these tend to affect children's concentration and morale.

## Entrance Exams

Congratulations to Ashley Tutchter who has won an Academic Scholarship to King Edward's School.

## Awards

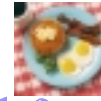


Well done to Josephine Lye who won an award at the 'Curtain Up' school of Performing Arts, and to Hannah Benjelloun who won a dance award.

## Sport and Fitness

### Football

Well done to the school football team who played very well indeed against Oldfield Junior School. Laurie Maylor was Man of the Match. We have a strong team this year!



## Breakfast Pilot

### Trial breakfast sessions

A reminder that the trial sessions will run on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 8.00 to 8.45 a.m. Two letters are coming home shortly to check interest in the project.

If it is successful we will need to recruit somebody to run the club. Please let us know if you think you may be interested in running the club.



## Winnie the Pooh

A reminder that the poster in the window means that we have received a schools network alert that somebody in the Bath area has been seen acting suspiciously near a school, or towards school age children, and that extra caution is advised. If you do spot anyone acting suspiciously please let us know and we can pass the information on to the network.

## School & Community Improving Road Safety



Local councillor Keith Rossiter is keen to reduce the danger posed by traffic near the school. On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March we had a site meeting with B&NES representatives to consider ways of calming the traffic on the bridge and in Tying Road.

If you are interested in helping us improve safety around the school please come along to the Safe Routes to School meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15 p.m. when we can discuss this further. Anyone is welcome to attend!

# Easter Workshops



During the Easter holiday I had the privilege of working with fifteen primary and fifteen secondary head teachers from the Caribbean island of St Vincent. I was leading three days of workshops with Ray Priest, Principle of the City Academy, Bristol. The heads are engaged in a post-graduate diploma in school leadership run by the University of the West of England.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** Official Opening of the Playground/ New Building  
Councillor Ian Dewey 10.15 a.m.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** Bathampton Football Team V St Saviours  
Home 3.30 pm.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** Y3/4 Football Team v Bathford Away 3.45 p.m.

### May

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Rugby Festival @ Odd Down 9.30-12.00

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** Bath Spa PGCE Trainee teacher Leah Sleator  
placement begins

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** Friends Quiz Night 7.00 p.m.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** KS2 SATs Week

Curriculum Committee 1.30 p.m.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** Governors' Meeting

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** Main Open Morning for Prospective Parents

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Class Three Sponsored Walk

End of Term 5

### June

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** Start of Term 5 & Bikeability begins

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Clarinet Demonstration

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** KwikCricket Tournament @ Sulis Club (NB change  
of venue and date)

Evening Annual Cricket Match v Village Team (Refreshments by  
the Friends)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** Class 5 Tribal @ St Marks School

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** Pilot Breakfast Club Session One 8.00 a.m.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** INSET Assessment

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Pilot Breakfast Club Session Two 8.00 a.m.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** Class 5 to Life Skills Centre, Bristol

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** Class 4 to Bristol Museum, Egyptology Gallery

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** Summer Fair 2.00-5.00 p.m.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** Children's Parliament @ Bath Spa University

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Class 1 and 2 to Folly Farm 'Teddy Bear's Picnic'

Class Three Sports Festival p.m.

### July

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Invasion/ Induction Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Class 5 to King Edwards Workshop

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** Class 3 to Weston Super Mare

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Orchestra Concert 3.30 p.m.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** Class 3 to Music Festival

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** Invitation Parent Sessions this week

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Sports Day Option One Y3, 4, 5 a.m. and  
Reception, Y1, Y2 p.m. (Option 2 = Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** Leaver's Disco

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** Leaver's Service 9.30 a.m.

End of Term 6