

Dear Parents.

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

We welcome Henry Thomas who is starting in Year 5 this term, and his mother Julie. Henry already knows quite a few children in his class, and we hope that he will enjoy his time in the school.



Breakfast Club

Watch out for events connected with this project. We are hoping to launch after Christmas!



Financial Management Standard (FMSiS)

There is always a lot of hard work done behind the scenes in every organisation and the area of financial management is one that is not always celebrated. Just before the holiday we had the second of two audits from the B&NES Auditor Jean Bridges who confirmed that we have now fully achieved the new Financial Standard for schools. This is a very complex standard which involves checking many aspects of the schools financial systems with a special focus on the role of the Governors.

I am very grateful to Mrs Gilbert who managed the significant preparation for this project, to Mrs Ayres and Mrs Gapper who supported her, to June Wagstaff, Chair of the Finance Committee, for her support and expertise, and the rest of the committee who worked very hard to help us achieve this standard.

Ted's Big Day Out

This event raised £122.90 for the RUH Neo-Natal appeal. Many thanks to Mrs Evans who organised the Big Ted events.

Harvest Festival

This raised £65.29, and the money will also go to the RUH appeal. Julian House have written to thank the school for the food given at the Harvest Festival.



Dark Nights

With the evenings darkening children need to take special care walking home after school.

Careful supervision is more important especially in public places such as the local park where some parts of the playing space are hidden from view and children are more at risk.



The Weather

The weather is pleasant at the moment but we are heading for a time when coats, hats, scarves and gloves are needed. Leaving a centrally heated house can be misleading and the children are outdoors for significant periods of time. We recommend that these items are named.

Push chairs

We would be grateful if whenever possible these could be parked outside the school and not brought into the corridors due to space limitations.

School Nurse Message

Sue Hutton, our School Nurse, has asked us to recommend the following flu precautions

- Use tissues and throw these away after use
- Wash hands after blowing our nose
- Cough into a sweatshirt rather than over other people

Key Dates

From 2nd Nov Parent/ teacher interviews
Thursday 19th Nov 'Wear Blue' Anti-Bullying Day
Tuesday 23rd Nov Child Protection Training for all staff and volunteers 3.30-5.00 p.m.
Friday 4th Dec Christmas Fair
Wednesday 16th Dec Carol Service
Friday 18th Dec End of Term 2
School dates online at
www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar

Dragon Poem

I thought you might enjoy this poem by the children in Class Three produced after their trip to Rock's East.

On a misty September morning.
In a wild oak forest.
Down a leafy Track
Along a spidery path covered in roots.
By a still pond.
Behind a rusty iron gate.
Through a dusty bumpy tunnel.
Lying on a limestone ledge.
In an ancient clay pot.
Surrounded by feathers.
Lay the golden glowing dragon eggs.

Success at School

The majority of children in the school need at least **10** hours sleep at night, with the oldest needing 9 or more.

Please ensure that children quickly make the adjustment to term time bedtimes.

Please try to ensure that your child is heard read every day. This support has a huge impact on all aspects of a child's education.

A good breakfast will help children to concentrate and to enjoy the day.

Holidays in term time affect learning. Learning is sequential and blocks that are missed can affect future understanding and success at school.

We do want children to enjoy their learning and most do, and these simple disciplines make all the difference.

The Davies family in NZ



A photo of ex-pupils Sam, Jordie and Rosie with their parents at Lake Tekapo in New Zealand. The family are due to return to the UK this autumn.

Diary Dates

2009-10 Diary Dates

November

Monday 2nd Start of Term 2 Parent/ teacher interview fortnight

Tuesday 10th (& 17th 24th and 1st December) Pedestrian Training for Class Three (Volunteers needed)

& School Council Meeting

Friday 13th Cleo from The Holborn Museum visiting Class Five

Thursday 19th Wear Blue Anti-Bullying day (Mufti) (Please note change of date)

Friday 20th Class Four visiting Roman Baths (a.m.)

Monday 23rd Whole school Child Protection training for staff and volunteers 3.30 -5.00 p.m.

Thursday 26th Class Three visiting Farleigh Hungerford Castle

Friday 27th Class Four Roman Meal

December

Friday 4th Class Four Roman Assembly 9.15 a.m.

& Christmas Fair 3.15- 5.00 p.m.

Friday 11th Class Two Party

Monday 14th Class One Party

Tuesday 15th Class Three Party

Wednesday 16th Carol Service 2pm

Thursday 17th Class Five Party

Friday 18th Class Four Party End of Term 2

January 2007

Monday 4th Term 3 starts