



Dear Parents and Friends,

Changes



Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Edmund on their recent wedding. Miss Bergmann, as she was, and James were married at St Nicholas in a delightful wedding. Many staff, parents and pupils were present during or after the service. Mrs Edmund wanted to express her thanks to everyone who gave towards her presents

A warm welcome to Kieran Miller and his parents Ian and Jane. Kieran recently started in Class Five. Welcome also to Benji Vevers-Morley and his parents Kerry and Bernie. Benji recently started in Class One. Farewell to Madison Oliveira who is leaving this term. She will be missed by us all!

Congratulations to Sophie and Dominic on the safe arrival of baby Nellwyn, a sister for Otis. She was born on Friday 12th March at the RUH.

On Friday 26th March we said a fond farewell to Rob and Marilyn Thomas. They have contributed so much to the school over the past four years and will be greatly missed. Mrs Cox will be taking over many of Mrs Thomas duties including PPA cover for Mrs Wood.

'Outstanding'

The staff and children at the school were delighted by the exceptional grade awarded in the recent Ofsted inspection report. It is a real tribute to the children and their love of learning, the care and high expectations from the staff team and the amazing support offered by parents and governors. If you haven't yet read the report please do. It is a pleasure to read.

Out and About

Time Travelling



On Friday 12nd March Class Four went to the the Steam Museum in Swindon. They went in period clothes, carrying gas masks and ate austerity sandwiches to undertake a variety of WW2 workshops. On Friday 26th Class Four gave an informal but very exciting presentation to parents with songs and dance and information about key WW2 themes such as Rationing, the Blackout and Make Do and mend.

Travelling back in time and underground



On Monday 22nd March Class Two went on a trip to Wookey Hole as part of their topic on Dinosaurs. Going down into the dark caves underground took some courage but the children were unfazed by the life sized dinosaurs in the grounds, despite the photograph bottom left! The mirror maze was a real highlight as was the ball pond. A great day!

Key Dates

Monday 19th April School Restarts &
Monday 7th June is an INSET Day

Book Week

Book Characters



The children loved dressing up as book characters on Friday 5th March. Many thanks to Mrs Evans for organising a really enjoyable book week.



Richard Jones gave an inspiring assembly showing how he creates his amazing illustrations. He is fantastically talented and it was instructive to realise how much hard work had gone into developing his drawing skills. We have some talented artists in the school and Richard also looked at their sketches and was able to give helpful advice. I am hoping that we will be able to have a Richard Jones Exhibition in the Stair Gallery later this spring.



These illustrations were done by Richard last year based on drawing done by pupils in the school. Richard supplements his work by keeping our school beautifully clean!

Dog



Was that the real Hairy Maclary who came into school or a look alike? Thanks to Mrs Fenna for bringing in her delightful dog!

Book Fair



Many thanks to Emily Hoskins for organising the Usborne Book Fair and to the Friends for serving tea and to Mrs Evans and Class One for providing delicious cakes. This event enabled us to buy £160 worth of Usborne books for the children.

Easter Preparation



No prizes for guessing which Easter story Class Five were learning about in this RE lesson. The children learnt about how the twelve disciples might have experienced the 'Last Supper', Passover meal.

World War Two



Class Four had a visit from Edward Clarke's grandpa and Lily Robertson's grandmother. They spoke about their wartime experiences.

'Schools Out's Rock Bathampton



On Thursday 18th March we had a concert given by seventeen young people from the Dutch town of Bergen near Bath's twin town of Alkmaar. The group visited 5 schools in Bath on their tour. The young people played classic pop and rock songs as well as more up to date tunes. The staff and children really enjoyed the concert and some children were lost in music heaven!

At the end of the concert the band's manager Fred Schotten presented the school with a framed photograph of the church in Bergen.



Dance Umbrella

Congratulations to the Dance group who took part in Dance Umbrella at the Forum on Wednesday 23rd March. It was noted that the children received a really loud cheer because of their lively coordinated performance. Mrs. Lake and the children were congratulated for their hard work.



Bloodhound Engineering Club



The Bloodhound Science Group have been using their best engineering skills to build their own version of a Bloodhound super fast car. Although they haven't broken the 1000 mile an hour speed record yet they managed to build buggies that move using balloon power.

Mr Jarosz, an engineer from Rolls Royce, kindly visited the group last Thursday to explain how jet engines work, offer some handy hints and show them a working model jet engine. The group meets next week for the final show down. Which car can travel the fastest over a three metre distance? It may not be rocket science but the children have certainly learnt how to test and improve their designs and importantly to persevere!. (Mrs Wood's report)



Collecting younger children

Do you collect younger children? Could you please ensure you are able to see the member of staff letting your child go at the end of the day.

We need to make eye contact in order to be able to let the child go. Thanks for this!

Sport and Fitness

Football



Well done to the School Football Team who played against Swainswick School on Thursday 11th March. The team played sportingly against a less experienced team, and won 4-1. I was proud of the fact that they didn't complain despite our attempts to help the smaller school by playing with unevenly sized teams. Man of the Match was Alex Pippard who scored a hat trick.

The team also played against Bathford on Wednesday 17th March and also won 4-1. This was an exciting match.



Year 3 & 4 Tournament

Well done to the Year 3 & 4 Football Team who played in the annual tournament. This took place on Saturday 20th March at Monkton. The team played 5 matches and won top place in their group of six.

They then played an exciting semi-final against Monkton finally being beaten in a penalty shoot out. William Abel was an inspiring Captain who showed total commitment throughout, and Lorenzo Montaini was Man of the Tournament for not conceding a goal in all the games.

Tag Rugby



On Tuesday 16th March our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team took part in the Tag Rugby Festival at the Stoddert & Pitt Ground. They did really well reaching the quarter finals where they lost against the eventually winners of the tournament.

Celebrating and Achieving Success

Post Ofsted Actions

1. Involve pupils in the identification and evaluation of progress so they have a clear understanding of what they need to do to move towards the next level of attainment.

One key step in improving this area is through the Creative and Technical Writing Milestones developed last year which we have relaunched following the inspection. I am excited about their potential for helping the children develop as writers, and will send home more detail on how this new system will work. Mrs. Evans and I will be conducting the first Writing Milestone Audit on April 27th.

2. Extend and further enrich the opportunities for all pupils learning by taking lessons beyond the classroom environment.

We already have a number of initiatives in place for this development. In July 2009 the Swainswick Explorers produced a useful report suggesting ways in which we could develop our grounds and create more opportunities for outdoor learning. I am gradually putting together an 'Outdoor Learning Team', and would like some parents to volunteer to join this team. There is much to do and we need an energetic team to make the necessary changes.

Diary Dates Insert

April

Monday 19th Start of Term 5

Wednesday 21st Filming in school for 'Healthy Schools Plus' Video



Thursday 22nd Visit by pupils from The Lime Tree School, Ville France

Friday 23rd French Pen Pal Evening @ KES Pavilion 5.00 p.m. to 7.000 p.m.

Tuesday 27th Writing Audit

Wednesday 28th New Intake Evening 7.00 p.m.

May



Wednesday 5th Year Three & Four to Greatwood (one night) & Class Five First Aid Training

Monday 10th May is KS2 SATs Week 2010 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.

Please note that the SATs are going ahead as normal despite the national dispute.

Monday 17th Class One trip to Warleigh Lodge Farm

Thursday 20th Football against Swainswick

Wednesday 26th Ironbridge Information Evening 6 -7 p.m.

Friday 28th First Bikeability Session

& End of Term 5

June

Monday 7th INSET Day

Tuesday 8th Term 6 Starts

Monday 14th Film Club

Wednesday 16th Whole School Photograph

Friday 18th Main Open Day for 2011 Intake



Monday 21st - 23rd Class Five to Ironbridge

July

Thursday 1st Induction Day & Secondary School Invasion Day

Friday 2nd Evening Summer Fair

Tuesday 6th Class Four to Westonbirt Arboretum

Thursday 8th Class Three to Folly Farm



200 Years

Friday 16th Canal Bicentennial History Evening & Art Exhibition

Saturday 17th Canal Bicentennial History Celebration & Art Exhibition

Friday 23rd End of Term 6

School dates online at www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar