

Bathampton Primary School
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Start of Term letter
Term One 2010

Dear Parents.

I hope that you and your children had a fantastic 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.

Congratulations to Mrs Evans and her husband Tom who are expecting their first child in February. Parents of children in Class One can be confident that we will be recruiting a maternity cover teacher with our usual determination to find the suitable candidate.

We have a number of trainee teachers and volunteers on placement this term. These include; Hannah King, on a year 'in industry' with Leeds University, who will be based in Class Two until Christmas and who will also be leading dance sessions with various classes, Leon Diacogiannis with City of Bath College will be visiting each week and who will be based in Class Three, as will Margaret Yates-Berg from Boston College in the USA who is studying with Advanced Studies in England.

Starting school in 2010

Do you have a child that is starting school in September 2011? The national application deadline is now at midnight on 15th January 2011. The admissions criteria for the school are available online at the B&NES website. Parents will be informed about places either by email on 26th April or by post shortly afterwards.

Adventures in Africa



Congratulations to Ms Johnson and her partner Peter who had an amazing adventure in the holidays. Their trip up Kilimanjaro was by the Machame Route, descending down the Marangu Route - approximately 100 km in total. Locals there refer to the top of the mountain as 'The Roof of Africa'. They have raised around £400 so far in sponsorship for Macmillan Cancer Support, and you are welcome to add to this! We are going for 'Healthy Schools Plus' this year and Ms Johnson is setting an excellent example as real fitness is required for this walk.

Induction Meetings Coming up!

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. They should also be available on the website.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will be at 9.30 a.m. on Monday 27th September at St Nicholas Church. We would like children to bring in tins for Julian House from Monday 20th September. The collection will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support.

Key dates for the Autumn Terms
Please note class induction sessions for parents
in the diary dates

End of Term 1 Friday 22nd October
Start of Term 2 Monday 1st November
INSET Day 4 Friday 19th November
End of Term 2 Friday 17th December
Advance notice of the remaining two INSET Days
Tuesday 4th January
Monday 6th June

Thank you!

Mrs Fenna has asked if I could thank everyone for her present when she left last term.

‘A really big thank you for my fantastic leaving presents, the flowers were beautiful and Tim and I are planning to enjoy our meals at the Priory Hotel as a celebration for our forth coming wedding anniversary. Also my thanks to Class One parents for their amazing flowers too. I will be thinking of you all as you return to school. ‘

We would also like to thank Mrs Fenna for her very generous leaving present. Class One have a specially made Guinea Pig hutch on their terrace and we are looking forward to meeting their new residents who will be joining us once the term has got going.

Congratulations!

Well done to Sophie Baldwin who has won a Puffin Post competition, and has been invited to ‘The Queen of Teen Awards ceremony. This exciting event promises to be glitzy, sparkly, glamorous and packed with amazing authors!

Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks to all the parents who returned the annual Parent Questionnaires last term. These were collated during the summer holiday and will be used to help the school become an even better place for children to learn. The governors will be getting copies of the responses.

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, navy, white or grey. Shoes should be black or dark navy blue. Trainers are not to be worn inside the school. 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. We would be very grateful if families could ensure all items are named!

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. when registers are taken.

Traffic can be unpredictable so it is advisable to build in time to allow for unforeseen problems.

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 as this conflicts with our Healthy Schools status. KS! Children will continue to receive their free fruit and vegetables.

Keep drinking water

Drinking sufficient water helps children to learn and it helps them to stay happy. The vast majority of children are continuing to use their water bottles in school. Replacement bottles are available from the school shop at a cost of £1.00 per bottle. Please note that squash is not to be brought in.

Building Improvements

Our caretaker Mike Ball has decorated the Class Three cloakroom area and parts of the hall in the holidays. We are grateful to him for the high quality of his work!

Car Parking

We encourage children to walk to school where possible even if this is only from The George.

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

We hope that you have a happy and productive autumn term 1!

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Diary Dates

September

Monday 13th Class 2 & 4 Induction Sessions for Parents
2.15-3.10 p.m.

Class 3 & 4 Induction Sessions for Parents 2.15-3.10 p.m.

Wednesday 15th Class 2 & 5 Induction Sessions for Parents
2.15-3.10 p.m.

Thursday 16th Class 3 & 5 Induction Sessions for Parents
2.15-3.10 p.m.

Story Club starts 3.20 p.m.

Monday 20th New School Council elected this week

& All Reception children a.m. only

Tuesday 21st Sport works Clubs start

Thursday 23rd Class Three to Warleigh Lodge Farm
'Outdoor Maths'

Friday 24th First Bikeability Session

Bath Festival of Children's Literature
Friday 24th September to Sunday 3rd
October

Monday 27th Harvest Festival 9.30 @ St Nicholas

& All Reception Children a.m. & Lunch

October

Friday 1st Second Bikeability Session

Monday 4th Reception children start full time if ready

& Books Around the World Week

Tuesday 5th First School Council Meeting .

Tuesday 5th Governors' meeting 7.15-9.00pm

Wednesday 6th Class Four Dental Workshop

Friday 8th Admiral Arthur Phillip Service 11.00 a.m. (Classes
Four & Five)

& Third Bikeability Session

Monday 11th Handwriting Audit

Wednesday 13th Individual Photographs (All staff and
pupils)

Class 1 Induction Sessions for Parents 2.15-3.10 p.m

Friday 15th Class Four to @Bristol

& Ted's Big Day Out (Wear Stripes)

Tuesday 22nd End of Term 1

November

Monday 1st Start of Term 2

& Parent/ teacher interview fortnight. Please sign up!

Tuesday 2nd SEAL Assembly

Friday 5th Class Five to @Bristol (Earth Sun & Moon)

Monday 8th Family Assemblies (School 'Houses').

Monday 15th National Anti-Bullying week 2010

Tuesday 16th School Council Meeting

Friday 19th INSET Day 4

Friday 26th Class Four Assembly 9.15 a.m. Parents welcome

December

Friday 3rd School Fair

Monday 6th Children's Christmas Post begins

Monday 13th Class One and Two Party

Tuesday 14th Classes Three Party

Wednesday 15th Carol Service @ St Nicholas 1.45pm

Thursday 16th Class Five Party

Friday 17th Class Four Party

End of Term 2

January 2010

Tuesday 4th INSET Day 5

Wednesday 5th Term 3 starts

February

Friday 18th End of Term 3

Monday 6th June INSET Day 6