



Dear Parents and Friends,

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

#### Arrivals

Congratulations to Mrs Evans and her husband on the safe arrival of their daughter Polly, who was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. For those of you who would like to know the details Polly was born at 12:22 p.m. weighing 6lb 13oz. She visited the school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and made quite an impact. Mrs Evans and Polly spent time with each class in turn, although Polly slept through it all, so may not remember too much!

Some parents have already given a personal present and we are collecting for a school gift (which will be a John Lewis voucher). If you would like to contribute please send in a named envelope marked 'Mrs Evans Gift' to the office! We will also leave a card there that could be signed. Mrs Evans is very grateful for the kindness and care received!

A warm welcome to Inigo Sweetingham and his family. Inigo started in Class Two at the start of term.

#### Class Five!

Mrs Edmund is finishing on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and starting her maternity leave. We wish her all the best as she and her husband James prepare for the arrival of the baby.

I am grateful to her and to Mr Milne, who is taking over on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, for the superb job done in preparing for the transition. As you can imagine a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes to make sure that there is a smooth handover.

#### Departures

Many families will be sad to hear that the Gibbins children are moving to a school closer to their home. Yannis, Leah and Ella are delightful members of the school community and will be greatly missed by us all. We wish them every happiness in their new school.

Samia has been a passionate supporter of the school and has been involved in so many activities that we can't name them all here but they include being a key member of the school friends for many years, (helping to raise significant amounts of funds for the school and keeping our social life lively), teaching French to the Pen-pals Club, helping with the school tuck shop and generally making a difference!

We are really grateful to her for all she has done and wish her all the best. The good news is that Sean is going to continue as a Governor and that we will still benefit from his leadership especially in overseeing the new building project.

#### Help Needed!

School Meals Supervisory Assistant Mrs Barr is finishing on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March as she has a new job as Lunchtime Play Leader at St Saviours Infants school. We are pleased for her, but now need help for five lunchtimes. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, it's a great job working in a successful team with a fun bunch of children...and with lots of fresh air thrown in! Please speak to myself or Sue Ayres.

#### **Dry Arch Growers**

Bathampton School children are invited to become seedling growers. They will be provided with seeds, compost, trays and growing instructions. The seedlings can be grown on a sunny window ledge, or in a greenhouse, if available. A few weeks later the seedlings will be planted out at the Dry Arch growers' site. Children are very welcome to bring the seedlings to the site and help plant them; alternatively they can return them to school. Return dates for plants will be provided

with the instructions. The first seed handout will be in the school hall 3.15pm–3.45pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## Walking

I have recently seen information about the walkit.com website in the Sustrans Making Tracks publication. If it is as good as it says, then it would be well worth a look!

*According to the article 'All you have to do is enter your postcode and then your school's postcode and it plots your journey for you and gives you lots of useful information such as how long the walk will take and how far it is. You can even ask it to show you journeys that are on quieter roads which might make your walk to school a bit safer and more relaxing.'*

I would be interested to know if it works well!

We are having a real focus on punctuality and will be trying to ensure that no child is consistently late! Arrival by 8.45 a.m. needed to ensure being settled in class by 8.50 a.m. Lateness disrupts classes and is strongly linked to children underachieving.

## Diary Dates

### March

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** Action Aid talk for Class Four  
& Mrs Edmund's Maternity leave begins
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** Mr Milne starts with Class Five
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Class Four to Warleigh Farm Maths Day
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** Class Four Indian Meal
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** Auction of Promises @ Village Hall 7.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Football V Newbridge @ Home 3.40 p.m.
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** School Council Meeting
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** Dance Umbrella @ Forum  
& First Seed Handout in the hall after school (See above)
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** Y3 /4 Football Tournament @ Monkton 9–12

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>** Class Five to Building of Bath Museum & No 1 Royal Crescent

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>** Y5/ 6 Rugby

Tournament @ Stothert & Pitt

### April

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** End of Term 4

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** Start of Term 5

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** Royal Wedding Bank Holiday

### May

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** May Day Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Bath Spa PGCE teacher to Class Two

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** Evening Meeting Parents of 2011 Reception

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** Friends' Quiz Night

**Please could all Y6 children avoid sleepovers this weekend!**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 SATs Week. **All Year 6 to be in school!**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** Class One to Warleigh Lodge Farm

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** Building Work starts

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** Outreach Event @ The Forum for Class Five

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** End of Term 5

### June

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** INSET Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** Start of Term 6 for children

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Pedestrian Training Class Three

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** Open Morning for Reception 2012

### July

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** Class Five to Life Skills Centre p.m.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Summer Fair

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** Induction/ Shunt Afternoon

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** KES Summer Workshop

& Y3/ 4 Cluster Tagtails Tournament

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** Sports Day Option One

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** Sports Day Option Two

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Leavers' Service

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### AUCTION OF PROMISES

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March Doors Open 7.00pm Auction begins 7.30pm Bathampton Village Hall

End of Term 6