

**Bathampton Primary School**  
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*Start of Term letter*

Term One 2011

Dear Parents.

I hope that you and your children had a superb 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.

A warm welcome to Mrs Jackson starting in Class One, and welcome back to Mrs Evans returning after her maternity leave. They have both been very impressed by the calm and sensible way the new children have started and also handled being in a different classroom! Change is challenging but with adult support children can thrive. It's going to be worth it when they have their brand new classroom!

We also welcome Kristen Fleming from Boston College in the USA who is studying with Advanced Studies in England and who will be with Class Three every Tuesday until November 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Healthy Schools Plus**  
SOUTH WEST

*Healthy Schools Plus!*

I am delighted to let you know that we have now met all of the challenging criteria for this standard, and as a result have achieved full Healthy Schools Plus recognition! I am very grateful to Mrs Lake who has led the project, and to everyone who has helped.

We will be presented with our certificate at the celebration event at the Guildhall on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

It is going to be an exciting term as we are also receiving our Inclusion Quality Mark award at the Guildhall on 6<sup>th</sup> October where the School Orchestra will be playing.

*Induction Meetings Coming up!*

Class teachers are keen to give parents an opportunity to find out details about class routines and learning goals. We hope that you will be able to attend one of the two sessions which 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 10<sup>th</sup> October at St Nicholas Church. We would like children to bring in non-perishable food items for Julian House from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The collection will go towards those in need.



*Wellington Boots*

We are keen that all children have Wellies in school. It is possible to buy a pair of Wellies for under ten pounds, or much less if hand me downs or second hand pairs are available. With a pair of Wellies children have free access to the school field and woods throughout the year. For less than the price of two cinema tickets or a couple of bottles of wine, children have access, on the 190 schools days each year, to what must be some of the best state school playing spaces in Bath! Please make this a priority! Its good fun and great exercise for the children! If you have any Wellies you no longer need we would be delighted to have them! These could be handed in to Mrs Evans.

*Key dates for the Autumn Terms*

**Please note class induction sessions for parents in the diary dates**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** End of Term 1

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** Start of Term 2

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** INSET Day 3

Other INSET Days in diary section

We are very grateful to Richard and Caroline Baldwin for their very generous leaving gift. The Baldwin family gave a cheque for £250 which will be used to make the school a better place.

*Bathampton families abroad*

The Surgey family have moved to their new house in France. Sarah has written to say that everyone has been very welcoming but they are missing all their friends back in the UK.

“ Thank you to everyone who has registered on our blog ExBrats.com and left comments, it’s nice to know you are all out there still.....”

Ali Stewart has also emailed concerning her families move to Catalonia.

“We have managed to get out and about a little, to the beach, inland to various towns and picturesque villages, hills and foothills of the Pyrenees; Poppy and I ‘popped’ into France the other weekend to visit an old friend of mine who was holidaying there and, most recently of all, Mark and Sarah Surgey and their girls came to visit us for a couple of days – our turn next to visit them in Lyon, I believe.”

*Uniform*

We would be grateful if all parents could ensure that their child is dressed in the correct uniform. We sent out a uniform letter at the end of last term, and if anyone didn’t receive a copy please let us know.

*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.

*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 Plus status. KS1 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 Site Manager Mike Ball has been very busy in the holidays and has transformed what is now Class Two. One feature in particular is the corner reading seat that he designed and made. We are grateful to him for the care he has taken to make the school a great place to be in! I am glad to be part of a school that is continually improving, and I know that when ex-pupils return to the school they are often amazed by the improvements!

*Car Parking*

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

*Tennis Coaching*

Well done to Max Knight who has been asked to attend the Development Squad for tennis at the University which happens after school twice a week. He is also having an individual tennis lesson once a week to go with this programme. We wish him all the best with his training!

## Parental Help

Children who do really well at school almost always have parents who **listen to them read** daily or near daily! This makes a really significant difference to their academic achievements, and outcomes.

## Checklist

- **Coats for outdoor playtimes**
- **Wellies for free-range play**

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### Diary Dates

#### September

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** (TBC) Friends Meeting @ The George 8.00 p.m. Everyone Welcome

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** Class 5 Induction Session for Parents 2.15–3.00 p.m.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>** Dance coach in for Class Three and Class Four

& Class 2 & 4 Induction Sessions for Parents 2.15–3.00 p.m.

& Violin & Cello lessons start

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** Clarinet & Recorder sessions start

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** All Reception children a.m. only

& New School Council elected this week

& Class 3 & 4 Induction Sessions for Parents 2.15–3.00 p.m. (Class 3 in Learning Zone)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** Class 3 & 5 Induction Sessions for Parents 2.15–3.00 p.m.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Class 2 Induction Session for Parents 9.00 – 10.00 a.m. (N.B. morning)

Bath Festival of Children's Literature  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** Reception children stay to lunch

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** Class Four to Cirencester

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** Orchestra starts

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** Class Three to Rocks East

#### October

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** Governors' meeting 7.15–9.00pm

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** IQM Ceremony @ Guildhall

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** Admiral Arthur Phillip Service 11.00 a.m. (Classes Four & Five)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Festival 9.30 @ St Nicholas

& Reception Optional full week

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** First School Council Meeting

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Individual Photographs** (All staff and individual pupils)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** Ted's Big Day Out (Flower Power Mufti)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** Reception children start full time if ready

& Handwriting Audit

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** Healthy Schools Plus Celebration @ Guildhall

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** End of Term 1

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>** Start of Term 2

& Parent/ teacher interview fortnight.

#### November

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** SEAL Assembly

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Friends: Bonfire Night Event after school

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** INSET Day 3

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** Creative & Technical Milestone Audit this week

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** National Anti-Bullying Fortnight 2011

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** Class Four to Roman Baths

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** Class Four Assembly 9.15 a.m. Parents welcome

#### December

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>** School Fair 3.15 – 5.15 p.m.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** Children's Christmas Post begins

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** Class Three Party

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** Class One Party

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Carol Service @ St Nicholas 1.45pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** Class Two & Class Five Party

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** Class Four Party

& End of Term 2

### **January 2012**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** INSET Day 4

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** Start of Term 3

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Spanish Trainee Teachers begin visit

### **February**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** End of Term 3

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** Start of Term 4

### **March**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** End of Term 4

### **April**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** Start of Term 5

### **June**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** End of Term 5

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** INSET Day 5

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** Children start Term 6

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** End of Term 6

**All term dates available online**

[www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar](http://www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar)