



Dear Parents and Friends,

We have reached the end of a busy and extraordinary term.



We are saying goodbye to a very special group of Year Six pupils. We wish them every success in their secondary schools, and in the future.

We are also saying goodbye to Molly Richardson, Anna Treharne and Aggie Nash. The three are starting at Bath independent schools in September and we wish them all the best and hope that they will stay in touch!

As has been noted earlier we are saying goodbye to three very special members of staff; Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mrs Skurczynski after 26 years, kitchen manager Marlene Fry after 21 years and teacher Miss Edwards after 3 years. We will miss them all and thank them for their hard work and care!

Support needed

We will need more SMSA staff in September so if you would enjoy caring for children, helping them enjoy playtimes, love the outdoors and a challenge please consider this role!

We are still looking for a full time Crossing Patrol Officer but in the meantime Rev Marilyn White is a sprightly 84 and recently volunteered to help on part-time basis. The school is working with the Council to establish a community rota for the crossing patrol on the canal bridge. If you or someone you know had even one morning or afternoon to offer then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Beryl_Miles@bathnews.gov.uk

Ellwyn's Stage



A huge thank you to Colas Rail who have donated a superb outdoor stage to the school as a perfect apology for any inconvenience caused by lorry movements last year.

After seeing the Minack Theatre in Cornwall Year 6 Ellwyn Yardley had dreamt of creating an outdoor stage. Parent Katie Cutting was offered some railway sleepers for the school by a Colas Rail rep and when Ellwyn mentioned her idea everything fell into place. Colas Rail were happy to arrange for the stage to be built by the very friendly and capable Carl Protheroe and Kevin Guest of Pro Ground Works.

Some months later Ellwyn was able to inspect the work and was delighted to see her dream turned into reality! This is especially appropriate as Ellwyn is off to Youth Ballet School in London in September to further develop her stage skills as a dancer!

Grow £1



Bathampton young entrepreneurs have raised over £1800 in the amazing Grow £1 project. Jenny Sutherland has created a "tree" around the entrance with some of the children's stories of how they made their money on the leaves.

The start up 'seed' money was donated by Helm Construction. Managing Director Paul Evans's daughter is a pupil at the school. We are very grateful to Helm for their support and all those who have raised funds for the school!

Reception



Reception have been out and about in Term 6 despite infrequent sunny weather. We visited Warleigh Lodge Farm to start our minibeast topic. The children were able to explore natural habitats up close, from streams to tree stumps to cowpats. Many interesting Minibeasts were discovered along with tracks and clues of the other wildlife living on the farm.

We then got to feed the cows, goats, lambs and even some very little piglets. A big thank you to those staff and parents that made the trip possible and to all those parents who have helped out in Reception class over the past year.



We have also been getting to grips with nature in PlayWood sessions.

Making potions, mud painting and exploring the wildlife in different trees were amongst just some of the fantastic activities led by Tania Orgill.

During our "Special Books" Religious Education day we invited three parents to come into school to share their own special books. We learnt about the Torah and were fascinated to find out how large the real Jewish scrolls are, we asked questions about stories and ideas in the Qu'ran and we listened and acted out Noah's Ark from the Bible.



Thanks to Kara Maylor, Mohamed Rakha and Pnina Moscovici who gave up their time to make R.E. come alive.

It seems such a short time ago that the children were arriving in their new school uniform ready to begin their journey through Bathampton School. They have had a fantastic year and now look so grown up and ready for Class One. Have a lovely summer, Reception Class!

Report by Mrs Kirby and Mrs Evans

Bug Hotel



On a very wet day in June the children from Reception Class went to the church yard to collect cones and bark. When they returned to school the adults stacked the pallets that had been donated by a local gardening company and the children placed all the cones and bark inside the pallets to create the school's new bug hotel. They also put lots of straw inside and bamboo and sticks. They worked hard and no one noticed the rain.

The bug hotel was admired by lots of visitors to the school fair. This week it will have a roof fitted and a sign. We hope lots of bugs will use it. Report by Tania Orgill



Class One visit Longleat Safari Park



On Tuesday 5th July, Class One enjoyed a fun-filled day at Longleat. The day started with a boat trip around the lake. Ralph said that this was his favourite part of the day. We all saw the old gorilla who lives on the island, called Nico, who is now covered in grey fur. We were surprised to discover that he likes watching television, especially *Sponge Bob Square Pants* and *The Simpsons*! As well as Nico we saw three black gorillas on the side of the lake. When the boat carried on with the journey we saw hippos in the water and lots of sea lions. Iona said 'I liked the sea lions, they were funny. Some people fed them. They ate the fish. They were hungry.'



After the boat trip we went to see some of the animals in animal kingdom. Ben said 'I liked seeing the meerkats, they were funny and small.' Tom said: 'I liked the stingrays because one went up to me.' Monty liked seeing the rock python and Sofia liked the penguins the best. After lunch we all got back on the coach to go on the safari. Caspar said he really liked the safari. Eddie liked seeing the cheetah and Noah loved the lions. It was a busy day out and Class One had a fantastic time. Report by Mrs Lake

Class One visits Candywood Leys



Class One visited Candywood Leys on Monday 11th July to find out about living 'off-grid'. Cathy was really welcoming and told us all about her home. We found out about solar power, that willow is the best wood for weaving and how to pick up a chicken.



Year One Music Lessons: Indoors and Outdoors

Year Ones all took part in a new musical venture this year. They received music lessons each week from James Watts, our peripatetic woodwind teacher. These included musical games and activities to develop rhythm, pitch and pulse and lots of singing. They took place indoors and out. There was also a chance to see and hear many other instruments being



played, including the guitar and oboe. The sessions were designed to be fun and enjoyable, but also were a great precursor to learning the recorder, which pupils have the

opportunity to do in Year Two, if they are interested. We are hoping to be able to run the same scheme in the coming September.

The class especially enjoyed warming up their voices and bodies with a game called 'Rubber Chicken'. The children learnt a lot of songs that they shared with some of their parents and family members. May said: 'I liked the songs 'We come from the Fire', 'The River is Flowing' and 'My roots grow down, down'.

Class One Assembly

On Thursday 23rd June Class One presented a class assembly to family and friends. They shared songs and lots of information about keeping healthy. Most of the songs were learnt for the local 'Sing as One' event which Class One attended at Widcombe Infants School. All the children spoke really confidently although many were nervous. Monty said 'I was feeling nervous because of all the grown ups watching'.

Alex C said 'It was my first assembly. I felt scared before but happy afterwards.' Well done Class One, we could see that your parents were incredibly proud and enjoyed the assembly.

Class Two visit Bristol Aquarium



On Wednesday 13th July Class Two went to Bristol Aquarium. First we saw lots of sharks and rays in the biggest tank in the whole aquarium. Sharks swam right up to the glass. We saw jelly fish, an orange lobster called Satsuma, and spider crabs which we see out of their eyes. We also saw sea horses. We held a sting ray's tail. It was an amazing trip!

Report by a variety of Y2 children.

Class Two's taste of India



This term Class Two have enjoyed learning about India:

'I liked it when we ate the Indian Dahl, it was really yummy. I enjoyed cooking it too, me and Oli were chopping up the tomatoes and we tipped them in the frying pan with the spices'.

By Constantina

'I liked it when we made the Dahl because we were cooking and learning how to cook. I learnt how to add the spices, you don't want to add too much'.

By Tilly
'I liked writing the instructions of how to make Dahl because now I can make it at home'.

By Jacob
'I liked it when we did the assembly. My favourite bit was performing Jai Ho'.

Charlie P
'I liked doing the assembly when we did the Fire Dance because Ben and I did some ninja moves with our ribbons'.

By Elliot
'I liked it when we drew the god Ganesh and drew him and learnt about him. Hindus pray to him when they are starting something new as they believe he will remove any obstacles in their path'.

By Sophie
'I liked it when we did a treasure hunt to find out what our new topic was by finding clues and working in teams'.

Class Three's Summer Exhibition Outing



Class Three walked to the summer exhibition at the Victoria Art Gallery, and then caught a boat back to school.

Orson and Maggie and Sara: We really enjoyed the boat trip. Even when we weren't moving it looked like we were because of the ripples in the water. We even saw a kingfisher and spotted over forty other birds. It was really relaxing talking to our friends and looking at the riverbank.

Class Three @ Candywood Leys

Class Three learnt a great deal about all the wonderful ways plants can help us thanks to Cathy Wood. Nathan was interested to learn that hops can help you calm down and go to sleep. Afon was surprised to find that St John's wort is good at helping you feel happier. Zac learnt that Ash trees are great for firewood. Alice found out that you can use nettles to make nettle tea. Wilf already knew that you can use elder flowers to make cordial because he sold some for 'Grow a £1'.

Class Three Tennis Stars & Bath Uni



The tennis tournament at Bath Spa University on Wednesday 8th June was really enjoyable. We came 2nd out of our group, beaten by the finalists, St Saviour's - who have a professional tennis coach. Daragh wrote " The tennis was quite challenging there was some good teams. One was my friend from Larkhall football club. The best bit was when I played doubles with Wilf, we were a good team."

Wilf wrote: "I was quite nervous to begin with as I was unsure of the rules. I enjoyed seeing my friend. We played well and it was fun playing against different schools."

Summer poem

I listened to the buzzing of the busy bees.
I glanced at the wise oak tree speaking to the wind.
I smelt the baking of the barbeque.
I noticed my boiling shadows right behind me.
I listened to the blazing voices of the soft sand.
I noticed the tide moving in and violently eating away at the shining beach.
I swam in the summer sea swimming deeper and further away every second.
I climbed a brittle pine tree with the leaves being waved around by the summer bees.
I knew summer had come.

by Nathan & James Y3



On Thursday the 16th June Sarah Buck, from Genesis Trust, came in to Class Four to talk about the homeless. We were all really excited because we were going to make sandwiches and watch a PowerPoint!

I loved learning lots more about homelessness! Here is what I learnt:

In Waitrose all the staff made hot food to keep the homeless people healthy and hydrated.

The people in the red jackets saying "The big issue seller" are selling magazines about homelessness and if people are not in red jackets I wouldn't buy from them because they are in the wrong.

In the talk Sarah Buck also told us that if the red jacket people sell lots of magazines they can stay at the pitch but also if they get lots of money they can go under a shelter and stay there for the night.

Below the Bath Abbey there is a place where the homeless people get food and a drink from.

The sandwich making!

At the start we washed our hands so we don't pass germs to homeless people. Next Miss Corcoran put us into groups. I was on the incredible Tuna and Cucumber table.

Finally it was time to make our tasty sandwiches. Here is how we made them! First we got two pieces of bread. Then we spread the butter on our bread. Next we put some tuna and cucumber in our sandwich. Finally we cut our bread in an x shape. That was the end of our amazing emotional talk with Sarah.

By Katie Y4



Tag Tails Tournament @ Bathampton



Close to 300 pupils took part in a competitive Tag Tails festival at Bathampton Primary School on Monday 13th June.

The inclusive game allows players to demonstrate their speed, agility, fitness, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Between them, the Year 3 and 4 children from Batheaston, Bathford, Bathampton and St Saviour's Juniors captured 1,246 tags on the day.

'The Tag Tails was extremely hard, good fun and nerve wracking. As you chase one person, two people are chasing you. As you walk back you can still be tagged.' By Miles Y4

'As I raced on to the pitch, my heart started beating as fast as a cheetah could run! As I was watching out for the other school to attack, I talk tactics with my team. As I was charging around the pitch Gemima shouted, as loud as a dinosaur, "Watch out Matilda because there was a boy behind me then BOOM before I knew it I was out'. By Matilda and Gemima Y4

River

Reckless River
Falling, falling, falling, falling,
Hitting the mountain path,
I'm joining a tributary,
Now going a little quicker,
And now I'm going quicker still,
Oh yes I`m in a river

Rushing rushing, rushing, past
Rubbing the riverbanks

Eating everything
Now I'm rising, rising, rising,
Oh yes I'm in a flood
Destroying everything
Boats, bridges, houses, cars

Now I'm sinking, sinking, sinking,

Falling falling, falling, falling,

Yes I have been caught

Going into water vapour
Now my life has started again.

By George Y4

Queen's 90th Birthday Tea



On Friday, 10th June 2016, Bathampton Primary School celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday.

As we all gathered in the Hall, I could see lots of red, blue and white, and of course lots of people. During the assembly we watched a clip about the Queen growing up, along with slides about her life.

After the assembly, we had a special afternoon tea. We all lined up in the playground in our school families. Eventually, it was my family's turn to get our food. We were all starving! On my plate I had a cake, two scones and some sandwiches.

All the food was kept in our classroom (Class Five). We all ate our food on blankets on the field and, luckily, the sun shone. Before we knew it, it was time to go home.

By Cameron S Y4

EU Referendum Assembly

On Tuesday, 14th June, with one week to go, the UK was about to face the toughest decision yet...

But in the school hall at Bathampton Primary, there was already democracy in action. On either side of the school hall, a Brexit party and a Remain party debated their reasons why they thought we should leave or stay in the European Union. Each party consisted of five members, three from Y6 and two from Y5.



In the Leave team was Mollie R, Bea, Molly G, Harry and Daisy.



On the Remain side was Fergus, Ben N, Mia, Rebecca and Ellwyn.

Both sides argued their cases carefully and we had our own vote in the Hall. Our result showed a Remain win!

It was really good to see our schoolmates debating so well, especially on such a complicated topic. By Ollie K Y5



Class Five visit to KES Workshops

On Thursday, 30th June, Class Five left at 10:00 on a Sunseeker coach for King Edward's School. We were going to take part in some workshops. We had all heard which workshops we were doing and we were all very excited.

The workshops were: Chemistry; Creative Writing; Music; and Food Technology.

I was in Food Technology with: Harry, Erin, Mia, Maria and Isabel. We all made chocolate chip cookies and had the chance to make and decorate our own boxes to take them home in, although Mr Leonardi made us share a few of the cookies with our classmates!

The workshop was great and really well-organised and we got to have an amazing lunch at the school. By Isabelle Y5

Class Five @ Dry Arch



Class Five went to Dry Arch and got busy in the vegetable patch. They spent the morning harvesting potatoes, baking bread and raking grass.



From the 4th July 2016 to the 6th of July 2016 Class Six went to Mill-On-The-Brue, an activity centre located in Bruton, Somerset.

All the activities were spread between three days. There are over forty activities to do and enjoy at Mill-On-The-Brue (MOB) including:

- Grass Tobogganing
- Rock Climbing
- Zipwiring
- Canoeing
- And much more!!

There are only a limited amount of rooms at the activity centre: therefore Class Six stayed at a boarding house belonging to Sexey's School. We arrived at Mill on the Brue at 11 o'clock in the morning. We were all excited about the rooms.

Meals are provided at the Longhouse, all made with organic and home-grown items. Mill on the Brue is totally 100% eco-friendly and they do not approve of food wasting. All of the children from Bathampton left good comments about the food.



Mill on the Brue is aimed for all ages, however some activities are a bit too scary for younger children.

All of the staff are extremely friendly and helpful which means they will be particularly encouraging if you are scared of something or you don't want to do it. They will always make sure you are very safe. We enjoyed all of our activities at Mill on the Brue.

"I was so happy being high up," Roan

'It's really adventurous and you get to test your own limits' Ellwyn

'I felt closer to my friends because you had to work together and communicate with others' Camilla

'If you visit Mill on the Brue you will conquer your fear of heights' Harry

The trip was amazing and all of the activities including incline logs and zip line, team building exercises and even a gigantic climbing wall were commented upon as being brilliant, outstanding or even the best day of their life!



Overall we really enjoyed Mill on the Brue and we would really recommend it. We thank the instructors a lot and the teachers who put this together, THANK YOU!

All of the pupils in Class Six said that when they left all of them were very sad and all of them want to come back in the summer if they have the chance.

Class Six's Willow Art With Lucia Hartley



On the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday morning on the 23rd, Class Six made a willow art sculpture with the sculpture artist, Lucia Hartley.

On the first morning, the first group started making orbs/spheres out of willow while the second group was

decorating leaves and made a banner to

represent who we felt we are. After break we swapped over.

The next morning we started doing our finishing touches. The first group was weaving the orbs/spheres and decorating them and the second group were doing odd jobs all around, then we swapped over after break.

Some people were sanding fish-shaped wood. After they sanded it they painted, creating a picture to express their feelings about moving up to secondary school and leaving primary school. We previously did this with Mrs Huntley but never painted it and stuck painted rubber on.

In the afternoon, three people went out to help Lucia assemble the sculpture - it was finished by the end of the day and there was a class photo of us with our amazing sculpture.

I really enjoyed our art days with Lucia, it was really fun to have an expert artist as well as Mrs Huntley to do fun activity during the school day. I would love to do this again. Thank you Lucia!!!! By a range of Y6 children

We are grateful to The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Society for their financial support with this project.

Robin Hood and the Hoodies



Congratulations to Class Six on a genuinely funny play about Robin Hood. It was fantastic to see the children working so effectively together. There were some outstanding performances and everyone shone! It was also an opportunity to see how well they were able to conduct themselves in a public setting. I felt they were very ready to set out and be successful in the next stage of their life, at Secondary School. Well done to their teachers!

Sports Day



The sun and the children shone on Sports Day on Thursday 14th July. It was a happy occasion and included real competition with the enjoyment of participating with friends and classmates.



It was also a great opportunity for the adults to enjoy supporting their children and friends while catching up.

Sports Stars

I was delighted to hear that Roan in Y6, Ollie in Y5 and Noah in Y4 have all been selected to play for Bath and Wilts District Football Teams - part of the Bath and Wiltshire Schools Sports Trust. The boys had to get through some challenging trials to be selected.

Manager Mark Archer steps down



Bathampton Primary Football Manager Mark Archer has managed his final match with the school. Mark has led many of our teams over the years and we are very grateful to him for his enthusiasm and footballing knowledge. Mark and Cate have been supporting the school in various ways for sixteen years! The school's benefits so much from the goodwill and support of our parents!

Bath Abbey Singing Programme



On the 7th June 2016, a group of children from Bathampton Primary School joined 240 other primary school children for the Bath Abbey singing program, run by Shean Bowers.

There were nine songs that we sang, that were written by Mr. Hewitt Jones. The songs all fell under the category; "good education". We practiced for five weeks, building up to the big performance at Bath Abbey that was packed with people from the public and family. ☺

Here is what some people from Bathampton Primary who took part thought of the experience:

"It was a magical experience to stand on the stage in front of all those people, but it felt good to be there." Anna-Elise, Y6

"It was fun and challenging at the same time." Inigo Y6

"I loved being with all my friends." Sarah, Y3

"I really enjoyed all the songs that we sang!" Maggie, Y3

Musical Performance Assembly



On Wednesday 15th June, children in Years Two to Five were treated to musical performances by some of our own musicians and our three peripatetic teachers, during an assembly. The idea was to give the children a taste of what it is like to play and learn a

musical instrument. James Watts (woodwind teacher), Louise Jenkins (violin teacher) and Sam Warner (cello teacher), serenaded the children into the hall.

We then had solo performances on cello, violin and clarinet, a duet and a quartet, all performed by our pupils. The children could then ask the teachers and the pupils questions about what it is like to learn an instrument.

Many pupils went away enthused and it was lovely for the performers to have the opportunity to play in front of an audience. A big thank you to all of those involved.

George and Afon from Class Three both performed on their cellos. Here is what they had to say:

George: "It was exciting playing my cello in front of many many people. I think I played it well, but my piece was tricky."

Afon: " I felt a bit nervous. I think I played well although I made one mistake. I enjoyed it as it was good to listen to other people play.

Music



On Wednesday 29th June we held our annual music concert. This is an opportunity for our many musicians to showcase their talents. The audience enjoyed pieces played by the orchestra, as well as duets and solos. They all played beautifully and many also spoke very well when introducing their pieces.

Inigo in Y6 wrote, 'The solos were the best part. I enjoyed playing my Russian Piece on the clarinet and the orchestra piece called Psychedelic. I also thought Rebecca's piano playing was amazing'.

Gold Merit Awards



Congratulations to Matilda in Y4 who was the first person this year to get a Gold Merit Award. This entails getting 120 merits overall. Since then she has been joined by George M, Orson and Amelie. Well done to them all!

Bath Schools Parliament



Mrs Kelley accompanied our two eldest School Council representatives Rebecca and Seth to this year's Pupil Parliament. The theme of this year's parliament was 'Free to Be Me' with the focus on how schools can support children to have good mental health. Rebecca and Seth took part in a workshop entitled 'Learning Inside/Learning Outside' and played games organised by Bath Rugby.

They presented their findings from the workshop to a large audience including the Chair of the Council. Their presentation concluded that learning outside can be engaging, creative and a lot of fun!

Both Seth and Rebecca were exceptional ambassadors for our school, showing maturity and a willingness to participate in everything presented to them. 'I think Pupil Parliament was a fun and educational thing to do. It was also a fantastic opportunity to meet people from other schools. I found it to be a great experience,' said Seth afterwards.

Bathampton Bell: School Magazine



Many thanks to Barnaby's Mum, Lian Nicholson, who has been working very hard recently enabling the children to create a really professional school magazine. She encouraged a lot of children to contribute articles, drawing, puzzles, jokes and poems and we have ended up with a stunning magazine. Sales have been helped by sponsorship from Innocent who donated some of their delicious smoothies enabling Lian to price the magazine & a smoothie at an affordable £2.00.

Thanks to Lian for her expert help and we hope that you have been able to buy a copy! In the autumn Bath Life editor Ian Waller is visiting to talk to the children about his role putting a magazine together.

Summer Fayre



Very special thanks to Clare Evans and the amazing Friends team for their hard work in creating an idyllic summer fayre! The friends are a great team and manage to work very hard and keep smiling while creating some superb events.



Thanks to everyone who helped out and who came and spent so generously. The money is helping to make the school an even better place.

Bathampton Staff speaking at Conference

Bathampton Teaching Assistant Mrs Kelley recently spoke at a national Attachment Aware Conference held at Bath Spa University College about the work she is leading in school. Kerry Kelley leads our Attachment Awareness and Emotion Coaching programmes. She is on a two-year part-time course run at Bath Spa University.

Mrs Kelley writes, 'My year has been spent learning, training and implementing strategies to support the emotional well being of our pupils at Bathampton. We have now become an Attachment Aware School which means we are learning to recognise and support early unmet attachment needs.'

We at Bathampton School believe that a child who feels valued, cared for, supported and listened to is a child who will have the capacity to learn. This is a journey that I am delighted and privileged to be part of.'

Playgroup Visit



On Monday 4 July the children and adults from Bathampton Playgroup visited the school for a morning of PlayWood. The children had the chance to explore the grounds, climb trees, make potions & mud pies, sing songs and experience the barefoot sensory trail. The children felt quite at home in the wooded area and really enjoyed their session. We look forward to seeing some of those children in the Reception Class in September.

Story Club

Sadly St Nicholas Church are not going to be able to offer Story Club next term. They hope that they will be able to recruit some new leaders before long and be able to have a re-launch.

We are grateful to Jane Hoe and the superb Story Club leaders over recent years and hope it will be able to continue for many years into the future.

Success



Congratulations to ex-pupil Charlie Howard who has just been appointed as Head Boy at Millfield School as well as 1st Team Rugby Captain. His sister Ella has just passed her degree at Exeter with a first in Psychology. Charlie is shown here with his buddy Roan, and Roan's buddy Harry. Three generations of Bathampton buddies!

Wicked Weather Watch



Wiltshire based explorer David Hempleman-Adams, in parallel with an upcoming record-breaking Arctic expedition the Polar Ocean Challenge, is launching Wicked Weather Watch, a climate change charity.

David is leading the Polar Ocean Challenge team in an attempt to be the first British yacht to circumnavigate the North Pole in one summer season. Students and teachers will be able to track the Polar Ocean Challenge online, follow 14 year old crew member and WWW Youth Ambassador Ben's blog, access photos and updates from the voyage through the WWW newsletter, as well as the chance to submit questions and hear directly from the crew members and others about life in the Arctic. Paul (dad of Tom in Class One) has been involved in this project and helped

arrange for a fascinating assembly on Friday 8th July.

Bathampton children can track the expedition over the summer through the website.

wickedweather.org.uk

Survey

We are going online for our 2016 Parent Survey. Thanks to Clerk to the Governors Liz Owen who has designed the new style survey. Staff at Bathampton work very hard indeed all year to ensure that the children get the best possible education and really enjoy their time at school. It is greatly appreciated when parents give feedback in surveys and reports as it enables us to know what is working well and if there are areas we can improve. Some aspects are beyond our control such as the size of our hall but constructive feedback is always welcome.

Safe Routes Survey

With huge thanks to the large number of families that took part in our travel survey, Term 6 has seen Safer Routes to School focus on collating the results, sharing them on the school website. We then used the data to support a meeting with the Banes Group Highways Manager and Ward/Parish Councillors, which went well. We have the full support from this group for safety improvements and are preparing a case together for the next budget round, as well as any other grants they can identify for us.

Our ask this newsletter is that families send us ANY near misses that they have experienced on the local roads this year. Thankfully no-one has had a serious injury to date, but this will actually count against our application when lined up against other potential projects. Please send any past or future near miss details to SRTS@bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk



T h a n k s

Thanks to everyone who has come and helped in school this academic year. We could not be so successful without your help!

We have an astonishing number of parents who have assisted with special projects, walks, visits and clubs and it has helped make the school the friendly and vibrant place that it is!

We greatly appreciate your time and commitment. The children benefit so much from having adults other than teachers in school.

If you have time to give next year, please do speak to your child's class teacher or to the school office.

THANK YOU FROM THE FRIENDS...

This academic year has been a busy one from a fundraising perspective, we've introduced lots of new initiatives and we wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your support. Help has been provided in many ways; teachers have stoically allowed us to take over their classrooms for events and more recently have given up their time to man the bouncy castle and the entrance gate at the summer fair. Parents have baked tirelessly, bought Christmas cards, supported our various events, showed off their mental prowess at the quiz night, helped the children with Grow a £1 and volunteered, volunteered, volunteered and for this we thank you!!

We'd like to take a moment to dwell on Grow a £1. Thanks to the team of mums from Class One who have brought this school-wide project alive, and to Helm Construction for donating £200 for us to grow. The children have really enjoyed participating and it's been wonderful to see the enterprising initiatives they've come up with. The 'tree' under the awning is a vision and it's been wonderful to see parents and children standing beneath the leaves reading all the success stories. A massive thank you to all parents and children for the tremendous effort in either growing £1s or supporting others by paying for services and goodies. We were blown away by all the children's ideas. Collectively the children raised £1804 which means Dorothy House and Jessie May will each receive £181 and each class will get £206 to spend on specific class resources.

We'd also like to thank Lian Nicholson (mum of Barnaby in Class Two) who has taken on the Herculean task of reintroducing a school magazine, with children set to take over the editing of the magazine from next term this is another lovely thing for the children to get involved in.

And finally, a special thank you to Emma Naysmith who has introduced easyfundraising.com to the school. In little over 6 months we've raised over £400. 41 parents have so far registered with the site where your favourite retailers will donate a percentage of the value of any of your online orders.

This year we've raised over £5000 together, which has helped to pay for lots of things like the new interactive screen in the hall, the awning in Class One, presents for the children at Christmas, contributions to coaches and outings, new House Trophies and lots more. We've also funded the end of year disco and refreshments for the whole school.

If you would like to get involved in fundraising for the school during the next academic year or have an idea for an event please come and chat to one of us.

Once again though, a huge thank you for all your support, have a wonderful summer holiday and see you in September!

Clare and the Friends team



Bathampton Primary School
Together on a learning adventure

September

Thursday 1st INSET Day 1

Friday 2nd INSET Day 2

Monday 5th Children in Year 1 and above return to school

Wednesday 7th Reception children start either morning or afternoon

Monday 12th Swiss Students start

Saturday 16th Bath University Open Day. Be aware of extra traffic.

Monday 19th Reception children morning only

Monday 26th Reception stay to lunch

October

Monday 3rd Reception children start full time

Monday 10th Admiral Arthur Phillip Service (Classes Five & Six)

Thursday 20th Individual Photographs (All staff and pupils)

Thursday 20th End of Term 1 for children

Friday 21st INSET Day 3

Monday 31st Start of Term 2

December

Friday 16th End of Term 2

All term dates available online

www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar