

November 2018

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Upcoming Events

Friday December 7th

Christmas Jolly 3:15 – 5pm

Wednesday December 12th

KS1 Christmas Service @ 2pm

Wednesday December 19th

KS2 Christmas Service @ 1:45pm

Friday December 21st

End of Term 2

Monday January 7th

INSET DAY

Tuesday January 8th

Start of term 3

Tuesday January 15th

NSPCC Assemblies

Tuesday February 12th

Parent Evenings

Wednesday February 13th

Parent Evenings

Friday February 15th

End of term 3

Monday February 25th

Start of term 4

Saturday July 6th

Summer Fayre

Healthy Snacks

We encourage healthy snacks at school for break times. Each class has a box where healthy snacks should be placed by the children at the beginning of the day. KS1 children have a snack provided by the government. We recommend fruit or veg. We also run the 'Healthy Tuck Shop' which is 50p per snack.

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the second edition of our new newsletter.

Thank you so much for all the positive feedback from our first edition. We will be sure to upload it as a PDF so that people can view it with ease on mobile devices.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school over the last month with special events such as; Halloween, the hot dog evening, biker's breakfast and to any volunteers who have helped on trips or with reading. We are all very grateful.

In the rare event of severe weather, we will endeavor to follow the letter that I sent home yesterday. Please see the school website, text messages or twitter for updates.

Kindest regards

Mr Brewer
Headteacher

School Council Information

The School Council have met several times since our last newsletter. During 'Anti-Bullying Week' the school council looked at our 'Anti-Bullying Policy'. They decided that the children of Bathampton needed a version. Together they created a 'Child Speak' version of the policy which can be found on our website.

We are delighted to announce that Bathampton Primary School has again been nominated for the 'Mode Shift Stars' regional award. The year 5/6 School Councillors will represent our school at the Mode-shift Awards in Bristol at the end of this month! To find out more information visit www.modeshift.org.uk

Finally, the School Council will be working closely with the NSPCC to deliver a school assembly in the New Year.

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Remembrance Day

The children in Year 5 with Mr Leonardi created this wonderful plaque on behalf of our school to commemorate those who gave their lives for us. This plaque was on display at Wells Cathedral during the remembrance period this year.

Biathlon update

Some of the children who represented our school at the Junior Biathlon have qualified to compete in at the British National Biathlon Championships in Leeds this weekend.

George McDonald, Amelie Sinclair, Grace Catton, Charlie McDonald and George Moloney. Good Luck to you all!



A message from – The Friends of Bathampton

Thank you to all the parents/carers who helped and attended the Halloween Cake sale and the Bonfire celebration. We have raised a total of £535.29 this academic year so far and we have many more events to come. The Friends have helped the school purchase 32 Ukeleles with cases and music books.

DATE - Xmas Jolly Friday 7th December. We have Super-Pirates running KS1 and KS2 disco, Santa's Grotto, craft room, raffle, café with hot dogs, hot chocolates, pancakes, mulled wine and more. If you would like to help out with the Friends please contact our Chair, Naomi Kesterton on 07798 636861.

House Captains

We are pleased to announce our house captains for this year. The children have made us proud. They wrote letters of application to Mr Brewer and Mrs Edmund. They then had to undertake an interview followed by a short talk to their houses. Congratulations to all of the children. They have already begun undertaking important roles around the school including the collection of house points each week and preparation of the weekly cup.

	Swans	Hérons	Kingfishers	Mallards
Head of House	Orson Oliver Noah Cook	Maggie Hedges Alice Isaac	Lily O'Regan Laura Nicholson	Grace Catton Catherine Cook
Deputy Head of House	Amelie Sinclair Daragh Keane	Nathan McWaters Matthew Rolfe	Afon Edwards	Ollie Morgan Wilf Warren

House Points and Stickers

Mr Brewer is pleased to announce that staff have been giving out lots of house points and stickers recently. Children are receiving house points and stickers for good behaviour, kindness, honesty, good listening and hard work to name a few. Some children in KS1 have already filled their sticker charts and received their bronze badge!

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Class News

Year 2 enjoyed a magical trip to 'Dry Arch' two weeks ago. They made bread in the clay oven, foraged for apples and spotted deer. They had a super time. Year 6 made some Viking bread during 'Playwood' as part of their Viking topic.



Year 6 enjoyed taking part in the football festival at St Marks. They all played with enthusiasm and respect with children from the other local schools.

As part of the centenary of the end of WW1, children in KS2 took part in an outreach project led by the American Museum. Children from Class Six designed artwork after holding and observing artefacts, which will be displayed in the library in the centre of Bath.

Bath Cats and Dogs Home

Sunday 25th
November 11am - 3pm

Refreshments, sales, raffle, lucky dip and more to raise money for the charity.



Mobile Phones

Only children who walk home alone are allowed to bring mobile phones into school. If they do, it **MUST** be labelled and left in the school office during the day. Children can then collect them from the office as they leave school at the end of the day.



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Assemblies – Anti-Bullying week and Road Safety week

Recent assemblies have had many different themes. During Anti-Bullying week the theme of 'Respect' was embraced. A memorable visit from the 'American Museum' was enjoyed by the KS2 children last week and 'Taekwondo' club also showcased some positive 'Respect' based ideas. The theme of 'Road Safety' was explored this week where children discussed wearing 'Bright Clothes' whilst walking or cycling near roads.

STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK MY BONES,
BUT WORDS CAN ALSO HURT ME.



Odd Socks Day!



Bikeability

Congratulations to all of the Y6 children who participated in Bikeability and achieved their level 1 and level 2 awards. Children had to take part in a two-day cycling course, where they gained practical skills and improved their understanding of how to cycle on the roads safely.

Reception

Our reception Class are showing a real enthusiasm for letters and sounds. They are learning new sounds every week and using them in their own learning. Thank you to all the parents who are regularly reading and using the sound books, it really helps! We have been having some great fun using clay in the afternoons and the class are looking forward to their first Forest School session!

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Safer Routes

Thanks to all those who supported our 'Road Safety' week. The Biker's Breakfast was particularly popular with many people walking and cycling to school.



Cleaner Air Zone

The Bathampton Primary School Safer Routes to School Group have responded to the B&NES Clean Air Zone Consultation (Bath Breathes 2021), November 2018. Mr Brewer has responded on behalf of the school and our School Governors have also responded. Parents are encouraged to respond to the consultation by 26th November. The Safer Routes response, in full, is on our school website under 'News – Safer Routes News'.

Parking

A polite reminder that 'The George' car park is the designated parking area for the school drop off and pick up. The zone outside of the school is a 'no traffic safe zone between 08:30 – 09:00 and 3:00 – 3:30. We are pleased to report that there are many parents using 'The George' car park safely in the morning. Please use the graveled area at the end to allow for customers of 'The George' to have spaces.

Twitter



We have been tweeting frequently since our last newsletter. Please join us on twitter if you haven't already done so as there are often exciting photographs of our school along with information about what the children are learning or doing.

Mrs Clarke

Congratulations to Mrs Clarke who has been offered a new job at the University of Bath. We thank her for her excellent work since joining us and wish her all the best for the future. We are pleased to announce that her teaching commitments will be taken over by Mrs. Katie Stanton from January for the remainder of the year.

Music Lessons

Many children in the school are benefitting from music lessons. We have peripatetic teachers coming in during the week offering; cello, violin, guitar, piano and many more instruments. There are still lots of spaces available. If your child is interested in this opportunity please contact the BANES music service on

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