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Dear Parents and Carers,

Open afternoons to see our new ICT Suite

Our children are really enjoying our new ICT Suite. As an opportunity for each class to share it with their parents, children will be in the ICT suite on the following days and times – and ‘pick up’ will be from the ICT suite. This will give you a chance to see your child using the new computers. The Reception opportunity will be later in the year after children have got used to the new suite.

- Year 1: Wednesday 8th November: 3.00-3.15
- Year 2: Wednesday 1st November: 3.00-3.15
- Year 3: Monday 30th October: 3.10-3.25
- Year 4: Tuesday 31st October: 3.10-3.25
- Year 5: Thursday 2nd November: 3.10-3.25
- Year 6: Friday 3rd November: 3.10-3.25



Do you know how to keep your child safe online?

Year 3 and Year 5 parents will soon receive an invitation to our E-Safety evening. We have a team from Hayesfield Secondary School to share from a teenage perspective how to stay safe online. This should be a very useful and informative event for all parents and will help share the skills we all need to keep our children safer online. Further information to follow.

Harvest Celebration

Please join us for our Harvest Celebration assembly in the school hall at 9:00 am on Thursday 19th October. We will be collecting food items for the Bath Foodbank and would appreciate any donations of non-perishable tinned and dried foods or toiletries. Please can children bring in donations from Monday 9th October to Wednesday 18th October. Thank you in advance.

Welcome to new children

A very warm welcome to Alexandra (Y5) and Spencer (Y3). We hope you will both be very happy at Bathwick!

St. Mary's Church Harvest Festival

You are warmly invited to St Mary's Church Harvest Festival at 10.30am on Sunday 8th October. Come and see St. Mary's newly redecorated church. Non-perishable gifts for the Genesis Food Bank welcome and donations to the Red Cross appeal for relief in the Caribbean following the recent hurricanes.

Free Maasai warriors performance

A group of Kenyan Maasai Warriors are visiting school on Thursday 12th October. All parents and family members are invited to a repeat performance in St John's Church, St John's Road BA2 6PT at 7.30pm on 12th October. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

Parents' Evenings

A separate appointments letter has been sent out and you will soon be given your time. If you have missed the letter, please ask the office for another copy. Clubs will continue as usual on the Parents Evening dates, so please be aware of this when requesting appointments. Thank you.

Winter Uniform – from October half term

As we approach half term may I remind parents that we ask all children to be wearing their ‘winter uniform’ after the half-term break. Children should all be wearing shirts and ties from Monday 30th October. Thank you for your co-operation.

European Day of Languages

Thank you to all parents who were able to come in to school and share your expertise or interest in countries other than our own with our children - your support is much appreciated.



Data checking sheets

To help us ensure we have your latest contact details, the Data checking sheets have been sent out today. Please check the information is correct, then sign and return by **Friday 6th October**. Thank you.

Updated Dates for the Diary Terms 1 and 2 (more details to follow for several of these dates / events)

October:

- *Wed 4th: Yr 5/6: BANES Cross Country Event*
- *Wed 4th: 2.30 pm Reception Parents meeting*
- *Thurs 5th: Riverford Evening 7-9pm*
- *Fri 6th: Yr 4/5/6 Biathlon*
- *Fri 6th: Yr 2 to Bath Literature Festival*
- *Mon 9th: Harvest donations this week please*
- *Tues 10th: Open Morning - prospective parents*
- *Thurs 12th: Maasai Warriors performance*
- *Thurs 12th: Free Maasai Warriors performance 7.30 pm at St. John's Church*
- *Fri 13th: PTA Cake Sale*
- *Fri 13th: Yr 4 trip to Roman Baths*
- *Mon 16th: Flu vaccinations for Year R – 4*
- *Mon 16th and Weds 18th: Parents' Evenings*
- *Thurs 19th: Harvest Service 9.00 in school*
- *Fri 20th: Last day of Term 1*
- *Tue 31st: Presentation of Bibles to Reception and new children at 9.00*

November

- *Tue 7th: Eucharist for Years 4/5/6 at 9.00*
- *Wed 8th: Yr 6 trip to see War Horse*
- *Fri 10th: PTA Discos (not 3rd as previously advertised)*
- *Wed 15th: KS1 and Yr 3 Collective Worship 9.00*
- *Thurs 16th: Year 5 to Herschel Museum*
- *Fri 17th: Children in Need – details to follow*
- *Thurs 23rd: Abbey Concert – details to follow*

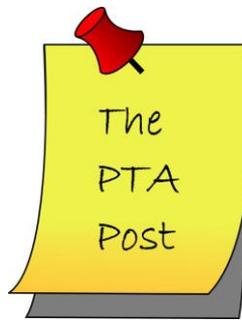
December

- *Weds 6th: Yr 6 trip to Fleet Air Arm museum*
- *Mon 11th p.m. and Tues 12th a.m.: KS1 Nativity Performances*
- *Thurs 14th: Christmas Carol Service p.m. at St. Mary's Church*
- *Fri 15th: Last day of Term 2*

Big Ted's Mufti Day

The Forever Friends Appeal annual fundraising day will take place on **Friday 20th October**.

We always support this local charity that helps pay for additional equipment, research and innovations, as well as the extras that complement care at the RUH. Children can wear 'mufti' and bring in a £1 (or more) donation to help raise funds for the Royal United Hospital. If children wish to bring in a 'dressed up teddy bear' as well – they are very welcome to do so!



The PTA Post – News from the PTA

Please come to the **PTA meeting** (at The Curfew) on Wednesday 11th October at 8pm. All welcome.

Junior Disco – We urgently need a Junior parent(s) to take on the

Junior Disco. It is not a big job (only 3 x a year) and there are always plenty of helpers. Without someone to take this on the junior disco may not be able to take place! Please contact Annabel:

(mrsmerry@live.co.uk) for more information or to volunteer.

Starting your Christmas shopping? Then **Please sign up to Easyfundraising**, a scheme through which retailers donate to the PTA every time you shop online (including most major retailers, supermarkets, department stores, and even Amazon)! We raised £105 from April to June this year with only 45 parents signed up! We could raise a lot more if everyone signed up! Go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/1YQPCH/2HI1WI/> and we will get an extra 50p for each new member.

If you have children's clothes, toys and equipment you want to sell or pass on to other parents, join our Facebook group for Bathwick parents. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1863232943994798/> and request to join. If you wish you can donate proceeds or part of proceeds to the PTA.

Infant Nativity

Advance warning of our Infant nativity dates. The production will be on Monday 11th December in the afternoon and Tuesday 12th December in the morning. More details will be sent in Term 2.

Individual Photograph Day

The school photographer will take pictures of individual children and children with their siblings on **Thursday 9th November from 8:15 am**. If you wish for a younger sibling - not yet in school - to be included in a family picture, please complete and return the slip at the foot of this newsletter. You and the child's younger sibling must be in school at 8:15am – as the photographer will take these pictures first. Please wait by the Wheatley Room doors and kindly avoid bringing any pushchairs into the Wheatley Room. Please note that if children are wearing a poppy on the day, they will have their photograph taken with the poppy.

Healthy snacks

A polite reminder to all infant parents that as a 'Healthy School', snacks brought in for morning break should be fresh fruit only. Thank you.

Is your year 6 child due to transfer to a secondary school in September 2018?

Providing you live in Bath & North East Somerset and your child currently attends a maintained Junior or Primary school in Bath & North East Somerset, you will have received a letter regarding secondary schools. The letter contains information about the transfer process from their current school. You can make your on line transfer application for a secondary school place from until **31st October 2017**.

Calling all pianists!

Mrs. Bradley leads our choir each week. We try to be involved in several events both in and out of school throughout the year. Are you able to support Mrs. Bradley by playing the piano accompaniment for the choir while Mrs. Bradley conducts for our Harvest, Easter, Carol and Leavers Services? If so, please do let myself or Mrs. Bradley know. Thank you.

Is your child due to start school in 2018?

Parents of children due to start school in September 2018 are very welcome to join us for our open morning on Tuesday 10th October. There is no need to book; please do come along at either 9.00 a.m. or 10.30 a.m. If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 they are able to start school in September 2018. In order that your child can be considered for entry to school during the school year 2018/2019, you must submit your application by **15th January 2018**. It is imperative that you do not miss the deadline or else your form will not be considered until after the first allocation round. For further information visit the B&NES website www.bathnes.gov.uk. If you have any queries please contact 'Admissions and Transport' in BANES on 01225 394312.

And finally...



Our new School Councillors have recently explored the Woodland area, and are soon to be involved with plans to develop it further... watch this space!

Low immunity danger

Fabienne (Year 2) finished treatment for leukaemia last December. Her immunity still remains compromised putting her potentially at serious life-threatening risk if exposed to a variety of illnesses including Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps, Shingles, Slapped Cheek and Scarlet Fever. If your child becomes ill - and in particular with one of those listed above - then please can you ensure that you let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

House of Imagination

There is a 'pop up' House of Imagination art event at the Gardeners Lodge in Sydney Gardens for children and their families. The free drop in art activities will run from 10.00 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th October. Look here for more details: <https://5x5x5creativity.org.uk/2017/09/15/>

Our 'Roundabout' Garden

You may have noticed our 'Roundabout' garden at the front of school is undergoing some work to develop it further. May I thank all parents who have been involved in some way in the past – especially to Mrs. Ambrose who has regularly helped maintain the area; your generosity has not gone unnoticed! Thank you to Miss. Delatour, Ms. Friend, Dr. Fortin, Mr. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, Ms. Macdougall, Mrs. Vifildottir and Mr. and Mrs. Walton (apologies if I have missed anyone!) who all have given of their time recently to begin to enhance and further improve the area with support from the PTA. If you would like to be involved with the design or upkeep of the area, please do speak to Christiane Delatour (Year 1) – all help is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Spotters Hockey October Half Term Camp will be running 9am-2pm on 23rd and 24th October at Beechen Cliff School for hockey players ages between the ages of 7 and 15 years old. The camp provides high quality, fun and enjoyable coaching with skilled based sessions designed to improve your child's hockey skills whatever their ability. Also running is the Spotters High Performance camp, attendance at which is free when booking on the main camp. These camps are normally very popular, there is a discount if you book before 7 October 2017, with the discounted cost just £24.75 for the day or £45 for both; there are limited spaces on this occasion, so please book early to secure a place for your child. For more details or to book your child's place please email spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Purkiss'.

Kevin Purkiss
Head Teacher

School Photographs: Thursday 9th November

I would like my child's younger sibling to be included in a family photograph.

I understand that I need to be in school by 8.15 am to avoid missing out. (By the Wheatley Room – opposite the Trim Trail)

Signed: **(Parent/Guardian)**

Child's Name: **Year:**

Please ensure that this slip is returned to the school office by **Friday 13th October**, should you wish a younger sibling, (not yet in school), to be included. Thank you.