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## Newsletter Five: January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I wish you all a very Happy New Year! On behalf of the staff, may I thank you all for the kind comments, cards and gifts at Christmas. They were very much appreciated! Thank you also for all of your support for our Infant Christmas Nativity and School Carol Service. Special thanks to Mr. Barratt who voluntarily filmed our Nativity. DVDs will be available to order shortly.

### Learning in the woods!



Every Thursday, Sian Evans, a trained Forest School Leader will be running outdoor learning days in our woodland. Staff spent the afternoon of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January experiencing some of what our children will be learning. Year 6 will be the first class in the woodland on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January. When it is your child's turn you will receive an email explaining what they need. We will be outside (in almost all weathers) from approximately 9.30 to 2.30, other than lunch, and as such children will need to wear old warm clothes with **several layers**. Children do not need school uniform. They **must** have a waterproof coat (waterproof trousers are advisable please) and named wellingtons or walking boots and a spare pair of shoes. While the weather is colder, children will come back to the building for their usual hot lunch or sandwiches. This is an exciting opportunity for our children to learn different skills in the outside environment which will enhance their learning in class. Be prepared for your child to come home muddy!

**Dates for the Diary Terms 3 and 4** (more details to follow for several of these dates / events)

### January

- Mon 15<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for applying for Primary School Place for September 2018
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup>: Admissions 2019/2020 consultation deadline
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup>: Earth, Space and Water – Kinetic Theatre for whole school
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>, Weds 24<sup>th</sup>, Fri 26<sup>th</sup>, 3.15-3.45: Academy 'drop in' sessions

### February

- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>: Disco
- Sun 4<sup>th</sup>: Education Sunday, 10.30 a.m.
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup>: Year 5 Gym Tournament
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> 3.00-6.00p.m. and Weds 7<sup>th</sup> 5.30-8.00p.m.: Parents Evenings
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup>: Last day of term 3
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 4
- Weds 21<sup>st</sup>, 3.00 p.m.: Parents meeting Year 5/6 Sex and Relationships Education
- Weds 28<sup>th</sup>: Parents KS1 & Y3 CW 9.00
- Weds 28<sup>th</sup>: Y6 'Power to the World' Bath University visitors

### March

- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>: PTA Quiz night
- Weds 7<sup>th</sup>: Class Photos
- Weds 7<sup>th</sup>: Engineers without borders 'Water for the World' in Y4
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>, 9.00: Yr4-6 Eucharist
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>, evening: Dance Umbrella
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup>: Year 3/4 Performance p.m.
- Weds 21<sup>st</sup>: Year 3/4 Performance a.m.
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>: Easter Service – St. Marys – 1.40 p.m. **School will finish for the term after the Easter Service.**

## Dinner Money

If you wish to pay in advance for Term 3 the amount to send is £72.80. Please make cheques payable to Bathwick St. Mary Primary School and ensure you child's name and class are written on the back. Thank you.

## Inset Days

The remaining three INSET days in 2018 are Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

## Education Sunday

This year, Education Sunday will be held at Bathwick St. Mary's Church at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. We will be looking for some children to help with the Service and letters to these children will go out soon. The Service will be about an hour long. There will be a crèche and Junior Church to cater for younger children and the usual refreshments afterwards. Please do join us if you can.

## Low immunity danger

**Sophie** (Year 4) has recently started a new medication for juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Similarly to **Fabienne** (Year 2), her immunity to a variety of illnesses including Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps, Shingles, Slapped Cheek and Scarlet Fever can put Sophie at **serious risk**. Fabienne's immunity still remains compromised putting her potentially at **serious life-threatening risk**. If your child becomes ill - and in particular with one of the illnesses listed above - then please ensure that you let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Academy Conversion

I hope you received the Governors 'Academisation and Expansion Summary Report' last term. We are expecting to convert to an academy on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Although the Governing Body held a formal consultation last year, we are holding two further opportunities with representatives from Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust (BWMAT) on hand to answer additional questions. **The two opportunities are Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.** We hope this gives parents a further chance to ask any questions they wish to regarding the conversion of Bathwick St. Mary Primary School to an academy.

## Admissions Consultation 2019

Is your child due to start school in September 2019? **The Governing Body would welcome all comments on the proposed significant changes to the admissions policy** for 2019/2020 entry. The consultation documents can be found here:

<http://bathwickstmary.org/admissions/>

The consultation period will run until 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018. If you have any comments on the proposed changes to the 2019/20 admission arrangements you wish the Governors to consider, please email: [bathwickstmary\\_pri@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:bathwickstmary_pri@bathnes.gov.uk) or send these to:

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Yours sincerely,



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