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Newsletter Six: February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our February newsletter. At the time of writing, all our Junior classes have each spent a day in our woodland area. The feedback from the children, teachers and parents I have spoken to has been very positive. Children have had fantastic experiences developing a number of skills in the outdoor environment including team work and resilience. Thank you to Mrs. Sian Evans who has led these sessions with such enthusiasm.



Welcome to...

A warm welcome to Carlos in Year 3 who has joined our school. We are very proud of how well he has begun to learn English and how supportive his classmates have been in helping him feel settled. We hope you will be very happy here!

Education Sunday

Thank you to the children who were able to take part in Education Sunday. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate some of the wonderful learning that takes place in our school and share this in the wider community. If you were able to come and support the school – thank you.

Year 2 and Year 6 SATS meeting

Mrs. Rigby and Mr. Jackson will be holding Year 2 (Thursday 22nd February, 2.15 p.m.) and Year 6 (Thursday 15th March, 2.30 p.m.) SATS information meetings for parents in the Wheatley Room. It will be a useful overview of what your child is expected to do as part of their statutory tests in May. You do not need to complete a reply slip, please just turn up. For parents who are unable to come we will ensure all documentation is uploaded to the school website. Thank you.

Safer Internet Day

Mr. Jackson led this year's 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday 6th February. Children are regularly taught about online safety as part of our Computing and PSHE curriculum, but this day was an extra opportunity to remind all children how to protect themselves in the online world in which we now live. A new App called 'Roblox' has been in the national media and as with many Apps, it is important to ensure the settings are 'secure'. Many Apps, including Roblox, have the potential for children to receive messages online from people they do not know. We urge you to check the settings on devices your children use to ensure they are kept safe.

School Eucharist

School Eucharist is an opportunity for parents of children in Year 4-6 to come into school and join the children for this service. School Eucharist takes place three times a year and this term's Eucharist is taking place on Thursday 8th March from 9:00am in the School Hall. If you are able to come, we look forward to seeing you there.

Nut-free zone

A reminder that we have a number of children at school who are seriously allergic to nuts. In order to protect our children please do not bring any food containing nuts into school. Thank you.

Flu vaccines

In view of the increased cases of Flu this year, NHS England have taken the decision to extend the vaccination programme and make more vaccine available. Therefore there will be opportunities for your child to be vaccinated in community clinics, if they have not already been vaccinated and are in Year R, 1, 2, 3 or 4. This is regardless of whether you filled in a negative consent form in the first instance. If you would like to take up this opportunity please contact the BANES immunisation team on: 01225 838270 to book into a community clinic. Please note that this will be offered in first come/first serve basis until vaccine has run out.

National Story telling week

Thank you to those parents who were able to volunteer to share a story with their child's class. Children really enjoyed listening to a wide variety of engaging stories from a number of parents.

Inset Days for 17/18 and 18/19 Calendar

The remaining three INSET days in 2018:

- Friday 15th June and Monday 18th June
- Monday 23rd July.

The year ends for children on Friday 20th July.

In order to support parents' planning ahead, we aim to publish inset days as far ahead as is possible. The 18/19 dates are at the end of this newsletter.

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

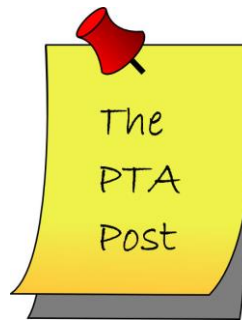
New and updated dates are in italics.

February

- *Thurs 8th: Year 2 OWL Adventure Day*
- *Fri 9th: Last day of term 3*
- *Mon 19th: 1st Day of Term 4*
- *Weds 21st, 3.00 p.m.: Parents meeting Year 5/6 Sex and Relationships Education*
- *Thurs 22nd: Year 1 OWL Adventure Day*
- *Thurs 22nd: Year 2 SATS Meeting, 2.15-3.15*
- *Friday 23rd: PTA Cake Sale*
- *Tues 27th: Year 5 Dean Field Residential Meeting, 3.30 p.m.*
- *Weds 28th: Parents KS1 & Y3 CW 9.00*
- *Weds 28th: Y6 'Power to the World' Bath University visitors*
- *Weds 28th, (Thurs 1st, Fri 2nd): BOOK FAIR*

March

- *(Weds 28th), Thurs 1st, Fri 2nd: BOOK FAIR*
 - *Thurs 1st: World Book Day*
 - *Thurs 1st: Year R OWL Adventure Day*
 - *Thurs 1st: PTA Quiz night*
 - *Mon 5th – Fri 9th: School ECO Week*
 - *Weds 7th: Class Photos*
 - *Weds 7th: Engineers without borders 'Water for the World' in Y4*
 - *Thurs 8th, 9.00: Yr4-6 Eucharist*
 - *Thurs 8th: Year 3 OWL Adventure Day*
 - *Mon 12th: Fencing demonstration (in advance of Fencing Club in Terms 5/6)*
 - *Thurs 15th: Y6 SATS Meeting, 2.30 p.m.*
 - *Thurs 15th, evening: Dance Umbrella*
 - *Thurs 15th: Year 4 OWL Adventure Day*
 - *Tues 20th: Year 3/4 Performance p.m.*
 - *Weds 21st: Year 3/4 Performance a.m.*
 - *Thurs 22nd: Year 6 OWL Adventure Day*
 - *Fri 23rd: Easter Service – St. Marys – 1.40 p.m.*
- School will finish for the term after the Easter Service.**



The PTA Post

Thank you for all the cakes and biscuits you all kindly donated for the recent cake sale. It was our most successful cake sale this year, raising £157. Thank you to our PTA who ran the recent discos on Friday 2nd February - we raised £403. A date for the diary is the **Summer Fair**, which this year is on **Saturday 9th June**.

Infant start of the day

Teachers will always do their best to be available on the playground before the bell so parents can pass on important messages. It is always very useful to have a brief conversation so parents can alert us to any important information about their child. To help our infant children come into school and make the best start to their day, Mrs. Rigby will ring the bell and invite parents to leave promptly so children can enter class quickly and begin their learning as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character!

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March 2018. Mrs. Rigby and Mrs. Turner are organising a number of book related activities to enrich the week! On Thursday 1st March, children can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character for a £1 entry fee. There will be a prize in each class for the 'best dressed' book character! Our **Book Fair** will take place from **Weds. 28th February to Fri. 2nd March**.

This is a great chance to buy books and raise money for the school library. World Book Day tokens can be used as part payment against any book over £2.99 and can also be exchanged for one of the special books in local bookshops. For more details see: www.worldbookday.com



Sex & Relationships Education (SRE) Workshops

Our school nurse, Clare Beautyman, will be leading the separate Year 5 and Year 6 Sex and Relationship sessions starting on Thursday 1st March. Clare will be running information sessions for parents of Year Five and Six children on Wednesday 21st February at 3.00 p.m. You are welcome to attend (In the Wheatley Room) in order to hear from Clare about our school approach to Sex and Relationships Education.

Congratulations to Andy in Year 3 who was recently crowned the Junior Chess Champion for all of Wales! We are really proud of his stunning achievement. Well done Andy!



New Postbox

To aid parents who just wish to pass on a slip of paper or drop in an envelope to the office (with dinner money in etc.), we have installed a new post box. You will find this to the right of the main door entrance inside the lobby area. We hope this will mean you are able to pass things on quickly if you don't need or want to pass on a message in person. If of course you wish to speak to office staff, you are most welcome to do so – Lorraine, Laura and Sheryl do value the close working partnership we have with all our parents. The box will be checked daily after morning registration.

Road safety – can you help?

The Governing Body is taking action to tackle some of the key issues surrounding the road safety around our school. Ben Jenkins, Vice-Chair of the Governors and father of Ned (Y2) and George (YR), is leading a working group in this area. Some issues identified so far include school signage, safe crossings and speed of traffic on Warminster Road, as well as street lighting and parking on Darlington Road. We would welcome any comments and suggestions regarding the safety of our children and families travelling to and from school. If you wish to pass on your comments or ideas, please email the school office. If you are interested in joining the working group, please see myself or again, email the school office. Thank you in advance.

ParentPay and online payments

We are in the process of closing our current bank account, so please do not make any online payments until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. However, we are also in the process of setting up a new system called 'ParentPay', which will enable all parents to pay ALL monetary payments, including dinner money, online. We will send further details in due course.

Dinner Money

If you wish to pay in advance for Term 4 the amount to send is £65.00. Please make cheques payable to Bathwick St. Mary Primary School and ensure your child's name and class are written on the back.

Low immunity danger

Sophie (Year 4) is receiving 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.

Library News

Years 5 and 6 recently enjoyed a visit by author Lisa Thompson. Lisa's debut novel *The Goldfish Boy* was the Waterstones Children's Book of the Month in January 2017 and she spoke to the children about her new novel *The Light Jar* and about her life as an author. This was an interesting and enjoyable visit, as Lisa shared stories of her childhood, her daily life as an author and her previous work at Radio 2 and Radio 4, together with some hints about her third novel. Thanks to Mr. B's Emporium of Reading Delights, the children could buy copies of Lisa's books (which Lisa signed on the day) and Mr. B's donated a proportion of the money raised to the school.



The Rock Project

Spaces are available to join The Rock Project Bath, lessons in Singing, Guitar, Bass or Drums, AND play as part of a band! The Rock Project are currently recruiting 7-11 and 12-18 year olds to join their two-hour weekly sessions. Would you like to be playing or singing on stage at our big summer gig? Come along for a trial session, Monday evenings in Bath. All abilities welcome from beginners to experienced. For more information see www.therockproject.com or email bath@therockproject.com. You can also check out the Facebook page, 'The Rock Project Bath'.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Purkiss
Head Teacher

Bathwick St. Mary School Term and Holiday Dates – 2018/19

AUGUST 2018						SEPTEMBER 2018					OCTOBER 2018							
M			6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	M	1	8	15	22	29
T			7	14	21	28	T		4	11	18	25	T	2	9	16	23	30
W		1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	W	3	10	17	24	31
TH		2	9	16	23	30	TH		6	13	20	27	TH	4	11	18	25	
F		3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	F	5	12	19	26	
S		4	11	18	25	1	S		8	15	22	29	S	6	13	20	27	
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NOVEMBER 2018						DECEMBER 2018					JANUARY 2019							
M			5	12	19	26	M	3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
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FEBRUARY 2019						MARCH 2019					APRIL 2019							
M			4	11	18	25	M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29
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MAY 2019						JUNE 2019					JULY 2019							
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School Term Dates:		
Holiday Dates:		(Children not in school)
Inset Days:		(Children not in school)
Bank holidays:		(Children not in school)

The 19/20 academic year begins on Monday 2nd September 2019.

Two further INSET dates will be released soon for 18/19.