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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look forward to the summer months and enjoy some warmer weather, please read through the latest newsletter, especially noting the several new dates on the final page.

Dean Field success



Thank you to Miss. Kirkpatrick for superbly leading, and to Miss. Farrar, Miss. Cooper and Mr. Jackson for ably supporting our Year 5 children at Dean Field last month. Each of our children had a wonderful three days and each shone in a different way. It was wonderful to see so many children challenge and push themselves to conquer fears and to achieve new challenges. Children were a credit to themselves and our school. Well done to all!



A reminder about our new school email address

Our old 'Bathnes' email account has now closed and we cannot access emails sent to this address. Please now use: office@bsm.bwmat.org Thank you.

Your child's safety

Please read the Governor report that has been sent with this newsletter about the working party's progress so far in developing a cohesive travel plan to support safety for our children and families when coming to school.

To ensure all our children's safety, may I politely reinforce the Governor request that all parents **adhere to the road markings on Darlington Road** and outside school. We understand that there are very limited spaces outside school, but some parents have been forced to push buggies and prams with young children in along the road because pavements are blocked by parked cars. This clearly puts our children and families at far greater risk than if they can walk on the pavement. Thank you for your cooperation. As you will see from the Governor report we are working hard to address several areas of travel and traffic concerns.

Important changes to our school meals

In our school many children take up our offer of hot meals. We recognise that recently due to a number of external factors the quality of meals, whilst acceptable, has not been as good as we would like it to have been. The SNAG group has been working behind the scenes with our kitchen team to rapidly improve and develop this.

I am **very pleased to inform parents** that within the next term we will be leaving the BANES catering service. By September at the very latest children (and parents) can expect to see a significantly improved offer for our meals.

We will be going 'in house' with our catering which will give us complete flexibility with menu choices and full involvement for our children through the School Council. We also certainly do not forecast any price increases over the 19/20 academic year. Expect to see some very positive changes in place for September. We will be holding parent 'drop in sessions' over lunchtimes so you can see the quality of our food and school meals.

In the shorter term, Mrs. Tugwell has put on three special events before the summer. On Thursday 17th May children can enjoy a special 'Royal Wedding Lunch' with a cream tea for pudding! We also have two whole school picnic lunch days where children can enjoy eating a picnic lunch together.

OWL Adventure Updates

Congratulations to Jessica in Year 2 who won the school wide competition to design our new OWL Logo. The quality and thoughtfulness of the many design entries was impressive – well done to all children who entered. Here is her winning design.



For the 'last round' of OWL adventures this year starting with Year 3 on 24th May, each class will be able to have a school packed lunch (or sandwiches from home if you prefer) on their OWL Adventure day. When you receive your letter this will be made clear. We hope children enjoy the opportunity for picnic lunches in the woodland.



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.

Congratulations to Andy!

Andy in Year 3 recently played the Delancey UK Schools' Chess 'last chance saloon' during the Easter break and received joint Champion in his age group. He's going to represent Bathwick to play the Delancey UK Schools' chess Megafinal on 13th May in Bath. We all wish you the best of luck, Andy.



Summer Fair

Save the date: This year the Summer Fair is due to be held on Saturday 9th June. This is a key fundraising event so we do encourage as many people as possible to come along and join in the fun.

18th May is a Mufti Day for tombola prizes for the Summer Fair. Please can children come in mufti and bring a prize either for the adult or children's tombola. Here are some ideas of what you could donate:

- Adult tombola - bottles, luxury foods, chocolates, biscuits, gifts, home/garden gifts, pampering treats.
- Children's tombola - toys, books, games, art and craft items, stationery.
- Please could all items be new, non-perishable, NO nuts and within sell by date!
- Alternatively, please send a cash donation in a sealed envelope marked 'PTA Summer Fair' which we will use to purchase gifts.

Class Reps will collect your donations in the playground or you can leave your donation in Reception on the 18th May.

How can you help?

Donate Raffle Prizes	Do you know a local business or work for a company that might donate a raffle prize? If you need a letter from the school to support your request, email Annabel on mrsmerry@live.co.uk
Donations for the Toys & Books stall	Please donate pre-loved, good quality toys and books for the pocket money stall. These can be left in school reception from Monday 4 th June.
Bake or donate Cakes for the Café	Please bake or buy cakes / biscuits for the café (we will send a reminder nearer the time!)
Stall Holders	Do you know anyone who would be interested in having a stall at the fair (they don't need to be connected to the school)? Email me on mrsmerry@live.co.uk
Volunteers on the day	We will need people to help set up and clear up the fair. Forms will go into school bags this week.

What is 'Take One Week'?

During the week beginning 21st May the whole school will be taking part in an exciting cross-

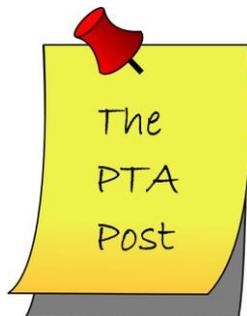


curricular project. Each class will attend a workshop at the Holburne Museum and the normal school timetable will be suspended, with a range of activities on offer to the children including photography, drawing, constructing, measuring and letter writing. Next term, on Saturday 7th July there will be a Takeover Day at the museum where children will be invited to bring their family and friends to the gallery to share their learning from the Take One Project and museum workshop.

The idea for the original Take One Picture programme at the National Gallery came from a teacher in 1995. Each year a single painting is chosen from the gallery collections and teachers attend training days to support them to develop cross-curricular learning experiences using the painting as inspiration. In 2009 the National Gallery sought funding to enable regional museums to adapt Take One Picture for their local context. In addition to paintings, Take One can use historic objects, documents and buildings as the stimulus. We are very excited to be involved in the project this year, especially as the Holburne Museum is so close to us.

The PTA Post

CONGRATULATIONS to the Staff team who had a resounding success in the recent PTA Quiz night. A big thank you to Annabel for coordinating the event, all the PTA who worked so hard to organise the evening, and to Mr. Merrylees our Quiz Master. The PTA raised £450!



Morning routines

Thank you to the vast majority of children and families who consistently arrive on time for school. We recognise the traffic in Bath can often be problematic or a family situation means that on occasion some children are late.

Please continue to do all you can to arrive on time so children do not miss out on some learning time in the morning. All our children have early morning activities that support their learning and where children are even a few minutes late this has an impact on their ability to achieve these.

After the classroom doors have closed just after 8.50 a.m., children will need to come into the main entrance to the school and sign in. This helps us monitor closely children who are repeatedly late to school. Thank you for your understanding.

Wet weather routines

The morning bell to signify the start of school is at 8.50 a.m. When the weather is particularly wet in the morning, I (or Mrs. Rigby in my absence) will decide, based on the severity of the poor weather, to open the classroom doors at around 8.40 a.m. so children can be dropped off early to avoid standing in the rain getting wet. Please can children go to their usual entrance to their classes and not come to the main entrance. Thank you.

Thank you - Gardening

I am sure many of us have appreciated the lovely roundabout garden. A big thank you to the group of parents who spent a Saturday morning recently weeding and improving the area so we can all enjoy it. Thank you!

And finally...

As ever, if you have any questions or queries, please do pop into the office or see me in the playground; I aim to be available as much as possible at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Purkiss

Head Teacher

Please turn over for Dates for the Diary...

Dates for the Diary : NEW DATES IN ITALICS

Week	Day	Events
Term 5		
Week 4 May	Thurs 3	Year 4 to Royal Crescent 9.15-2.00 <i>Year 3 to Bristol: Author Trip</i> Year 1 OWL Adventures
	Fri 4	<i>Year 5 Hockey and Netball Coaching</i>
Week 5 May	Mon 7	BANK HOLIDAY
	Tues 8	KS1 SATS Week 9.30-12 Year 5 Music Festival
	Thurs 10	OWL Adventures Reception WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC LUNCH
	Fri 11	<i>Year 5 Hockey and Netball Coaching</i>
Week 6 May	Mon 14	KS2 SATS week EGPS 2x Papers
	Tues 15	READING Paper
	Weds 16	MATHS Papers 1 and 2 <i>Reception Trip to Court Farm</i>
	Thurs 17	MATHS Paper 3 OWL adventures Year 4 <i>Royal Wedding Lunch (NOT MUFTI)</i>
	Fri 18	<u>Mufti</u> for Royal Wedding Year 5 Bath Abbey Festival Year 6 Cinema Trip
Week 7 May	Mon 21	'TAKE ONE' Week <i>Year 3 Holburne trip (am)</i> <i>Year 2 Holburne trip (pm)</i>
	Tue 22	<i>Year 5 Holburne trip (am)</i> <i>Year 6 Holburne trip (pm)</i>
	Wed 23	<i>Year 4 Holburne trip (am)</i> <i>Year R Holburne trip (pm)</i> <i>Year 5/6 Girls Cricket Tournament</i>
	Thurs 24	<i>Year 1 Holburne trip (am)</i> Yr4-6 Eucharist @ 9.00 OWL Adventures Year 3
	Fri 25	Maths Challenge Day Mufti – Please donate for the PTA tombola Free choice Friday

Week	Day	Events
Term 6		
Week 1 June	Mon 4	Yr 6 to IOW all week
	Weds 6	Newsletter <i>NO Zumba this week</i>
	Thurs 7	Year 1 Sing as One - Widcombe <i>OWL Adventures Year 2 (date change)</i> <i>Year 5 Cricket Tournament (am)</i>
	SAT 9 th	SUMMER FAIR – ALL WELCOME!

Week	Day	Events
Term 6 continued...		
Week 2 June	Mon 11	New Reception Induction
	Tues 12	New Reception Induction
	Weds 13	New Reception Induction Y6 Pilgrim Day Wells - POSTPONED <i>Year 6 Cricket Tournament</i> Primary Parliament
	Thurs 14	OWL Adventures Year 6 Year 5 Blacksmithing - 12.30-2.30 Year 2 Bath Rec 1-2.45
	Fri 15	INSET Day – No children in school
Week 3 June	Mon 18	INSET Day – No children in school
	Tues 19	NSPCC Assemblies
	Weds 20	<i>Year 6 to Wells Leavers Day</i> Year 4 to Magdalen YR Chew Magna Community Farm NSPCC workshops Y5
	Thurs 21	Year 4 to Magdalen <i>OWL Adventures Year 5</i> WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC LUNCH
	Fri 22	Year 4 to Magdalen <i>Children's Reports out (Year 4 on Monday or can be collected from the office on Friday)</i>
Week 4 June	Mon 25	<i>NEW Y2 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15</i>
	Tues 26	Year 4 to Bath Rec 1.00-2.45 <i>NEW Y3 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15</i>
	Weds 27	KS1/Yr3 Collective Worship 9.00 <i>NEW Y1 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15</i>
	Thurs 28	OWL Adventures Year 1 <i>NEW Y4 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15</i> <i>'Shuffle Up' morning Year 5 only</i>
	Fri 29	PTA Discos <i>NEW Y5 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15</i>
Week 5 July	Mon 2	LAST WEEK FOR ALL CLUBS
	Tues 3	Yr R and Y3 Profiling <i>Riverford PTA Evening</i>
	Weds 4	Newsletter Yr 2 Profiling <i>Year 5 to Prior Park Science Fair</i> <i>NEW Y6 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15</i>
	Thurs 5	Yr 1 and Yr 4 Profiling OWL Adventures Year R Year 5 to KES <i>'Shuffle Up' morning YR, 1, 2, 3, 4, (6)</i>
	Fri 6	Y5 Profiling <i>Year 2 Concert to New Reception</i>
Week 6 July	Mon 9	NO MORE CLUBS
	Tues 10	<i>Year 6 Profiling Day</i>
	Weds 11	Sports Day (morning)
	Thurs 12	Y6 Lifeskills – leaving school at 8.15am OWL Adventures Year 4
Week 7 July	Tues 17	<i>NEW DATE Y6 SHOW - TOMORROW</i>
	Weds 18	<i>Year 6 show to whole school and parents – Roper Theatre</i>
	Thurs 19	Leavers Service
	Fri 20	Free Choice Friday