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### Newsletter Nine: June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. As ever, we have a busy and exciting term ahead with many enriching opportunities planned for our children in the coming days and weeks.

#### Isle of Wight Year 6 Residential

Our Year Six children are currently having a fantastic time in the Isle of Wight. Thank you to Mr. Jackson, Miss. Bowman, Mrs. Cooper, Miss. Watt and Mr. Newman for accompanying the children. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return!



#### Website update

Thank you to Mrs. Turner in the school office, and Mr. Dawson (parent of Jonny, Year 6) who have worked hard over recent months to bring a fresh look to our website, ensuring it meets statutory requirements and is a useful tool for current and prospective parents. Thank you to Mrs. Seal (parent of Florence, Year 6) for her photography – we are finalising the new photographs to go live shortly. I would welcome feedback on any aspect of the website that would make it more useful for parents – please let me know how you feel we can improve it further. Thank you.

#### Summer Fair

Please do come and support our Summer Fair this Saturday from 2-4 p.m. A huge thank you to Annabel Merrylees and the PTA who have put in so much hard work so far. This is a key fundraising event so we do encourage as many people as possible to come along and join in the fun and (hopeful) sunshine!

#### Welcome to...

A warm welcome to Evie and Timmy who have joined us in Reception, Dorothy in Year 1 and Isabelle, Isla and Kitty in Year 3. We hope you will all be very happy here!

#### Staffing Arrangements for 18/19

I am very pleased to announce we successfully recruited Miss. Eleanor Manaton to join our staffing team from September 2018. She is already known to some parents in the school, having had two siblings attend Bathwick and her close links with our community. Miss. Manaton has been teaching in Oxford in recent years and following her relocation to Bath is delighted to take up the post of Year 6 teacher from September to work alongside Miss Bowman. Thank you to our School Councillors for playing such an active and important part in the interview day last term. Our current Year 5 children will have the opportunity to meet Miss. Manaton again in the coming weeks.

Having carefully taken into account the needs of the children across the school, the teaching staff complement from September 2018 will be:

Year R	Miss. Farrar
Year 1	Miss. Lozynskyj (Monday-Tuesday) Mrs. Hoskin (Wednesday-Friday)
Year 2	Mrs. Rigby (Mrs. Reaich/Mrs. Bradley will teach some afternoons)
Year 3	Mrs. Elliott (3.5 days a week) and Mrs. Herron (1.5 days a week)
Year 4	Miss. Kane
Year 5	Mr. Jackson
Year 6	Miss. Manaton (Full time) Miss. Bowman (Three days a week)

Mrs. Herron will return from maternity in the Autumn term and will join Mrs. Elliott in Year 3. In her role as SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), Mrs. Elliott will have around 1.5 days out of class each week when the class will be taught by Mrs. Herron. Mrs. Reaich will continue to cover Mrs. Herron's maternity leave until her return.

### **Inset Days for 18/19**

We have announced three of the five INSET days for next academic year already. Given how the academic year falls and planning carefully how to best use the staff development and training days, the **two remaining INSET days will be Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**. As such, the final day for children in school next academic year is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019. A reminder that children **may not take holidays during school time** – we believe every day at school counts and as such we seek to minimise any disruption to our children's schooling.

### **Parent Governor elections**

A reminder that the Governing Board is seeking a new Parent Governor. Please return any nominations for this post by midday on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June. There is an information session for any parent interested in standing on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 3.15-3.45pm in The Wheatley Room**. This will include the opportunity to meet some of our current governors, including Lucy Spedo Mirandola (co-Chair), Rachel Walker and Hannah Downey (parent governors). The role of a governor will be outlined as well as the commitment expected and you will also be able to ask any questions you have.

### **Infant Drama and Drumming!**

Thank you to Mrs. Rigby, Miss. Kane and Miss. Farrar for such an exciting start to our term with the drama and drumming workshop. The children had a fantastic start to their topic and are enthused to learn more over the coming weeks. Thank you to all parents for providing such exciting costumes!



### **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.

### **Year 5 at the Bath Festival**

Thank you to Miss. Kirkpatrick who organised for Year 5 to perform at the Bath Festival last term. Each child performed brilliantly thanks to all the hard work they put into both the art presentation and the musical grand finale at the Abbey. Well done to all!



### **Take One Week and Maths Challenge Day**

Thank you to Mrs. Hoskin for organising the exciting 'Take One' week centred on the Holburne Museum. Children were really inspired by the week and left many wanting to visit the museum again! Thank you also to Mrs. Elliott for ending our term with the 'Maths Challenge Day'. Congratulations to the winning team which this year was Sydney! A reminder that on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Change of date for NEW Y2 Transition Meeting**

Due to the trip for current Year 1 and 2 children on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, we have needed to move the NEW Year 2 Transition meeting from 25<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (2.45-3.15). Apologies for any inconvenience.

### **University Open Days**

The University hosts two Open Days in June and a further one in September each year to allow prospective students and their families the opportunity to visit the campus. The next University of Bath Open Days will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September between 9.30am and 4.00pm on each day. Please be aware of traffic conditions on the day and if necessary leave extra time to make your way to school. Thank you.

### **Sports Morning – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at KES Fields, Bathampton.**

We are looking forward to our annual Sports Morning and will be sending out further information in due course.

## Online Parent Questionnaire

We aim to provide the very best educational experience and as such are always seeking to improve what we can offer our children and families. The annual Parent Questionnaire plays an important part in helping us develop further. This year we have changed our paper based questionnaire for an online version. This will be available shortly – please look out for the email with all the details on. A paper copy will be available if parents prefer this option.

## Year Six SATS

Our Year Six children tackled these assessments admirably. I was impressed with their resilience and determination to do their very best – well done. A special thank you to: Mr. Jackson and Miss. Bowman for supporting the children so admirably; to Mrs. Tugwell and Miss. Bryant for providing the SATS breakfasts again this year; and to the Governor observers for giving up their time over the week.

## Year Two SATS

Thank you to Mrs. Rigby for keeping the Year Two SATS as low-key and as part of ‘everyday practice’ as possible - enabling the children to show what they can do without any undue anxiety or stress. The children tackled the challenges they were given with such enthusiasm and positivity – well done to all!

## Transition Meetings

These meetings provide an opportunity for parents to meet your child’s next class teacher and understand the general day to day routines with an overview of the curriculum year. Please note the transfer meeting scheduled for your child’s SEPTEMBER year group. All meetings begin at 2.45 p.m. and will end in time for parents to collect KS1 children at 3:15pm. Please go directly to the school office and office staff will direct you from there.

**Dates for the Diary : *NEW DATES IN ITALICS***

Week	Day	Events
Week 1 June	Mon 4	Yr 6 to IOW all week
	Weds 6	Newsletter NO Zumba this week
	Thurs 7	Year 1 Sing as One - Widcombe OWL Adventures Year 2 (date change) Year 5 Cricket Tournament (am) <i>Drop in session for Prospective Parent Governors in the Wheatley Room 3.15-3.45 p.m.</i> <i>NEW Year R Parents’ Meeting 6.00-8.00 p.m.</i>
	SAT 9 <sup>th</sup>	SUMMER FAIR 2.00 – 4.00 P.M. ALL WELCOME!

Week	Day	Events
Week 2 June	Mon 11	New Reception Induction
	Tues 12	New Reception Induction
	Weds 13	New Reception Induction Year 6 Cricket Tournament Primary Parliament
	Thurs 14	OWL Adventures Year 6 Year 5 Blacksmithing - 10.30-2.30 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	Year 6 to Wells Leavers Day Year 4 to Magdalen YR Chew Magna Community Farm NSPCC workshops Y5
	Thurs 21	Year 4 to Magdalen OWL Adventures Year 5 WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC LUNCH
Fri 22	Year 4 to Magdalen Children’s Reports out (Year 4 on Monday or can be collected from the office on Friday)	
Week 4 June	Mon 25	<i>NEW Y2 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15</i> <i>Year 1 and 2 trip to Weston</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> ‘Shuffle Up’ morning Year 5 only
	Fri 29	PTA Discos <i>NEW Y5 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15</i>
Week 5 July	Mon 2	LAST WEEK FOR ALL CLUBS <i>NEW Y2 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15</i>
	Tues 3	Yr R and Y3 Profiling Riverford PTA Evening
	Weds 4	Newsletter Yr 2 Profiling <b>and Year 1 Profiling</b> Year 5 to Prior Park Science Fair <i>NEW Y6 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15</i>
	Thurs 5	<b>Yr 1 and Yr 4 Profiling</b> OWL Adventures Year R Year 5 to KES ‘Shuffle Up’ morning YR, 1, 2, 3, 4, (6)
	Fri 6	Y5 Profiling <b>Year 4 Profiling</b> Year 2 Concert to New Reception
Week 6 July	Mon 9	NO MORE CLUBS
	Tues 10	Year 6 Profiling Day
	Weds 11	Sports Day (morning)
Thurs 12	Y6 Lifeskills – leaving school at 8.15am OWL Adventures Year 4	
Week 7 July	Weds 18	Year 6 show to whole school and parents – Roper Theatre
	Thurs 19	Leavers Service
	Fri 20	Free Choice Friday

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Purkiss, Head Teacher

## Bathwick St. Mary Church 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	
SU		5	12	19	26	2	SU		9	16	23	30	SU	7	14	21	28	
NOVEMBER 2018						DECEMBER 2018					JANUARY 2019							
M			5	12	19	26	M	3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
T			6	13	20	27	T	4	11	18	25		T	1	8	15	22	29
W			7	14	21	28	W	5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30
TH	1	8	15	22	29		TH	6	13	20	27		TH	3	10	17	24	31
F	2	9	16	23	30		F	7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25	
S	3	10	17	24	1		S	8	15	22	29		S	5	12	19	26	
SU	4	11	18	25	2		SU	9	16	23	30		SU	6	13	20	27	
FEBRUARY 2019						MARCH 2019					APRIL 2019							
M			4	11	18	25	M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29
T			5	12	19	26	T		5	12	19	26	T	2	9	16	23	30
W			6	13	20	27	W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	
TH			7	14	21	28	TH		7	14	21	28	TH	4	11	18	25	
F	1	8	15	22			F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	
S	2	9	16	23			S	2	9	16	23	30	S	6	13	20	27	
SU	3	10	17	24			SU	3	10	17	24	31	SU	7	14	21	28	
MAY 2019						JUNE 2019					JULY 2019							
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			S	1	8	15	22	29	S	6	13	20	27	
SU	5	12	19	26			SU	2	9	16	23	30	SU	7	14	21	28	

School Term Dates:		
Holiday Dates:		(Including Bank Holidays)
Inset Days:		(Children not in school)