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Achieving excellence through the pursuit of good

Newsletter One: September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

A **very warm welcome** whether you are a new parent to our school or have been here for some time! Our staff team has planned many exciting opportunities for our children to ensure their curriculum and learning is as rich and engaging as possible. You will shortly receive your child's 'topic web' outlining a few of the events taking place, including visits to the Bath Literature Festival, the continuation of OWL Adventures each week, and some whole school creative art projects!

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do ask their teacher. We welcome parents who are willing to share their expertise or passion for a particular subject, language or with a 'special' skill. Please do let your class teacher know if you may be able to help!

Our new bike and scooter shelter

Thank you to our very talented Site Manager, Debs Miner, who has built the bike and scooter shelter adjacent to the infant playground. We will be installing the bike and scooter racks shortly, and hope this new facility will help our children leave their healthy eco-friendly transport safe and dry during the school day! We ask all children not to ride scooters (or bikes etc.) on the school site to protect others on a busy playground. We have reminded children to take extra care outside the school grounds where traffic and children tend to be congested, especially with the building works currently taking place near school.



Welcome to new children and staff!

Welcome to Miss. Ellie Manaton, teaching in Year 6 this year with Miss. Bowman, and Mrs. Sampada Falzoni our new Teaching Assistant in Year 2. We are looking forward to benefitting from their experience and expertise! It is always lovely to welcome our new Reception children to Bathwick, as well as new children in other year groups: Welcome back to George in Year 4, and welcome to Guy in Year 3. We hope you will all be very happy here!

Our delicious new menu

Our children thoroughly enjoyed the tasty hot school meals at the start of this term. A reminder of the menu is at the end of this newsletter. It would be helpful for parents of infants to talk to their children about the choices as children can now choose daily which option to have. The cost for this term's meals is £98.80 for Juniors. Infant meals remain paid for under the Infant Free School Meal scheme.

Clubs at Bathwick

The after school clubs newsletter will be sent home shortly with details of clubs old and new. Please return the slips requesting which club(s) you wish your child to join. As always, we will try to allocate places as fairly as possible to ensure as many children as possible are able to participate over the year. All club payments will need to be made via Parent Pay please – more details below.

Parent Pay

Thank you to all the parents who have already set up their ParentPay accounts. If you need a reminder of your activation code and account details, please contact the school office. We will shortly be going 'cash free' and politely request all parents set up their accounts as soon as possible. Our new parents will be receiving their account details shortly.

Save the date: Harvest Celebration

This year we are holding our Harvest Celebration service at St. Mary's Church. Please join us on **Friday 28th September at 1.30 p.m.** As is our custom, children will please need to be collected from the church after the service at 2.40 p.m. We will be collecting food items for the Bath Foodbank and would appreciate any donations of non-perishable tinned and dried foods. Please can children bring in donations from Monday 17th September to Friday 21st September. Thank you in advance.

Low immunity danger

Sophie (Year 5) is receiving medication for juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Similarly to **Fabienne** (Year 3), 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.

A message from Mrs. Bush

Dear Parents,

I cannot express my appreciation enough for all the wonderful gifts and best wishes I received at the end of last term. I had so many lovely handmade cards from the children and I will treasure them always. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. I hope you had a fantastic sunny summer break and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a successful new term at school.

With love,

Mrs Bush X

Reception class resources! Can you help?

Following a successful year of the outdoor classroom we are now on the lookout for the following resources to enhance the area. If you are able to help please pass any of the following onto Miss. Farrar. Thank you!

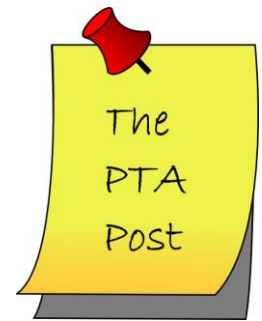
- Any old kitchen utensils, pots, pans, scales, cutlery (excluding knives) for the mud kitchen and sand play
- Any other metal containers (e.g. preserving pans, watering cans, interesting shaped jugs)
- Any small or large maps, A-Z map books or OS maps of anywhere in the world
- Small pop up tents or old 2 man tents
- Old phones, sat navs, tablets, torches or other small technology no longer working for role play
- Any small world sets such as Sylvanian Families, Playmobil, zoo or farm animals.
- Old children's wellies for planting

Year 6 Secondary School Choices

We have been asked by BANES to remind all Year 6 parents that you **must use all three place choices**, otherwise if you are not successful in the 1st choice you will be placed right at the bottom of the list. Please review www.bathnes.gov.uk and click on 'Admissions' for further information.

News from the P.T.A.

Thank you to each member of the PTA for all their wonderful work over the last academic year. Particular thanks to the Chair, Annabel Merrylees, Secretary Charlotte Durrance, and Treasurer Emma Sinden. The PTA has such a positive impact on the life of the school and the facilities and events we can provide for our children. Annabel has kindly offered to stand as Chair again this year, but we are looking for a volunteer to take over this key role from September 2019. Similarly we will need a Treasurer from September 2019. If you think you may be interested in either position, please do speak to Annabel or myself in the playground.



More help is urgently needed in our library!

We would not be able to run the library sessions without our amazing volunteers and we do urgently need help in the library on Wednesdays. Helping in the library is a great opportunity to see what children are reading, to help them to find new books and to help the school. If you think you could offer help every **Wednesday from 2.15 p.m.** to the end of the school day, please contact the school office or Mrs. Turner on Librarian@bsm.bwmat.org. Volunteer helpers will need to be DBS checked. We particularly need help on Wednesdays this year but if you can offer help on any day, that would also be hugely appreciated, so please do get in touch. It is a lovely way to help the school which fits in with school pick-up times and there will be full training provided before you start.

Some 'annual reminders'

To keep our school being 'the best that it can be', please read through these polite reminders. Thank you.

'Dropping off' and 'picking up' routines

- A reminder that 'Drop off' is from 8.35. A member of staff will usually be on the playground from 8:40, but there is no formal supervision available until the bell at 8:50.
- Please ensure the **prompt attendance** of all pupils for **8:50** into school. Thank you.
- A known adult must stay with each in the Infant playground until the bell is rung. Thank you.
- Infant children are welcome to use the Fitness Trail after (not before) school and enjoy this facility, under supervision from the person collecting them.
- If there is any change to the KS1 'authorised collector' of your child, please write the change into the 'Pick-up change diary' which is in the front porch by the signing in book – (writing the change under the appropriate day).

Medical

- **Nut-free zone:** Please note, we have an **increasing number of children** at school who are **seriously allergic to nuts**. In order to protect our children, do not bring any food containing nuts into school.
- If your **child is sick** or has diarrhoea, please wait 48 hours before returning to school.
- Please **do not send in medicines** without authorisation from the Head Teacher. There are guidelines we follow to ensure the correct administration of medicine.

Uniform

- Children may wear winter or summer uniform until October half term, after which all children should be in full winter uniform please, including black shoes and ties.
- A reminder that jewellery, nail-varnish or tattoos are not allowed. We also ask children to tuck in their shirts and tie back long hair. If you are unsure of anything, please do ask.

Attendance regulations

- The Government is very clear that **no holidays should be taken in term time**. We do appreciate the strain this may cause on families, but we believe that every day in school is so important for your child. If some very unusual situation arises, we have to clearly explain the circumstances to the Child Missing Education Officer and demonstrate its 'uniqueness'. Consequently please assume there is no 'holiday entitlement', and any planned absence requires a written record for our Child Missing Education Officer. Any absence must be authorised by the Head Teacher in advance; this includes medical (unless an emergency) and exam appointments. Thank you for your understanding.
- Please carefully check the Term Dates (over the page) before booking any holiday.

And finally...

As we look forward to this exciting year, please do stop me in the playground or make contact to share ideas, concerns or questions. Bathwick is a wonderful school, but there are always things we can do to improve and develop – and I am always willing and happy to hear ideas and comments.

With my best wishes for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Purkiss
Head Teacher

Term 1: Dates for the Diary

Day	Events
Thu. 6 th Sep.	OWL Adventures Year 6
Mon. 10 th Sep.	School Council voting results
Tue. 11 th Sep.	School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG), 8.30 a.m.
Thu. 13 th Sep.	OWL Adventures Year 5
Fri. 14 th Sep.	1 st Celebration Collective Worship 3.15 p.m. PTA Uniform sale
Mon. 17 th Sep.	ALL CLUBS START THIS WEEK 4.45-5.30 Reception Parents Reading Meeting & introduction to Tapestry 5.40-6.30 KS1 Parents Reading Meeting (Letters to go out shortly)
Thu. 20 th Sep.	OWL Adventures Year 4
Wed. 26 th Sep.	OPEN MORNING for new Reception Parents for September 2019 entry: 9.00-10.00 and 10.45-11.45
Thu. 27 th Sep.	OWL Adventures Year 2
Fri. 28 th Oct.	1.30 p.m. School Harvest Service at St Mary's Church
Mon. 1 st Oct.	Y3 to Bath Literature Festival a.m.
Tues. 2 nd Oct.	Y2 to Bath Literature Festival a.m. Y6 to Bath Literature Festival p.m. PTA AGM 7.00 p.m. All welcome!
Weds. 3 rd Oct.	Y1 to Bath Literature Festival a.m. Y4 to Bath Literature Festival p.m. Flu Vaccinations for ALL Year R to 5 (details to follow)
Thur. 4 th Oct.	OWL Adventures Year 3
Fri. 5 th Oct.	Y5 to Bath Literature Festival p.m. 3.15 p.m. PTA cake sale
Thurs. 11 th Oct.	OPEN MORNING for new Reception Parents for September 2019 entry: 9.00-10.00 and 10.45-11.45 OWL Adventures Year 1
Thur. 18 th Oct.	OWL Adventures Year R
Mon. 22 nd Oct.	Parents' Consultation Evening
Wed. 24 th Oct.	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thur. 25 th Oct.	OWL Adventures Year 5
Fri. 29 th Oct.	INSET Day – no children in school End of Term 1

Advance notice of Infant Nativity Dates:

Monday 17th December, 1.45 p.m.

Tuesday 18th December, 9.30 a.m.

Advance notice of Whole School Carol Service:

Friday 21st December, 1.30 p.m. St. Mary's Church

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



Term 1 NEW Bathwick Menu

Children will have **three** choices daily, making their choice at morning registration.

	MEAT FREE Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1: Main Meal	Homemade Margarita Pizza topped with mozzarella and organic rocket	Homemade Mild Indian Chicken Curry served with wholegrain rice	Homemade Beef Ragu Penne Penne Bake topped with a cheesy crumb topping	'Red Tractor' Farm Assured Chicken Breast marinated with turmeric and fresh coriander	Marine Stewardship Council Jumbo Cod Fish Finger
Option 2: Vegetarian Meal	Roasted Vine Cherry Tomato and Roasted Red Pepper Risotto	Organic Roasted Vegetable Penne Bake	Organic Spinach, Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry served with wholegrain rice	Mini Quorn Toad in the Hole	Homemade Cheese & Onion swirls served with fresh salad
Option 3: Alternative Meal	French Baguette filled with Egg or Cheese served with fresh salad	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise served with fresh salad	Oven Baked Jacket with Beans and Cheese served with fresh salad	French Baguette filled with Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese served with fresh salad	French Baguette filled with Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese served with fresh salad
All of the above served with	Freshly Baked Bread Fresh Salad Bar	Freshly Baked Bread Fresh Salad Bar	Freshly Baked Bread Fresh Mixed Salad	Roasted Herby Potatoes Fresh Organic Seasonal Vegetables and Veggie Gravy	Oven cooked Chips served with beans and sweetcorn
Dessert	Fruit All Butter Shortbread Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt	Chocolate and Raspberry Sponge Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly Crush Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt	St. Clements Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt	Vanilla Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt

Any child with food allergies or intolerances will be offered an alternative Main Course and Dessert to meet your child's needs. All the meals are served with milk or water.
Feedback will be sought from children in Term 1 to help us further develop the menu.