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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write, several classes have already enjoyed the **Bath Literature Festival** and there are more trips this week. Children have come back enthused by the inspirational talks they have had and are keen to learn more.

The cost for these trips has been met through the **Annual Donation**. A letter will be going out shortly about this year's Annual Donation. Please do choose to support the school in this way – we are able to reclaim back a significant amount of money (£1287 last year) from the Government through the Gift Aid scheme, making a real difference to the opportunities we can provide for our children.

School meal competition!

Our new school meals have been very well received by our children with great portion size and quality – but now it is competition time! The School Council will be taking feedback from children about the food they really enjoyed and the food that could be 'even better if...'. Mrs. Kirstie Morgan-Fogden and her team will work on developing the menu choices ready for next term. We will maintain the favourites and introduce a few new dishes for our children to enjoy.

COMPETITION TIME!

Children are invited to design their own main course dish.

Children need to:

1. Draw a picture of their desired dish
2. List the key ingredients (and quantities if possible)
3. Describe the dish as beautifully as possible to persuade their peers to try it

Entries must be in by Wednesday 10th October. Our chef, Stu Rostance, will work with Kirstie and her team to prepare the winning dish which will feature in Term 2's menu. The winning dish will be announced on Friday 12th October!

Welcome to new children

A very warm welcome to Ali and Taek in Year 3 and thank you to our Year 3 children who have already warmly welcomed both children and helped them settle in their new school and new country.

Safer routes to school success!

Thank you to Sian Lickess as well as school governors Ben Jenkins and Matt Cochrane for their work on safe travel to school. As a result of their work, the Council have agreed to fund additional school crossing signage and bollards near the school. We will continue to pursue additional measures, but we are pleased with this initial success.

PTA Cake Sale - Friday

Thank you for those that attended the recent PTA AGM. To the right is a photograph of Annabel for those parents that don't know her. A huge thank you to our PTA who in 17/18 raised a fantastic **£5454** which was used in a variety of ways, including paying the balance on the new ICT suite and resources for OWL Adventures. The PTA are considering exciting projects for this coming year, but are always open to suggestions and ideas. Further details will be released shortly.



This Friday is the first **cake sale**. Please donate baked or bought cakes to raise PTA funds. Donations can be left in reception or brought to Wheatley Room at 3.00 p.m. Please remember **NO NUTS / SESAME SEEDS** (including sesame seed products).

Starting your Christmas shopping? Then **please sign up to Easyfundraising**, a scheme through which retailers donate to the PTA every time you shop online (including most major retailers, supermarkets, department stores, and even Amazon)! Please go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/1YQPCH/2HI1WI/>

Data checking sheets

To help us ensure we have your latest contact details, the Data checking sheets have been sent out today. Please check the information is correct, then sign and return by **Friday 12th October**. Thank you.

Allergies in school

Thank you for your cooperation ensuring no nuts or sesame seeds or products containing sesame are sent into school. Several children are highly allergic to nuts, and one child has a life-threatening allergy to sesame seeds and products containing sesame. We take all our children's safety extremely seriously and as such the **school wide ban on nuts and sesame remains in force until further notice**. Thank you for your continued vigilance and support.

Dogs in school

We are fortunate to benefit from the expertise of a Speech and Language Therapist who works to support some children at Bathwick. As part of this work, a 'therapy dog', known as Milly, will occasionally be in school. We are aware some children are allergic to pet hair and some may be nervous of dogs. Be assured we have clear plans in place to ensure that Milly is at all times with her trained adult and in a secure area. We have already seen some very positive results for some children working with Milly and our therapist. If you have any queries, please do ask me.

As mentioned, some children are afraid of dogs. Thank you for your co-operation in not bringing dogs onto site (unless they are a guide dog). In addition, please try to avoid leaving your dog immediately outside the gated entrance to school when most children leave at the end of the day. 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.

Parents' Consultation Evenings (PCE)

A separate appointments letter will be sent out shortly. **Staff led clubs will not run on PCE week**. Therefore, Miss. Kane's Relax Kids and Mrs. Elliott's Board Games will not run on Monday 22nd October, and Miss. Farrar's ROCK club and Miss. Bowman's Junior Dance Club will not run on Wednesday 24th October. Apologies for any upheaval this may cause.

Harvest Celebration

Thank you to all parents who were able to join us at St. Mary's Church for our Harvest Celebration Service. Not only did many families donate so generously to the Foodbank, but we also raised an additional £236 for the charity; the most we have collected in recent years. We do hope you enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate with us as a school community.

Reading in the Infants

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the recent Infant Reading meeting for Infants (led by Mrs. Rigby who is our English Lead in school). If you were unable to attend, please review the information shared which is now live on our website here:

<http://bathwickstmary.org/our-creative-curriculum/>

Just so all Year 1 and 2 parents are aware, children will have, wherever possible, their reading books changed when they have finished them. Children need to make sure they put their reading books in the basket provided to ensure they are changed. Please bear with us if unusual circumstances, such as staff illness, means that books are changed a day later than expected.

If you have any queries about reading or English, please do see Mrs. Rigby.

Messy Church

You are warmly invited to Messy Church on Saturday 6th October 4.30-6.00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Bathwick. The Messy Church session

will begin with a short period of child friendly worship (songs, prayers and a Bible story) followed by craft and other activities in the Church hall. Children will finish with a simple meal together – on the menu this month is pasta and sauce with ice cream for dessert. There is a small charge of £1.00 to cover the cost of food payable on the day. Please book your place in advance by calling the Parish Office on 01225 447450 or emailing office@bathwickparishes.org.uk so that we can have an idea of how many to cater for. All at St. Mary's would love to see you there but if you can't make it this month they will be having another session on Saturday 3rd November.



Winter Uniform – from October half term

As we approach half term may I remind parents that all children need to wear their 'winter uniform' (shirts and ties) from Monday 5th November. Thank you for your co-operation.

And finally...

Please do come and speak to me in the playground or make an appointment in the office if you have any questions or queries on any aspect of the school.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Purkiss
Head Teacher

Term 1 and 2: Dates for the Diary

(Further details will be released about some events in due course)

OCTOBER	
Weds 3	Year 3 10.45 Geologist visitor Y1 to Bath Literature Festival Y4 to Bath Literature Festival Flu Vaccinations Year 1-5
Thurs 4	OWL Year 3
Fri 5	Biathlon Year 4/5/6 Y5 to Bath Literature Festival 3.15 PTA cake sale
Tues 9	Year 3 to Dinosaur Live
Thurs 11	OPEN MORNING for new Reception Parents for September 2019 entry: 9.00-10.00 and 10.45-11.45 OWL Year 1
Tues 16	Year 4 to Roman Baths 4-6pm Stay and Play in Reception for Nursery visits
Thurs 18	OWL Year R
Mon 22	Parents' Consultation Evening
Weds 24	Parents' Consultation Evening Year 5 to Herschel museum
Thurs 25	Mufti Day for PTA OWL Year 5
Fri 26	INSET Day (No children in school)

NOVEMBER	
Tues 6	8.30 SNAG Year 1 - 1.15-2.15 School nurse visit
Weds 7	Eucharist Yr 4-6 9.00
Thurs 9	OWL Year 6 Year 5 to Cricket Club p.m.
Fri 9	PTA Discos Infants: 3.15-4.15 and Juniors: 4.30-5.30
Mon 12	Children in Need week
Tues 13	9.00 KS1 + Y3 CW with parents 9.00 Year 6 Bath Blitz tour Year 2 - 1.15-2.15 School nurse visit

NOVEMBER	
Weds 14	Individual Photographs day
Thurs 15	Y5 Cricket Club pm OWL Year 4 OPEN MORNING for new Reception Parents for September 2019 entry: 9.00-10.00 and 10.45-11.45
Fri 16	Mufti Day – Wear something spotty for Children in Need
Weds 21	2.15-3.15 Parents Anxiety information session with nurse Claire Squires
Thurs 22	Year 5 Dance trip p.m. OWL Year 3
Tues 27	1.15-2.15 Year R Handwashing with nurse Claire Squires
Weds 28	Dogs Trust visit to school
Thurs 29	Year 5 Dance trip p.m. OWL Year 2

DECEMBER	
Thurs 6	OPEN AFTERNOON for new Reception Parents for September 2019 entry: 1.15-2.15 p.m.
Tues 11	10.00 Y3/4 to BANES KS2 Carol Service (St. Mary's Church)
Weds 12	Year 6 to Fleet Air Arm museum
Thurs 13	OWL Year R Year 5 Rugby trip p.m. 'Good Afternoon Choir' Year 5/6 - 1.30-2.45 Grenville Jones
Fri 14	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) 1.45 KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to School
Mon 17	NO CLUBS this week 1.45 p.m. KS1 Nativity to Parents (PTA mince pies)
Tues 18	9.30 a.m. KS1 Nativity to Parents (PTA mince pies)
Weds 19	Christmas Dinner Day
Thurs 20	No OWL Choir to Bridgemoor
Fri 21	Carol Service 1.30 p.m.