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**Newsletter Three: November 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back after the half term break.**

As we begin a new term, may I thank all in our school community who helped make Term 1 such a success. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who help hear our children read or help at OWL Adventure days or help on School Trips. Your support of our children and school is always very much appreciated. A quick reminder that all children should now be in their full winter uniform. Thank you.

**School meal COMPETITION!**

Congratulations to Millie in Year 1 who won the School Meal menu competition last term. Her recipe has been included in the new Term 2 menu. Our School Council also took feedback from all children last term and their choices and preferences have helped develop our delicious new menu. The SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group) will be running a parental questionnaire and a further menu competition in due course.

**Christmas Card Competition**



Every year the Diocese of Bath & Wells Education Team send out hundreds of Christmas cards and ask schools to design the cover. Last year, Johnny (now in Year 7) won with

this design. If your child would like to enter, please hand in your designs to your class teacher by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. You need to design a suitable picture. Although it doesn't have to be a nativity scene it does need to include Christian content. It can be in any form, crayon, paint, digital, whatever you like! The card will be printed A6 in size but can be portrait or landscape.

**Welcome to new children**

A warm welcome to Dhiren who has joined Year 3. We hope you will settle in quickly and be very happy here.

**Our Christian Values**

Since January, our School Governors, staff, School Council and children have been helping refine, refresh and further develop our school mission statement and our core Christian Values. Our Governors will shortly be sharing with our whole school community the culmination of this work and our next steps.



You can see our six Christian Values represented here. A beautiful piece of art has been created by each child from Year

1 to Year 6 illustrating these - they are each on permanent display in the hall for all our school community to share and enjoy.

Our daily Collective Worship is a special time in the busy school



day to bring our school together and spend time reflecting on our Christian values, what these mean to us as a school and for each of us individually.



As has been our custom for many years, we think about a different value every fortnight and often link our

Collective Worship to current local, national and international events, as well as learn from stories from the Bible and other texts.



You will see in the



Dates for the Diary that the next Infant and Year 3 Collective Worship for Parents is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00 a.m. to around 9.30 a.m. Please do feel free to join us for this time.

## Annual Donation

Thank you to the parents who have contributed for the Annual Donation. A polite reminder to please 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.

## Bath's proposed 'Clean Air Zone'

This topic is one that is likely to affect every individual in Bath. Every household in the city should have received a leaflet about the consultation that closes on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018. A separate letter will be sent home shortly about this very important issue for our city. In the meantime to find out more, please go to: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-breathes-2021-overview>

## Severe weather

In the event of very severe weather, it may be necessary to close or partially close the school. We will always do our very best to remain open, but with many staff living outside of Bath, due consideration is given to safe travel. In the event of poor weather, please watch for information at [www.bathnes.gov.uk/school-closures](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/school-closures). We will also do our best to email all parents and update our website. If you see other children walking to school, please do not suggest they walk back home, as parents would assume they have safely arrived at school. It would also be helpful to send your child in with a change of footwear! Thank you.

## Remembrance Poppies

If your child would like to purchase a poppy, your child may bring in a donation from today. A suggested minimum donation of £1 per poppy would be gratefully received. Year six will go into each class with the poppies and a small quantity of poppy appeal rulers, rubbers, pencils and sharpeners for children to purchase on a first come first served basis.

## Sow n Grow Club – can you help?

We are keen to re-establish the Sow 'n Grow and Cooking after school club from January. We are seeking a gardening and / or cooking enthusiast who would be keen to lead or co-lead a gardening and cooking club for a group of children after school one day a week, for approximately 1 hour between January and July 2019. What better way to teach the children about our food, than to grow vegetables, and perhaps fruit, on our school grounds and use the produce in our school kitchen? If you are interested in this role, please speak to Mr. Purkiss or let the Office team know. Thank you.

## Sporting Success at Bathwick!

Thank you to Sian Dudman and Emma Kane who took some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 to the qualifying time trials for the UK Schools Biathlon Championships at Prior Park recently. Children had to swim a 50 metre length of the pool and run



800m around the athletics track! We will be notified shortly as to which children have qualified for the UK championships. All children really performed to the best of their ability and were a credit to our school, demonstrating great perseverance. They were very encouraging and supportive of each other and certainly well behaved - a great team.



Well done to:

- Under 12s: Billy, Charlie, Louis, Theo
- Under 11s: Alex, Harry, Jemima, Leif, Louis D, Milo, Oliver, Ona, Rosie, Sam, Sophie, Toby
- Under 10s: Agnes, Andy, Darcey, Oscar, Rupert, Sophie

A particular well done to:

- Oliver – 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Under 11 Boys
- Louis, Oliver and Toby who as a team came first in the Under 11 Boys category

Well done to all who took part. As one parent recently commented, 'Bathwick does contain much sporting excellence! What with being Year 6 County Cricket Champions 2017 and Year 5 Runners up this year, having County tennis players, GB Biathlon representatives (and much more), there is a lot to celebrate.'



## 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.

## Allergies in school

A reminder that several children in school 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.



## Firework Competition Winners

Congratulations to Jessica in Year 3 and Sophie O in Year 1 who won the recent Bath Rotary Club Firework Safety poster competition! Well done to both children!

**Year 6 have commemorated** the First World War Centenary by creating this beautiful 'Poppy Board' that is currently on display in Wells Cathedral along with several others from Bath and Somerset schools. The exhibition is on until 15<sup>th</sup> November and you are welcome to view the children's work there. After this time, it will be installed in our school hall.

## Is your child anxious? Are you concerned?

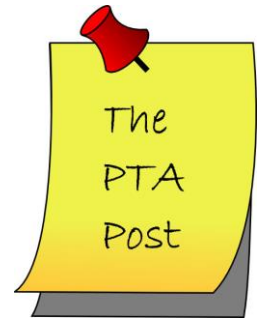
On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November our school nurse, Claire Squires, will run a Parents' Information session from 2.15-3.15 p.m. in the Wheatley Room. There is no need to book – please just come to the school office ready for a 2.15 p.m. start. It will be a practical session on building your child's emotional resilience with advice on how to build a child's self esteem, strategies to help a child who is worrying and parenting tips on screen time.

## Support from Claire Squires, our School Nurse

Do you feel you may benefit from speaking with our School Nurse. More information can be found here: <http://bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk/childrens/school-nursing/>. Claire can be contacted via the Community Health and Care Services on 01225 838266.

## PTA Discos

Responding to feedback, we have adjusted the organisation of the discos to ensure they are as enjoyable and run as smoothly as possible. The discos are this Friday (9<sup>th</sup> November).



The **Infant (3.30-4.30) disco** plan is as follows:

- All Infants will be dismissed as usual at 3.15 p.m. However, children who are staying to the disco do NOT need to be collected. Please provide your child with their change of clothes in the morning, and teachers will help children to change and take them safely to the disco at 3.30 p.m.
- The entry fee is £4.00 which is to be paid **by Thursday please via Parent Pay**. This will mean children can go straight to the disco and not worry about handing the correct change over. The £4.00 covers the entrance to the disco, a snack, drink and a glowstick. There is no need for your child to bring any other money.

The **Junior (4.45-5.45) disco** plan is as follows:

- Please collect your child as usual at 3.25 p.m. and bring them back to school at 4.45 p.m.
- The entry fee is £4.00 which is to be paid **by Thursday please via Parent Pay** – we will also take money on the door if necessary. This covers the entrance to the disco, a snack, drink and a glowstick. There will be a tuck shop for children who want to bring money to buy additional snacks.



We will be supporting **Children in Need** this year on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Children can come dressed in mufti clothes – but with the challenge of wearing something **spotty** to support this charity! A suggested donation of £1 is welcome.

## Individual Photographs

The school photographer will take pictures of individual children on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 8:30 am**. Please complete and return the reply slip at the end of this newsletter regarding pictures with pre-school siblings. If you do wish to have such a photograph taken, please be in school at 8:30am and kindly wait by the Wheatley Room doors. Thank you.

**Term 2: Dates for the Diary**

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

NOVEMBER	
Weds 7	Eucharist Yr 4-6 9.00
Thurs 8	OWL Year 6 Year 5 Sports Hub at Cricket Club p.m.
Fri 9	Remembrance at School, 11.00 a.m. PTA Discos Infants: 3.30-4.30 and Juniors: 4.45-5.45
Mon 12	Children in Need week 4.00-6.00 p.m. Stay and Play in Reception for children due to start in September 2019
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
Weds 14	Individual Photographs (details overleaf)
Thurs 15	Y5 Sports Hub at 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. Please bring in a donation for the charity Children in Need. 3.00 Second hand book sale
Weds 21	New Children Bible Presentation 9.00 2.15-3.15 Parents Anxiety information session with nurse Claire Squires
Thurs 22	Year 5 Sports Hub for Dance at Bath Leisure Centre 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 Sports Hub for Dance at Bath Leisure Centre p.m. OWL Year 2

DECEMBER	
Thurs 6	OPEN AFTERNOON for new Reception Parents for September 2019 entry: 1.15-2.15 p.m. Year 5 Sports Hub for Rugby at the Rec 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 ‘Good Afternoon Choir’ Year 5/6 - 1.30-2.45 with 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. (St. Mary’s Church)

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**School Photographs: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

I would like my child’s younger sibling, (not yet in school), to be included in a family photograph. I understand that I need to be in school by 8.30 am to avoid missing out (by the Wheatley Room – opposite the Trim Trail)

**Signed:** ..... (Parent/Guardian)

**Child’s Name:** ..... **Year:** .....

Please ensure that this slip is returned to the school office by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**, should you wish a younger sibling, (not yet in school), to be included. Thank you.