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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Year Six for staging the superb show **'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat!** *'Some folks dream of the wonders they'll do'...* our parents, staff team and other children were certainly amazed by the wondrous performance. Not only did everything come together for a spellbinding show but each individual really shone. We are extremely proud of your achievements and know you will go from strength to strength as you move on to your new schools! (We will make sure the video and photos are shared with parents shortly!)

Thank you - Sports Morning

Thank you to all parents who were able to join us at the annual Sports Morning. We enjoyed the very warm weather and some new races (including the teacher race – well done Miss. Manaton!) to make the morning very memorable. Thank you to Mrs. Williams who organised the whole event!

Annual Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to the parents who kindly responded to our Annual Questionnaire recently. The results will be released in September.

Huge thanks to our PTA!

A huge thank you to all parents for their support of all the PTA events this year. This year we **raised just under £6,500** which goes such a long way to supporting our children's education. Watching the fantastic Year Six play last night and seeing how much the children get out of the experience, shows how important it is for children across all years to be able to take part in and enjoy our school drama activities. To support that, the **PTA has agreed to fund a new stage lighting system for the School Hall** which will greatly improve the production of school plays and other drama and music events we put on at the school. Thank you to everyone for playing their part!

A message from Annabel Merrylees, our outgoing PTA Chair: Thank you to everyone who has helped run the PTA events over the past three years....you know who you are and I could not have done it without you! Also a big THANK YOU to our Treasurer Emma Sinden. Finally thank you to our new PTA Chair, Emma-Jane Dixon, and Treasurer Zoz Hocking (both current Reception parents), who have taken on this important role in the school.

Our Term 1 and 2 School Menu

Attached with this newsletter is our school menu for Term 1 and 2. We have adapted the menu so it runs each 'long term', but on a three-week cycle, so children will have greater choice during each 'short term'. The menu meets and exceeds all the Government food standards and we will continue to source as much fresh produce as locally as possible. Thank you to the SNAG team for all their work helping develop the menu and run competitions over this year. The SNAG team will share the results of the recent questionnaire in September.

Reception Class needs spare clothes and Wellingtons please!

We are looking for spare underwear (age 4/5), grey/white socks and grey school trousers (age 4/5) for spare clothes. We are also looking for wellingtons to be used as planters in our outdoor area. If you are having a sort out before or over summer and have any that could be donated please drop them directly to Miss. Farrar or Mrs. Clark. Thank you in advance.

Leavers' Service

We look forward to seeing you at our Leavers' Service on **Thursday 18th July**. Please be seated in St. Mary's Church by 1:30pm. All children take part in the service, so **all children will need to be collected from St. Mary's Church** at around 2.45 p.m. please. We will be making a collection during the service to be shared between school funds and the charity Voices, which was nominated by Year 6.

Key dates for next term

A fuller calendar will be released in September, but some key dates for terms 1 and 2 are as follows:

- Tuesday 3rd September, start of Term 1 for children
- Thursday 24th October (1.30 p.m.) Harvest Service at St. Mary's Church
- Friday 25th October - INSET Day
- Friday 20th December (1.30 p.m.) Carol Service at St. Mary's Church

And finally...

To those parents and children who are leaving us this July we wish you every success for the future! For those who we will see again on **Tuesday 3rd September**, we look forward to the continued strong partnership for the new academic year. I wish you a very enjoyable summer!

Yours sincerely,
Kevin Purkiss, Head Teacher

More Cricket Success!

Congratulations to our cricket coach, Tom Baker. Tom has been coaching cricket at Bathwick for 26 years. 2019 is the first time our Year Six team, our Year Five team and our Year 6 Girls team all reached the County Finals – what an amazing achievement!

Our Year Six team and County Champions (Oliver (Captain), Billy, Louis M, Toby, Joseph, Max, Franklin, Louis D, Theo, Jack and Jakub) played in the **Southern National finals** on 9th July. After a brilliant day of superb cricket, the team came joint fifth place in the Southern Nationals – what a testament to the team work, coaching and superb skills they have shown! Thank you to the many parents who accompanied the children and cheered them on.

Congratulations to our Year 5 Cricket Team who enjoyed great success, winning three of their matches at the County Finals recently, placing them fourth in the County – well done Edward, Sam, Harry, Nandi, Edward, Reuben, Alex, Toby, Rupert and Rosie! Thank you to the parents, especially Mrs. Moss, who kindly stepped in when one of our staff cars broke down!



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge has started in all BANES public libraries and will run until September. This year's theme is Space Chase and all children aged 4 to 11 can take part for free. Children need to read six books from the public library over the summer and can earn rewards for each book read. Please see the public library for more details.

Our school nurse has provided a list of **summer holiday activities** that may be of interest. Please find these attached to this newsletter.

Our Leavers' Comments

Farewell to Elona Cooper, who is looking forward to a very well earned retirement! We are so very grateful for her dedication to our children and our school; she will certainly be missed by us all and we wish her the very best for her retirement. **Ms. Cooper writes:**

I've had a fabulous 6 and a half years as a teaching assistant at Bathwick St. Mary Church School and I will be very sad to say goodbye to you all on Friday. I feel that I have got to know all the children well either through working in the different classes or in my role as an SMSA at lunchtime. Having taught in many schools during my 44 years career, I can honestly say that Bathwick St. Mary is a very special place and one of the happiest and most caring schools I have ever worked in. I am looking forward to my retirement, when I hope to do some travelling and get my garden into shape, but I won't forget you and I'll be back to visit soon. Thank you to all the wonderful children and lovely adults who have made my time here so good. Love from Ms. Cooper

Farewell to Lorraine Pearson, who has worked in both paid and voluntary roles across the school. Whilst she will still be helping out in many ways next year, she will be stepping down from the SMSA role at the end of this term. We are very grateful to her for the important role she has played ensuring our children have a safe and enjoyable lunchtime. **Mrs. Pearson writes:**

I will really miss spending lunchtimes with the children and working with our fab lunchtime team. What I will miss most though, are the fantastic things that some of the children say to me, from stories of wolves eating the blue hats in the conservation area to, my personal favourite, "You smell really nice Mrs Pearson, you smell like my pencil case." They are all brilliant children and I wish Y6 the very best of luck for the future.

Farewell to Iona Watt. We have been very grateful for all she has done to support a number of children in our school and help them to go from strength to strength. She has been working at Bathwick since 2016 in a number of roles. We wish her all the best for her new career! **Miss. Watt writes:**

I have thoroughly enjoyed working at Bathwick the last three years. The children, families, staff and governors make the school a truly wonderful place to be. I have grown and developed a lot in such a short time and that can only be put down to the fantastic environment and support I have received at the school. I am excited to be moving on to the next chapter in my career but will certainly miss Bathwick. I feel very fortunate to have started my working life off here.

At the end of this term we will also say a **fond farewell to Jo Bradley** who will be stepping down from her two days a week role at Bathwick. Mrs. Bradley has worked at Bathwick for over twenty years, most of those as Deputy Head before she 'semi-retired' in July 2017. As a colleague and friend she will be missed by many – but I daresay she will pop in from time to time when she is able to step away from her recent 'grandmother duties'!

Year Six Leavers Comments



Kiki: Bathwick has been an amazing experience and my childhood would have been very different without it. I have developed friends for life and I will miss them all.

Leif: Thank you Bathwick for this amazing experience. I have made so many friends and learnt more than I ever imagined I could. I will miss this school and all the staff and pupils.

Lucia: I have really enjoyed my 7 years at Bathwick and I would like to thank all the teachers who have put their effort into teaching us and helping us achieve our targets.

Fenn: Thank you; I have had a great time at Bathwick. All of the staff have helped me reach my targets. I hope everyone has a great time at Bathwick. Bye!

Bill: I have really enjoyed Bathwick, mainly all the lovely teachers and my friends but I am still excited to move on to Ralph Allen.





Emmeline: I have truly loved my time at Bathwick and will treasure my memories forever. Thank you to everyone for making my journey at Bathwick really special for me in so many different ways. Lastly, thanks to everyone in year six especially to my friends and teachers I have made through the years.

Chester: This year I have had one of the most enjoyable times of my life in Y6, all the most fun things can happen there. I'm going to miss Y6 next year at my new secondary school at Ralph Allen. Thank you Bathwick.

Louis D: I have really enjoyed my time at Bathwick I will really miss this school but I'm probably going to miss my friends that aren't going to my next school the most I hope my friends have a nice time at their next school, I will miss this school, bye!

Lily: I have had a great year at Bathwick St Mary and will miss the school dearly.

Jasmine: I have had a lovely time at Bathwick and have made a lot of friends and I'm definitely going to miss it. I still can't believe that it is already over. I'm definitely going to stay in touch with friends and also miss them a lot! GOODBYE BATHWICK!



Fraser: I have thoroughly enjoyed my several years at Bathwick and I thank everybody who has helped me on my journey. I would also like to wish good luck to my fellow students. I will miss Bathwick.

Theodore: I have really enjoyed Bathwick and am looking forward to Ralph Allen, my new school. Thankyou Bathwick; I have had a great seven years here.

Cormac: Thank you Bathwick for this fantastic time at primary school. I will really miss all the teachers and I would like to wish all my other classmates a happy time in their new school. I will really miss all the people I have been lucky to meet over the years and hope to see you at Ralph Allen. Bye Bathwick

Imogen: Thank you Bathwick for the first 7 years of school. It has been a joy here and I will never forget the kindness this school has shown. Thank you everybody!



Sophie: I have enjoyed my time at Bathwick so much and I will miss all my friends dearly. I can't believe it's finally over. Thank you to all the staff and teachers for helping me through my time here. I'm so sad it has to end. I have made friends for life and I won't forget them. BYEEEEEE BATHWICK!

Fredrick: I will really miss the school especially all my friends from Bathwick St Mary. I am grateful for my experience at this wonderful school over the seven years.



Louis M: I have loved it at Bathwick St Mary's and I hope I enjoy my times at Ralph Allen and hope everyone else has a great time in secondary school. I will miss my friends that aren't going to Ralph Allen

Rocky: I have really enjoyed my time at Bathwick and would recommend it to anyone else who is looking for a school. I will miss all my friends but I am sure that I will make a lot of new ones in my secondary school.

Cassian: I have enjoyed my journey at Bathwick since the day I walked through the gates as a scared, shy little girl and have grown into a confident and caring person. It will probably be the hardest thing I will ever have to do to say goodbye to: Bathwick, my friends, my teachers and everyone else who has helped me on my journey. Good bye Bathwick I'll miss you.



Jakub: This school is amazing and its teaching methods are amazing. There are many clubs for each age and they are for every child. Thank you Bathwick for being the best primary school I have known. Goodbye Bathwick.

Alexandra: I have really enjoyed my time at Bathwick. I have loved all the trips and I think the Year 5s will really enjoy Year 6. Thank you all the staff for making my time at Bathwick time AMAZING!

Jack: Since I put my first foot into the Bathwick grounds I felt a joyful and happy glow glimmering around my body. I am certainly going to miss all my friends and the lovely staff here at Bathwick. I am really excited for my new school KES.

Aidan: I will miss Bathwick greatly in the future and I want to thank all my friends and teachers for making this worthwhile. Goodbye Bathwick!

Franklin: I have had a great time at Bathwick and I can't wait to go to my next school at Ralph Allen, bye Bathwick!

Oliver: I have really enjoyed Year 6 thanks to the teachers that we had. I would also like to give a big thank you to all the teachers and I hope Year 5 have as good time as we did. I'm definitely going to miss Bathwick, but most of all my friends as they are going to different school. I would like to say thank you for taking me this far in my life.



Tess: I have had a lovely experience at Bathwick and I appreciate the amount of effort and hard work that has been put into the play and the teaching throughout the year. I am grateful that all the staff have looked after me at Bathwick since I was 4! I will miss my friends as I am going to a different school to them but I will remember them forever. Thank you Bathwick for all that you have done for me throughout my seven years at Bathwick. Thank you!

Matthew: I have enjoyed my time at Bathwick so much and I can't believe it's about to end. I know my brother (Luca) is still going to this school so I know I will visit. Bye Bathwick, I'll miss you.

Emilia: Thankyou Bathwick! I've had the most fabulous time! I hope your future is as bright and sunny as you have made mine!



Max: Thank you Bathwick for an amazing time. I hope the next year has a great time! I can't wait for Beechen Cliff. Bye Bye!

Joseph: Good bye Bathwick I loved it here and I'm going to miss it a lot but I am very excited for my new school, Ralph Allen.





Evangeline: I have had a life-changing experience at Bathwick! I am very thankful that all the staff have looked after me since I was 4! I will miss my friends as I am going to a different school to them. If I hadn't gone to Bathwick, I don't think I would have such special friends and amazing memories. I love the show and how much effort Miss Bowman and Miss Manaton have put in. The only words I can say are THANK YOU!!!!

Toby: I have really enjoyed my fun time at this school and



I hope that others that go to Bathwick will do so too. As soon as I started Bathwick from reception I knew that I would have a really good time...and I did.

Milo: I have really enjoyed my time at Bathwick and I hope everyone has as much fun as I have. This school has a fun atmosphere of love and joy.



Wishing all our Year Six every blessing for the future!

