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Dear Parents,

'From Page to Stage' Week!

What a wonderful start to Term 2 it has been. A huge thank you to our staff team – particularly to Miss. Bowman who has planned so many exciting events this week. The whole of the Juniors are currently enjoying watching the theatrical production of 'The Lion King' at the Bristol Hippodrome and I know our Infants are excited about 'I believe in Unicorns' at The Egg tomorrow. Children have thoroughly enjoyed the creative arts week and the many exciting activities and learning opportunities there have been.



Wraparound Care Launched

It has been lovely to receive such positive feedback on the Wraparound Care Service at Bathwick. Childcare is now available on site every school day from 07.30 to the start of the school day, and from the end of the school day until 17.30. To book or find out more, please go to <https://bathwickstmary.schoolipal.co.uk/> and click on Parent Login, or talk to Mr. Purkiss.

Annual Donation

Thank you to the many parents who have contributed for the Annual Donation. This makes a significant difference to the opportunities we can provide for our children.

Welcome to new children

It is always lovely to welcome new children to Bathwick. We are delighted to welcome Sonny in Year 4 back to Bathwick – we know you'll be very happy here!

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 for children to purchase should they wish to.

Sporting Success at Bathwick!

Thank you to Sian Dudman and Emma Williams for organising the cross country event which took place last month. One parent commented, 'I wanted to say how amazing the children from Bathwick were! Obviously they did brilliantly with their running, and for putting themselves out there to take part, but even more so, I was struck by the lovely way in which they supported and celebrated each other. They were incredibly supportive of one another, without being directed to be so, and it was so nice to see. I'm sure this doesn't surprise you to hear, as I know the community and values of the school are held so importantly, but I still wanted to let you know!'

Well done to all who took part. Our Year 5 girls came 2nd, Year 5 boys came 3rd, and Year 6 girls and boys also came



3rd out of the twelve teams competing. A particular well done to Millie in Year 6 who came 3rd overall and Arlo D who came 1st out of the 50+ runners in their categories!

School Health Survey – from Clare Squires, School Nurse

We have received the results of the recent School Health survey and are really pleased with so many great achievements. I wanted to share some of the findings.

- In particular, 94% of Bathwick pupils were active for at least 60 minutes on five days or more in the week before the survey compared with 64% in the rest of the BANES.
- 84% of Bathwick Pupils feel their achievements are recognised at school compared with 57% with rest of BANES
- 97% Pupils responded that their teachers listen to them at school.
- Similarly, 97% of Bathwick Pupils think their school takes bullying seriously compared with 77% in BANES.
- Pupils who feel their achievements are recognised outside school at Bathwick is 84% compared to 64% in other BANES Schools
- Pupils who are 'quite' or 'very' happy with their life at the moment is 90% here compared to 76% in the rest of BANES

This is a fantastic achievement for Bathwick St. Mary made possible by a brilliant partnership between school and parents. Well done all! However – we always strive to provide the best for all our children and as such realise there is always work to do to support all our children.

Do you have any unwanted coats, hats or gloves?

Wrap Up Bath are collecting any unwanted coats on Wednesday 13th November. This collection is part of a [nationwide appeal](#) and the local partner is [The Genesis Trust](#). They will be collecting unwanted coats to be redistributed to the homeless and vulnerable people of Bath. They are running two collections locally: **Bath Spa Station** (ticket foyer) from **07:00 to 09:30** and the **Sports Training Village, University of Bath** (entrance) from **08:00 to 10:00**. If you have any **coats, jackets, fleeces, hats, gloves, and scarves** –



including items for children, please drop off your donations at the locations above. Thank you.

Parking around school

Another polite reminder – please do not use Beckford Court for parking when dropping off or collecting your children at school. We have been approached again by residents highlighting the issue. We seek to be good neighbours to all local residents and request our parents support us in this as well. Thank you.

Dorothy House 5k family fun run

Well done to Jessica, Anna, Josh and Ruben who completed a charity 5k family fun run in aid of Dorothy House



Hospice recently. They had the option to dress in their pyjamas and luckily the rain had stopped too!

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. We will also do our best to email and text all parents. 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.

PTA Discos - Friday 15th November

The first disco this year will be held on Friday 15th November. The cost of this will be £4 per child, payable via ParentPay.



The **Infants disco** is from 3:30 until

4:30 and each child will receive a snack and a drink. Any children wishing to attend can bring their clothes with them to school in the morning and staff will help children get changed for the disco by 3.30 p.m. Parents then don't need to collect until 4.30 p.m.

The **Junior disco** will be 4:45 until 5:45 p.m. and children will receive a snack and drink. There will be an opportunity for the juniors to purchase extra snacks so a small amount of tuck money would be advised.

If Juniors wish to stay at school before their disco at 4:45, they can be booked into After School club (<https://bathwickstmary.schoolipal.co.uk/>) for the end of school day to 4:30, where staff will ensure they can get changed and go straight to the disco at 4:45. Infants who want to stay to Wraparound care after the disco can book into the 4:30-5:30 session.

Please note that Parents will only be allowed into school to collect their child. Unless you are listed as a helper, parents will not be allowed to stay within the school for the duration of the disco. If you would like to help, please contact Emma on pta@bsm.bwmat.org or see her in the playground.



Shrek performance!

Congratulations to Frederick in Year 3 who performed on stage in Shrek at the Theatre Royal last month. He was in four performances during the week and well supported by lots of friends and family. He had four roles - Young Shrek, a bunny and

Grumpy, Lord Farquaad's dad! He had an extraordinary time and absolutely loved it! Well done!

Thank you for supporting our Harvest Service. It was wonderful to celebrate the harvest and for each class to perform some of their memorable learning from last term. Our donations to the Bath Foodbank have been gratefully received.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that all children need to wear their winter uniform (shirts and ties). Thank you.

Thank you for supporting World Homeless Day (Julian House) and World Mental Health Day (Bath Mind) on Thursday 10th October as we marked 'World Homeless Day' and 'World Metal Health Day'. We raised a record £291.29 which will be split between both charities. Many of our children attended the lantern parade through Bath using the lanterns made in school.

Term 2 Dates for the Diary	
November	
Thurs 7	Open Morning for Reception 2020 OWL Y3 Yr 1/2 to 'I believe in Unicorns' - The Egg
Fri 8	PTA Cake Sale (led by Year 1) Netball Club match at St. Saviours
Mon 11	Anti Bullying Week Remembrance Day
Tues 12	Y4 Sports Hub pm
Thurs 14	OWL Y6
Fri 15	Children in Need Mufti Day PTA Discos
Tues 19	Y4 Sports Hub pm
Weds 20	Eucharist for Y4/5/6
Thurs 21	OWL Y1
Tues 26	Y4 Sports Hub pm
Weds 27	Skipping workshops
Thurs 28	Last singing lessons this term OWL Y4

Low immunity danger

Sophie (Year 6) is receiving medication for juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Similarly to **Fabienne** (Year 4), 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 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 (sesame can be found on or in a variety of food, including on rolls, bread, oil, hummus). We take all our children's safety extremely seriously and as such the **school wide ban on nuts and sesame products remains in force until further notice**. Thank you for your continued vigilance and support.



We will be supporting **Children in Need** this year on Friday 15th November. Children can come dressed in mufti clothes to support this charity! A reminder that it is also the Disco night! All donations will be sent straight to Children in Need.

December	
Tues 3	Y4 Sports Hub pm
Weds 4	NEWSLETTER Out
Thurs 5	Open Afternoon for Reception 2020
Fri 6	pm Y5 and Y6 to Kingswood - 'A Christmas Carol' PTA Christmas Fair 3.15-4.30
Mon 9	Y3/4 BANES Carol Service
Tues 10	School Christmas Lunch Y4 Sports Hub pm
Thurs 12	OWL YR
Fri 13	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 16	1.30 Infants Dress Rehearsal to school
Tues 17	1.30 (approx.) Infant Nativity to parents Evening Choir at Bathwick St. Mary Church - Rotary Service
Weds 18	9.00 (approx.) Infant Nativity to parents
Thurs 19	OWL Y6
Fri 20	1.30 p.m. Carol Service at St. Mary's

Y5 Netball Report by Emily Barton

On Tuesday the 22nd, the Y5 and 6 netball teams competed against wasps in a netball tournament. The Y5 team played 4 games each lasting 10 minutes. The first game began when the 2 opposing teams were in their positions. The whistle blew and Bathwick had a great start - scoring in the first few minutes. By the end of the first game, Bathwick had won with the score 7-3.

The second game was also successful for Bathwick. Bathwick were excellent at footwork, pivoting, defending, passing and, most importantly, shooting. As a result, Bathwick were still in the lead with a score of 11-3.

The third game began and sometime later, wasps scored. Then Bathwick caught up again and jumped into the lead with yet another 4 goals. By the time the 10 minutes of the third game had ended the score was, fortunately for Bathwick, 15-4.

Finally, the last game started with not many goals from both teams. It was around half way through when Bathwick scored the first goal of the game. With 3 minutes to go there was a score of 18-4. But, with 2 minutes left, Bathwick scored yet again making a final score of 19-4. Bathwick celebrated with biscuits and juice. Well done Bathwick!

And finally...

Thank you to Emily in Year Six for this superb Netball report – it was so well written I decided to share the full report with parents. Thank you Emily!

You may be interested in...

Please have a look at some of the local events or information that we have been asked to share with our parents. We will only share information that is likely to be relevant to our children and families and by organisations already linked to the school.

The Little Picturehouse Cinema have child-friendly Christmas screenings coming up suitable for children of all ages.

- First, we have 'Cbeebies Christmas Show: Hansel and Gretel' on Sat 30th Nov at 11.00 and Sun 1st Dec at 11.00. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.picturehouses.com/movie-details/003/HO00009984/cbeebies-christmas-show-hansel-gretel>
- Second, we have the Christmas classic 'Elf' on Mon 9th Dec at 20.30. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.picturehouses.com/movie-details/003/HO00002993/elf>
- Thirdly, we have another classic 'The Muppet Christmas Carol' on Sat 14th Dec at 10.30 (Kids' Club Screening) and Sun 15th Dec at 12.45. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.picturehouses.com/movie-details/003/HO00008902/the-muppet-christmas-carol>
- Next, we have Kids' Club screening of the incredible animation 'The Grinch', on Sat 21st Dec at 10.30. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.picturehouses.com/movie-details/003/HO00008921/the-grinch>
- Next, we have our Toddler Time screening of 'The Gruffalo' on Tues 17th Dec at 11.00. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.picturehouses.com/movie-details/003/HO00001359/the-gruffalo>
- Lastly, we have our Toddler Time screenings of 'The Gruffalo's Child' on Tue 24th Dec at 11.00 and 13.00. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.picturehouses.com/movie-details/003/HO00008362/the-gruffalo-s-child>

