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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had a very happy and restful Christmas and New Year. On behalf of our staff team, thank you all for the kind comments, cards and gifts at Christmas; they were very much appreciated.

It was lovely to see so many parents and family support our **Carol Service** on the last Friday of term – it was a wonderful occasion with many children demonstrating their talents. Well done to all involved. Thank you also for your kind donations to Age UK (voted for by our Year Six children) – the collection raised £361.62.

Open sessions and lunch – for current parents

During the day, school is so often a buzz of excitement with children really engaged in their exciting curriculum and benefitting from great teaching. Our open mornings have historically been for parents new to the school, so over the coming terms we will hold open mornings for parents with children in years one to six. There will be opportunities to come into school for the latter part of the morning and join in with the learning of your child in class, then join us for lunch. The **Year 3 and 4 Open Morning is first on Thursday 30th January**. It will run from 11.00-12.00, and parents are welcome to join children for a school meal from 12.00-12.30. More information will follow – but if you are available and are keen to come, please save the date!

Thank you for your generous support for Dorothy House Hospice Care and Save the Children on 'Christmas Jumper Day'. I am pleased to announce we raised £208.06, which will be split equally between both charities.

Mosaic and Education Sunday – St. Mary's bicentenary – Sunday 9th February, 10.30 a.m.

As I write, the Wheatley Room is a hive of activity with children creating three stunning mosaic panels with artist Joanna Dewfall to mark the bicentenary of St. Mary's Church and 200 years of our city and school history. Every child in our school will have the opportunity to create a part of the mosaic over the next two weeks. The finished panels will be on display at St. Mary's Church for Education Sunday (Sunday 9th February at 10.30 a.m.), which marks the end of a week of bicentenary celebrations for the church. Later in the year, they will be installed permanently at school for us all to enjoy!

We will be looking for some children to help with the



Service and letters to these children will go out soon. The Service will be about an hour long. There will be a crèche and Junior Church to cater for younger children and the usual refreshments afterwards. Please do join us if you can.

Welcome to...

A very warm welcome to Carter in Year 4. We hope you will settle in quickly and be very happy here.

Inset Days and bank holidays – a reminder

A reminder that the traditional first Monday May Bank Holiday has been changed to FRIDAY 8TH MAY – many diaries and calendars have been printed incorrectly with Monday 4th May still listed as a Bank Holiday. **School is open as usual on Monday 4th May but will be closed on Friday 8th May.**

There are three remaining INSET days:

- Monday 1st June (Year 6 will be leaving for residential trip this day – but school is closed for all other children)
- Friday 19th June (Year 4 will be returning from residential trip this day – but school is closed for all other children)
- Monday 20th July (the last day of term for children is Friday 17th July).

Thank you for coming to our first ever

CHRISTMAS FAIR in December!

It was a busy but a lovely festive event. Thank you to our brilliant PTA who organised the fair and to our teachers and teaching assistants who supported children in making some amazing recycled wreaths, tree decorations and even reindeer food! The PTA raised a fantastic **£809**.



Wraparound Care – FREE TASTER SESSIONS!

Children who have booked into our Wraparound Care service do love it – but we still have plenty of spaces available. As such, we are offering free taster sessions for children who may want to try it – or give parents a couple of hours ‘free’ time! If you want your child to try a free after school club, please register and book on using the iPAL system here: <https://bathwickstmary.schoolipal.co.uk/>

The after school club sessions below will be free to the following year groups: (Click ‘Taster Sessions’)

- Year 6 – Thursday 16th January
- Year 5 – Thursday 23rd January
- Year 4 – Thursday 30th January
- Year 3 – Thursday 6th February
- Year 2 – Thursday 13th February
- Year 1 – Thursday 27th February
- Year R – Thursday 5th March

If you book until 16:30 then a snack is provided, but if you want to book until 17:30 then a full tea is provided as well!

Severe weather – updated procedure

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. The B&NES Council website will no longer be updating its list of school closures, therefore if we need to close the school we will:

1. Email all parents
2. Text all parents
3. Update our website homepage

Sex and Relationships Education – Year 5 and 6

During Term 4, our school nurse, Clare Squires, will be leading Relationship and Sex Education sessions for Year 5 and 6 children. In advance of these sessions, Parents are invited to meet with Clare who will share the content and answer any questions parents may have.

- Year 5 Parents: 2.20 p.m. – Tuesday 4th Feb.
- Year 6 Parents: 2.20 p.m. Tuesday 11th Feb.

Parent Consultation Evenings (PCEs)

PCEs will be held on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th February – more details to follow.

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.

Residential Meetings

This and next term there are residential meetings for Parents of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 where we will share information about the upcoming residential. All meetings are at 3.30 in the appropriate classroom:

- Year 5 Deanfield: Wednesday 15th January
- Year 4 Magdalen: Tuesday 3rd March
- Year 6 Isle of Wight: Tuesday 10th March

Please see the final page of this newsletter for 2020/2021 school calendar.

Term 3	
January	
Wed 8	Mosaic project (2/6)
Thurs 9	Mosaic project (3/6)
Mon 13	Mosaic project (4/6) Year 2 Columbus Day
Wed 15	Mosaic project (5/6) Deanfield Residential meeting – 3.30 for parents
Thurs 16	9.00 – FACE (Climate) meeting Mosaic project (6/6) OWL Y4
Fri 17	PTA Cake Sale – Year 3 OWL Y5 (Friday not Thursday)
Mon 20	Superhero dress up day
Thurs 23	OWL Y3
Fri 24	SNAG ‘Souper’ Friday
Tue 28	Y5/6 Gym Competition
Wed 29	Y6 Bath Uni Rocket Team (Y6)
Thurs 30	9.00 SNAG meeting Year 3/4 Open Morning 11-12 and Lunch 12-12.30. OWL Y2
February	
Tues 4	Year 5 Parents SRE meeting – 2.20
Wed 5	NEWSLETTER Out
Thurs 6	OWL Y1
Fri 7	SNAG ‘Souper’ Friday
Sun 9	EDUCATION SUNDAY – unveiling of mosaic
Mon 10	PCEs
Tues 11	Safer Internet Day Swimming Gala 1.30-3.15. Year 6 Parents SRE meeting – 2.20
Weds 12	PCEs
Thurs 13	OWL YR

Parking and driving on Darlington Road

Thank you to the many parents and collectors who do their best to park and drive with due consideration to other road users at drop off and pick up times. We recognise congestion is inevitable and are grateful for your support in this difficult area. It would help all road users if those dropping off or collecting children **follow the flow of traffic** around the ‘island garden’. Thank you. Similarly, there have been reports of **cars being left in the middle of the road whilst parents collect their children**. This has blocked the entire road causing frustration for residents and other parents, as well as the obvious dangerous consequences should an emergency vehicle need to access any of the buildings on the road. **Please do consider others if driving or parking your car on Darlington Road.** Thank you for your support.

Term 4	
February	
Mon 24	ECO Week
Thurs 27	OWL Y6 9.30-10.30 Y5 Visit Cleveland Pools
Fri 28	Y3/4 Gym competition SNAG ‘Souper’ Friday Hi5 Netball
March	
Tues 3	3.30 Magdalen Residential meeting for parents
Weds 4	NEWSLETTER Out
Thurs 5	World Book Day OWL Y5
Fri 6	Class Photograph day
Mon 9	Sport relief week
Tues 10	3.30 Isle of Wight Residential meeting for parents
Thurs 12	OWL Y4
Fri 13	PTA Cake Sale (Year 2)
Thurs 19	OWL Y3
Fri 20	Yr 3 Stations of the Cross 10.00 PTA Discos
Thurs 26	OWL Y2
Mon 30	3/4 Dress rehearsal 1.30 p.m.
Tue 31	DANCE Umbrella
April	
Weds 1	NEWSLETTER Out 9.30 Yr3/4 Play to parents
Thurs 2	OWL Y1 1.45 Yr3/4 Play to parents
Fri 3	1.30 Easter Service, St. Mary’s

Term 3 and 4 Bathwick Menu

WEEK	MEAT FREE Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1: 6th January, 27th January, 24th February, 16th March					
Option 1: Main Meal	Chef's Veggie Pizza	Farm Assured Roast Chicken Breast	Free Range Pork Sausages	Organic Beef & Carrot Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce	Marine Stewardship Jumbo Cod Fishfinger
Option 2: Vegetarian Meal	Chef's Spanish Omelette	Chunky Winter Vegetable Pie with a Mash Potato Top	Linda McCartney Veggie Sausage	Basil Falafels in a Rich Tomato Sauce	Cheese and Red Onion Quiche
All of the above served with	Herby diced Potatoes Fresh Salad Bar Pasta Salad	Roast Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Carrots Gravy Fresh Bread	Creamed Potatoes Garden Peas Sweetcorn Fresh Bread	Penne Pasta Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Bread	Oven Cooked Chips Beans and Peas Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Bread
WEEK 2: 13th January, 3rd February, 2nd March, 23rd March					
Option 1: Main Meal	Tomato and Cheddar Pinwheels	Organic Diced Beef in a Rich Gravy	Free Range Diced Pork in a Sticky BBQ Sauce	Crispy Panko Breaded Farm Assured Chicken Breast	Marine Steward Jumbo Cod Fish Finger
Option 2: Vegetarian Meal	Veggie and Lentil Dahl	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne	Diced Sticky BBQ Quorn	Roasted Vegetable and 5 Bean Enchiladas	Macaroni Cheese
All of the above served with	Oven Baked Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad Bar Pasta Salad	Roast Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Carrots Gravy Fresh Bread	Brown Rice Broccoli Green Beans Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Bread	Tomato Pasta Broccoli Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Bread	Oven Baked Chips Beans and Peas Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Bread
WEEK 3: 20th January, 10th February, 9th March, 30th March					
Option 1: Main Meal	Cheesy Pesto Pasta	Free Range Pork Loin Chop	Beef Pastitsio (Greek Lasagne)	Chicken and Butternut Squash Curry	Marine Steward Jumbo Cod Fish Finger
Option 2: Vegetarian Meal	Mediterranean Risotto	Roasted Lentil Loaf	Quorn Pastitsio	Spinach, Butternut Squash and Lentil Curry	Savoury Muffins
All of the above served with	Fresh Baked Bread Fresh Salad Bar Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Carrots Gravy Fresh Bread	Fresh Salad Bar Sweetcorn and Pea Medley Fresh Bread	Brown Rice Cauliflower Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Bread	Oven Baked Chips Beans and Peas Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Bread
Served Every Week					
Option 3: Alternative Meal	Oven Baked Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Felicia's 'Shooting Star Pasta Souper'-Soup'	Butternut Squash Soup	Oven Baked Jacket Potato With Tuna Mayonnaise	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese
Dessert	Fruity Shortbread Biscuit Organic Fresh Fruit Pots Yoghurt	Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt	Raspberry and Lemon Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt	Chocolate and Berry Sponge Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt	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.

Bathwick St. Mary School Term and Holiday Dates – 2020/2021

INSET DAYS TO FOLLOW

AUGUST 2020						SEPTEMBER 2020						OCTOBER 2020								
M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26		
T		4	11	18	25		T		1	8	15	22	29	T		6	13	20	27	
W		5	12	19	26		W		2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	
TH		6	13	20	27		TH		3	10	17	24		TH		1	8	15	22	29
F		7	14	21	28		F		4	11	18	25		F		2	9	16	23	30
S		8	15	22	29		S		5	12	19	26		S		3	10	17	24	31
SU		9	16	23	30		SU		6	13	20	27		SU		4	11	18	25	
NOVEMBER 2020						DECEMBER 2020						JANUARY 2021								
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25		
T		3	10	17	24		T		1	8	15	22	29	T		5	12	19	26	
W		4	11	18	25		W		2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	
TH		5	12	19	26		TH		3	10	17	24	31	TH		7	14	21	28	
F		6	13	20	27		F		4	11	18	25		F		1	8	15	22	29
S		7	14	21	28		S		5	12	19	26		S		2	9	16	23	30
SU	1	8	15	22	29		SU	6	13	20	27		SU	3	10	17	24	31		
FEBRUARY 2021						MARCH 2021						APRIL 2021								
M		1	8	15	22		M		1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	
T		2	9	16	23		T		2	9	16	23	30	T		6	13	20	27	
W		3	10	17	24		W		3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28	
TH		4	11	18	25		TH		4	11	18	25		TH		1	8	15	22	29
F		5	12	19	26		F		5	12	19	26		F		2	9	16	23	30
S		6	13	20	27		S		6	13	20	27		S		3	10	17	24	
SU		7	14	21	28		SU		7	14	21	28		SU		4	11	18	25	
MAY 2021						JUNE 2021						JULY 2021								
M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26		
T		4	11	18	25		T		1	8	15	22	29	T		6	13	20	27	
W		5	12	19	26		W		2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	
TH		6	13	20	27		TH		3	10	17	24		TH		1	8	15	22	29
F		7	14	21	28		F		4	11	18	25		F		2	9	16	23	30
S	1	8	15	22	29		S	5	12	19	26		S	3	10	17	24	31		
SU	2	9	16	23	30		SU	6	13	20	27		SU	4	11	18	25			

School Term Dates:		
Holiday Dates:		(Children not in school)
Inset Days:		(Children not in school) TO FOLLOW
Bank holidays:		(Children not in school)

The 21/22 academic year begins on Wednesday 1st September 2021.