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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to Education Sunday in a few days time and revealing the stunning mosaics that every child has had a hand in creating. The special service at St. Mary's Church starts at 10.30 a.m. and I would encourage as many families as possible to attend. There will be a crèche and Junior Church to cater for younger children and the usual refreshments afterwards. We do look forward to seeing many families there.

Year 3 and 4 Open Morning

It was lovely to see the smiles and laughter from our children and parents at the recent Open Morning! We recognise not all parents were able to attend but I would like to express my thanks to all our visitors who made every effort to ensure every child had such positive support and interest from a visiting adult. **Thank you to our teaching team** who prepared and ran the engaging activities **and our kitchen team** who served a delicious lunch. There will be further Open Mornings for other year groups later in the year.

Safety at drop off and pick up

In the morning, unless children are being taken to Breakfast Club, **no children should be walking up the drive** where cars and delivery vans are regularly moving. Please can all children (and parents whenever possible) use the playground entrance to access the office or playground. Thank you for your support in keeping all our children safe.

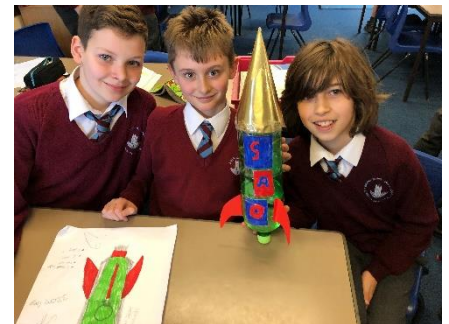
We recognise parking can be a challenge around school, but politely remind parents they should not be using the school car park unless otherwise agreed (e.g. disabled access or on 'school business'). Please ask Mr. Purkiss if you are unsure.



Bath University Rocket Team Day for Year 6

Year Six recently enjoyed working with one of the newest

engineering competition teams at the University of Bath. The team design and build rockets to take part in a competition in the USA. As part of sharing their knowledge of basic rocket engineering and promotion STEM subjects they visited Year Six who designed and created their own bottle rockets. The launching of the rockets was a great success!



Welcome to...

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

B&NES Gym competition congratulations



Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 gymnasts: Cherry, Max, Kitty V, Orla, Natalie, Sophie, Yasemin and Millie T who took part in the recent B&NES Gym competition at Baskervilles. Our Year 6 team came 4th overall. All the children trained hard with Mrs. Williams and performed really well during the afternoon.

2020 / 2021 Inset Days

We are waiting for confirmation of one final INSET day for the next academic year (this is set by Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust), but in the meantime I can confirm four for next year. The updated calendar is on the last page. The INSET days are:

- Tuesday 1st September 2020
- Wednesday 2nd September 2020
- Monday 4th November 2020
- Friday 18th June 2021

Wraparound Care from September

A few parents have asked about next academic year. This is a long-term service open to all our families as we recognise the increasing demand for childcare before and after school. As such, we will shortly be opening booking for next academic year.

Thank you to children who have booked into our trial days. The remaining ones are:

- Year 3 – Thursday 6th February
- Year 2 – Thursday 13th February
- Year 1 – Thursday 27th February
- Year R – Thursday 5th March

If you want to book for a free session, please log onto: the iPAL system here:

<https://bathwickstmary.schoolipal.co.uk/>

Please remember to...

We regularly are left with many children's belongings at the end of each term. Please do make every effort to name your child's belongings including coats, hats and water bottles. If they are named they can be returned to children easily. Thank you.

British Schools Modern Biathlon Championships

Well done to Toby (U11 Boys), Isla and Keisha (U10 Girls) and Rosie (U12 Girls) who have each qualified to take part in the **British Schools Modern Biathlon Championships which are held conveniently at University of Bath Sports Training Village at the end of March.** This is a great achievement and we wish them every success! Thank you to Sian Dudman for her support of the children and school.

Year 6 Sex and Relationships Education

Thank you to our school nurse, Clare Squires, who will lead Relationship and Sex Education sessions for Year 6 children shortly. In advance of these sessions, parents of Year 6 are invited to meet with Clare who will share the content and answer any questions parents may have at **2.20 p.m. on Tuesday 11th February.**

Year 6 SATS meeting

Miss. Bowman and Miss. Manaton will run an information evening for Parents of Year 6 about the upcoming SATS. This will be at 2.30 p.m. on Monday 2nd March. Please do attend if you can.

More netball success!

Congratulations to our Year Six team who played in the recent Netball match at Pensford Primary. The team (Ayla, Darcey, Jemima, Millie T, Orla, Rosie and Sophie) successfully made it through to the next round. As ever, their sportsmanship was exceptional and we are very proud of their achievements.

Parent Consultation Evenings (PCEs)

You should shortly be receiving your PCE slip to confirm the time of your appointment(s). If you have not received the original letter, please contact the school office.

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.

Residential Meetings

A reminder of the upcoming residential meetings for Parents of children in Years 4 and 6 where we will share information about the upcoming residential. All meetings are at 3.30 in the appropriate classroom:

- Year 4 Magdalen: Tuesday 3rd March
- Year 6 Isle of Wight: Tuesday 10th March

World Book Day – coming up on 5th March

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Miss. Bowman and Mrs. Turner are organising a number of book related activities and there will be more information to follow.

New furniture for the school library

Your children may have mentioned the marvellous new beanbags, library table with matching seating and new bookcases which have recently appeared in the school library. We would like to thank the School Trust for providing the funds for this wonderful furniture which the children are really enjoying using. Many thanks as well to Mrs Miner for putting the furniture together. We are hoping to arrange an open session after half term for parents to come and see the library. There will be more information to follow.

Menu choices

Every class has a copy of the Term 3 and 4 menu for school meals. For younger children particularly, it is very helpful if you are able to discuss red/green/yellow choices with your child before coming to school. Thank you for your support with this!

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.

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.

Term 3	
February	
Thurs 6	OWL Y1
Fri 7	SNAG 'Souper' Friday
Sun 9	EDUCATION SUNDAY – unveiling of mosaic. 10.30 at St. Mary's Church
Mon 10	PCEs Netball match here vs Oldfield Park
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
Term 4	
Thurs 27	OWL Y6 9.30-10.30 Y5 Visit Cleveland Pools
Fri 28	Y3/4 Gym competition SNAG 'Souper' Friday Hi5 Netball p.m. at Kingswood
March	
Mon 2	Netball tournament at Ralph Allen SATs Parents Meeting – Year 6 – 2.30-3.15
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

February half term childcare

- * Adventures out exploring the countryside
 - * At Home, Sewing and Biking days
- Events every day for 4-14 yr olds
Monday 17th to Thursday 20th February
See the Book page of our website



www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk



Holiday club

Action packed holiday fun days for children aged 4-10 at St Barnabas Church Hall, Mount View, Southdown, Bath.

£24 per child, £22 for additional siblings. Block booking discount available.

10am – 3pm with optional stay and play from 9am – 10am and 3pm – 4pm.

18th February – Thinking like a scientist – Answering scientific questions with practical experiments and discoveries. Explosions guaranteed!

19th February – Eco warriors - Investigating wind and solar power, creating eco-bricks, making an air powered mini hovercraft and more!

20th February – Atoms and molecules – Building atoms, making edible atoms and conducting chemical reactions.

21st February – Magnificent Magnets – Making electromagnets, using magnets to paint a picture and creating a magnetic game to take home. Plus a magnetic treasure hunt!

Visit www.fun-science.org.uk/bathholidayclub for more information or to book.

Email bath@fun-science.org.uk

GET Sported camps: Multi Sport Day Camps, ages 5-12 years. NEW FOR 2020 – EPIC LASER TAG BATTLES for all ages! Also enjoy Football, Cricket, Rugby, Basketball, Hockey and many more sports! Returning this year: Pizza days, prizes, GET Soaked, awards, medals and so many more activities.

Get Serious Cricket camps: for age 7-12. Our cricket camps offer hard ball and soft ball skills sessions with competitions and games including our legendary 'T20's' and 'Test Match'. Suitable for beginners through to advanced and county players. The camps are at Ralph Allen School, Claverton Down Road, Bath. BA2 7AD

Learn / improve your sports skills with great coaching. Develop your character & confidence through activities & team talk discussions, centred around our themed curriculum with Christian character values. It's fun, exciting & action packed! Email info@getspported.org for more information / Book online: www.getspported.org Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram! Times: 9.00am - 4pm. Registration from 9.00 am (Pre-Camp and after camp available from 8.30-9.00am and 4-5pm at a cost of £5.00 or £3 each). Prices: Prices from £22.50. Feb 'Early Bird' offer finishes Tuesday 28th Feb. GET Sported is accessible to all and offers a bursary scheme to those who need it. Please enquire with us if you'd like to apply.

Nature Tots – Dig and Delve in Sydney Gardens

Nature Tots, the outdoor playgroup at Sydney Gardens, Bath, will be resuming this Spring. The sessions are FREE of charge and have been organised specifically for parents and carers who haven't had the chance to take their toddlers to outdoor play before. We ran sessions last Autumn, and they booked up very quickly, so some families that might have benefitted from attending the sessions were unable to get places.

The sessions will run on Mondays between 10am-11:30am, on 9/16/23/30 March, and 20/27/4/11 April/May 2020. Ideally people will book in blocks of four, so that the families get a chance to get to know each other, but we understand that this may not be possible for everyone. There are a limited number of places available (up to 12 children). Families can book places online by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nature-tots-in-march-outdoor-play-parent-toddler-group-in-sydney-gardens-bath-tickets-90727517447>, or by emailing the Sydney Garden Community Ranger, Sue Palmer at susan_palmer@bathnes.gov.uk **Please note**, that the Eventbrite online booking page will go live on **Monday 10th Feb at 10am**. Snacks and drinks for children will be provided (free of charge), as well as a range of fun, nature-based activities. We can also provide toddler-sized waterproofs for families to use if they don't have outdoor playsuits.

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

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

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