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## Newsletter Seven: March 2020

Dear Parents,

Term 4 is now in full swing with so many exciting opportunities for our children. Year 5 had a brilliant trip to the Cleveland Pools; Year 1 are soon to be adopting an orangutan; Reception have been learning about, 'Who is a hero to you?'; Year 3 and 4 are enjoying rehearsing for their 'Mystery at Magpie Manor' show; Year 6 had a fantastic OWL session last week and have been brilliant in several sports competitions; and Year 2 who loved the first of the six upcoming 'Sports hub' events!

### Allergies in school - **important** - please read

Last month a child brought nuts in to school which could have had extremely serious consequences. 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**. Thank you for your continued support.



**Year 3 and 4 Show: Mystery at Magpie Manor!** Our children have begun learning parts for the Year 3 and 4 production. *Set in the 1920s, we meet Lord and Lady Pica who must take drastic action to save their crumbling manor house. We will meet Mr. Fortune the bank manager, Inspector Spectre who is straight on the case, and even Agatha Christie! It seems that everyone has a motive for a mysterious theft – including Cousin Rupert... Can Magpie Manor be rescued from impending disaster?* It promises to be a superb show! All children will get to enjoy the dress rehearsal at the end of term.

### World Book Day TOMORROW – dress up as your favourite book character!

World Book Day is tomorrow (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March). Thank you to Miss. Bowman and Mrs. Turner who have organised several exciting events coming up. Staff won't be dressed up first thing in the morning – as we have a surprise for all the children in Collective Worship!

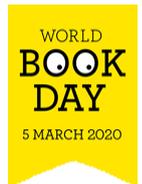
We are trying to raise **£1000 for books for our school!** In terms 1 and 2, thanks to your generosity, we raised over £1800 for local and national charities. The activities we are running this month act as a fundraising opportunity for our school. We are using several events around World Book Day to support our own children and school by purchasing new books for everyone to enjoy!

**Please** bring in ANY donation in the morning which will go towards new books for the library and the classrooms. Thank you for your support!

Don't forget - there is still time to complete your **short story** – please hand it back to your teacher by the end of the week. Your story should be no more than 500 words. We can't wait to read them!

**Readathon: Share a million stories** – this started last Thursday. Do keep recording what children are reading, thank you.

Our **Book Fair** will take place Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15 – 4.00 p.m. in the Wheatley Room. There will be a range of books on offer, including books by David Baddiel, Cressida Cowell, David Walliams and Liz Pichon so do come along and have a look. All books sold earn rewards for the school, enabling us to buy new books. You can also save money by buying advance vouchers online beforehand ([Click here](#)). We look forward to seeing you there!



Thank you to the many families who attended **Education Sunday** last month. It was wonderful to reveal the three stunning mosaics which will be returned to school in a few weeks. Until they are revealed at school please enjoy the photographs below.



### **Year 2 SATS meeting**

A reminder that Miss. Walker will be holding Year 2 SATS information meeting for parents in the Wheatley Room from 2.30-3.15 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. It will be a useful overview of what your child is expected to do as part of their statutory tests in May. For parents who are unable to come we will ensure all documentation is uploaded to the school website. Thank you.

### **Welcome to...**

A very warm welcome to Tycho in Year 1 and Zibelia in Year 3. We hope they will settle in quickly and be very happy here.

### **Parent Workshops – Reading and Maths**

Do you know how to best support your child with reading and maths? Teachers will be running workshops for all parents on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 3.40-5.15. We will start at 3.40 with Miss. Bowman sharing strategies for reading and Mr. Jackson sharing key messages about maths. Following this there will be two back to back workshops in every class from Year 1 to Year 6, one starting at 4.15 and one at 4.45. Both these workshops are identical and will give parents the opportunity attend up to two different year groups. Although the deadline to return reply slips has gone, if you still want to come, please confirm with the school office by the end of this week at the very latest. We will ensure any handouts are placed on our website shortly after the meeting for those unable to attend.

### **Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion – Year 4/5/6**

A small group of children have expressed an interest in being prepared to receive Holy Communion in the Church of England. Usually, such a step is itself a “stepping stone” towards confirmation, which is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made on their behalf when they were baptised (christened) as an infant. Fr. Peter has offered to run preparation classes (which can act as an opportunity to find out more) every Wednesday lunchtime from 12.30-1.00 from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April inclusive. If your child would be interested in finding out more, please speak to myself or Fr. Peter.

### **Safeguarding – everyone’s responsibility**

Keeping our children, staff and visitors to our site safe is of fundamental importance. I am very grateful for the work of our Safeguarding Governor Ben Jenkins who supports the school to do all that it can in this area. The school Safeguarding Policy and Bath and Wells MAT Safeguarding Policy are available on our website. Please also note that on the front page of our website we have a ‘Whisper’ button where children can anonymously report online concerns or issues.

### Medical updates – COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

You will have received two communications from school regarding COVID-19. We carefully follow all advice about the virus and its implications (we are receiving daily updates from Public Health England) and sharing this with families as advised to ensure we are providing you with accurate information. We will ensure children wash their hands properly and regularly and take proportionate measures to avoid the spread of germs.

### 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 let the school office know as soon as possible.

### County Finals for the Netball team!

At the recent Bath and District Hi5



Netball tournaments we won our pool matches and narrowly lost in the finals. The team was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and we have qualified for the County Finals at Bristol Grammar School on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Congratulations to Orla, Ayla, Rosie, Sophie, Jemima, Millie and Darcey. Thank you very much to our brilliant netball coach, Sian Dudman!

### Year 4, 5 and 6 Gymnastics Competitions

Well done to all our Year 4, 5, and 6 teams who enjoyed competing in recent events. All teams were great ambassadors of the school and should be proud of their achievements. Particular well done to Scarlett who came 1<sup>st</sup> overall in Year 4 and the Year 4 Level 1 team (Freya, Abigail, Scarlett, Seb, Guy) who were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### Swimming gala success – written by Harry, Year 6:

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Y5 and Y6 went to the leisure centre to participate in the B&NES Swimming Gala 2020. After a promising warm up, the excited squad of 24 got off to a strong start, winning both the girl's and boy's 4-person relay. After that, progress continued as Bathwick came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the girl's 25m breaststroke and 4<sup>th</sup> in the boy's breaststroke. After two strong performances in the medley (breaststroke, backstroke and front crawl relay) Bathwick were looking good going into the next race.



Going into the halfway point, Bathwick were in the lead with 83 points, but both WASPS and Widcombe were close behind with scores in the late 70s. Next up was motorbike, where you hold onto a float and kick with your feet. Despite the team's best efforts, we were unable to break anywhere near top two, and things were beginning to tense up. After a strong performance in the girl's 50m freestyle (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and a devastatingly close 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the boy's, the last few races were going to be very important for the squad, and they knew it. But strong performances in the girl's backstroke 25m (1<sup>st</sup>) and boy's backstroke (1<sup>st</sup>) meant that more precious points were trickling into the team's total and the last race (cannon) was worth double points so it was very important. And now it was the last race; an eight-person relay. And so Bathwick set off, knowing this event could make all the difference. All eight put on their best show, bulleting down the pool and winning by a whole length. After that, came the results. Bathwick had won with 138 points! This was a great victory, because the year before we came second, just missing out on a trophy. The swimmers were Isla, Agnes, Keisha, Evie, Lily, Kitty, Ayla, Yasemin, Orla, Darcey, Rosie, Sophie, Natalie, Liberty, Lottie, Arlo, Oscar, Monty, Ethan, Luca, Sam, Alex, Harry, Toby. We would like to thank Mrs Williams and Mrs Dudman for making it possible for us to take part in the Gala.

## New goals for Infants and Juniors

Thank you from our children to a generous parent who has kindly purchased brand new goals for both the Infant and Junior playgrounds. Our children are really enjoying using the new equipment!

## E-Safety Ambassadors



Thank you to our e-safety ambassadors Charles, George, Edward, Liberty and Orla who led an informative Collective Worship about e-safety on Safer Internet Day last month. Well done to all!

## Residential Meetings

A reminder of the upcoming residential meeting for Parents of children in 6 where we will share information about the Isle of Wight Trip in June. The Year 6 meeting is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 p.m. in the Year 6 classroom.

## All five INSET Days confirmed

The final INSET Day for next academic year is now confirmed as 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please view the calendar at the end of the newsletter before booking any holidays. Thank you.

## Booking opened – 2020/2021 Wraparound Care

Booking is now live for Wraparound Care for the whole of next academic year. Whilst there is no need to book this far in advance, some parents have requested to book. Please also remember that if there are any changes to children's medical and / or dietary requirements, both school and the iPAL system must be updated. Thank you.

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

## Dinner money

If you would like to pay in advance for this term's dinner money the amount to pay is £78.00.

## Easter Service – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

We look forward to celebrating Easter with you at our Easter Service at St. Mary's, Bathwick on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. **Please do join us** and be seated by 1:30pm. All children take part in the Service, so please collect your child from the Church at the end (around 2.30 p.m.) If you are unable to collect your child (or they are booked into Wraparound Care), we will take children back to school for the usual end of the day arrangements. Thank you.

Term 4	
March	
Thurs 5	World Book Day No OWL this week FACE meeting 9-10 Book fair in Wheatley Room 3.15
Fri 6	Class Photograph day Book fair in Wheatley Room 3.15
Tues 10	3.30 Isle of Wight Residential meeting for parents
Weds 11	Y5 Puberty session with Nurse, Clare Squires
Thurs 12	8.30 SNAG OWL Y5 Y1 to Victoria Art Gallery Reading & Maths meeting – 3.40-5.15 for parents
Fri 13	OWL Y4 Year 5 to Science Fair – Bath Uni Year 3 to Cheddar PTA Cake Sale (Year 2)
Weds 18	Y2 SATS Meeting – 2.30-3.15 Year 6 Sex Ed session 1 of 2
Thurs 19	OWL Y3
Fri 20	Yr 3 Stations of the Cross 10.00 PTA Discos
Tues 24	Year 4 to Royal Crescent
Weds 25	Year 6 Sex Ed session 2 of 2
Thurs 26	OWL Y2
Fri 27	Y1 Rainforest day
Mon 30	3/4 Dress rehearsal 1.30 p.m. PTA second hand uniform sale
Tue 31	DANCE Umbrella Evening
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

**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.

**Message from Alasdair Yule, School Travel Plan Officer for B&NES**

Local people are being encouraged to give their views on new plans to substantially improve walking and cycling in the West of England. The West of England Combined Authority (WECA) is running consultations on a regional Bus Strategy and a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) between 3 February and 15 March 2020.

The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan outlines £400m of infrastructure projects that could dramatically improve cycling and walking across the region and help to make active travel the preferred choice for shorter trips.

# HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

## FOR SPANISH STUDENTS

- £240 for 2 students, 5 nights.
- Students in classes am/activities pm, plus day trips organised during week-ends.
- Group leaders and teachers available to support students 24/7.
- Host families just need to provide a friendly home, breakfast, packed lunch and an evening meal, shared together.
- More opportunities to host through the summer, as other trips scheduled.



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This Local Cycling and Walking infrastructure Plan is one of the first steps to WECA identifying and securing future funding to make these projects a reality, and support and comments on our proposed interventions is key to ensuring we can deliver the best possible schemes.

The West of England Combined Authority, together with Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council, is also simultaneously consulting on its Bus Strategy which outlines how the West of England authorities intend to double bus patronage by 2036. Both consultations can be accessed via [travelwest.info/transportconsultations](http://travelwest.info/transportconsultations)

**GET 2020 sported**

[www.getsported.org](http://www.getsported.org)

**OUR CAMPS**

**Multi SPORTS**  
(ages 5-12)

Over 15 sports and activities, there's something for everyone. Including water slide day, nerf battles

**GET Serious Cricket**  
(ages 7-12)

For the cricket mad as well as beginner. Hard and soft ball sessions and legendary test matches.

**2020 DATES**

Feb half term* 18-20 Feb	Easter 7-9 Apr	May half term* 26-28 May	Summer 1 27-30 Jul	Summer 2 3-6 Aug	Summer 3 10-13 Aug	Oct half term 27-29 Oct
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\*Only GET Serious Cricket camps running  
Camp runs 9-4pm daily. Extended care is also provided 8:30am - 5pm at an additional cost.

**WHERE:** Ralph Allen School, BA2 7AD  
**COST:** from £22.50 a day

**BOOK ONLINE:**  
[www.getsported.org](http://www.getsported.org)

**UNFORGETTABLE...**

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

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

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