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## Newsletter Two: October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,



Despite all the adaptations and changes, the new school year is in full swing and children throughout the school are fully engaged in



exciting new topics! Our Reception class have settled really well into school; Year 1 have



learnt about Viking Longships; Year 2 are thinking about how they can save our planet;

Year 3 have been transported back to the Stone Age; Year 4 are finding out

how 'rotten' the Romans actually were (see the drama picture below); Year 5 are on an intergalactic space adventure and Year 6 investigating the Second World War. In addition to the



topics and themes, the first few classes have enjoyed



OWL adventures and all classes from Year One and above have enjoyed live streamed events from the [Reading is Magic Festival](#) over the last two weeks as

well! Here is Archie safely using some of the tools, and Sebby and Guy making a port and launch system for a boat on our pond!



### Welcome to new children!

It is always lovely to welcome new children to Bathwick. A very warm welcome to Rumel in Year 2, Elliott in Year 5 and Rafferty in Year 6 who have recently joined us - we hope you will all be very happy here!

### Collective Worship



We have adapted our approach to Collective Worship this term and all classes have the opportunity to be in the hall on a rotation basis. We stream live Collective Worship sessions to all classes – here is Clemency in Year 4 receiving her 'Learner of the Week' certificate!

### Harvest Celebration



Although we are unfortunately unable to go ahead with our Harvest Celebration Service at St. Mary's Church, Fr. Peter will instead be coming to school for a special Collective Worship that will be live streamed to all classes. We would usually ask for donations of food for the Bath Foodbank but they are currently unable to accept food donations. The last day of term will be a PTA mufti day (details below) and we will split money raised between our PTA and the Bath Foodbank who do so much for vulnerable families in our city.

### The PTA Post

At the moment we can't raise funds for our PTA and support our school in ways we have in the past. However, the PTA is still very much active and planning some great opportunities to support our school and share news about upcoming exciting projects – more details to follow. The PTA are running a 'Dare to be Different' day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – see the poster overleaf!



## Maximising learning time

We are shortly having two external sinks installed – one each for infants and juniors. We are having this done so children are able to wash their hands before entry to school – saving time so we can get on with learning in class. We will send more details once they are in place.

## Home Learning – access to IT

All home learning has now started using the Tapestry. A reminder that if your child(ren) is/are unable to access this due to IT constraints, please speak to Mr. Purkiss or contact the school office.

## Changes to ordering and paying for school meals

To support a more efficient way of ordering meals and enable parents to support their child to choose food they enjoy most, we are moving to a new online meals system after half term. **Parents will need to prebook on ParentPay (and prepay, where meals are paid for) school meals** for their children. All outstanding balances must be settled before future orders can be made and all credits will be transferred once the new system goes live.

- During half term please login to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) to pre order all meals for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November onwards (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> is an Inset Day) [Instructions are here](#).
- Meals must be booked by midnight the day before.
- In order to avoid unnecessary wastage, we still strongly encourage all parents to choose either school meals or packed lunch for the term rather than changing from one to the other.
- Please can new parents activate their ParentPay account as soon as possible.

If there are any unforeseen technical issues, please email the School Office and we will assist you!

## Low immunity danger

**Fabienne's** (Year 5) immunity remains compromised and a variety of illnesses including Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps, Shingles, Slapped Cheek and Scarlet Fever put her potentially at **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 immediately.

## Allergies in school

A reminder that we have children in school who have **life-threatening allergies** to both nuts, 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.



## Do you dare to be 'different'?

Every person at Bathwick St. Mary Church School is different from each other, we all have different names, we look different, wear different clothes, live in different homes, have different members of our families and we have different opinions. We are all special and celebrate both our similarities and our differences!

### We dare you to be different on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

- We dare you to wear your PJ's to school.
- We dare you to have crazy hair at school.
- We dare you to wear odd socks.
- We dare you to wear bright and outrageous clothes to school.
- We dare the teachers to wear crazy clothes for the day.
- We dare you to not wear your uniform to school and come in your own clothes.
- We dare you to wear nail varnish!
- We dare you to wear different shoes to school.

**For every dare you accept we ask for a donation of 50p— all money raised goes to Bathwick St Marys PTA**

Please bring in coins (or notes!) on the day—thank you!

## Data checking sheets

To help us ensure we have your latest contact details, the Data checking sheets will be sent out shortly. Please check the information is correct, then sign and return asap. Thank you.

## Junior Tennis club restarting – how to book

Tennis club is restarting, but we are needing to reduce numbers to 12 children per session. The details are:

- Every Thursday from 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. to 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Year 3/4: End of day - 4.30
- Year 5/6: 4.30-5.30
- £5.00 per session (£45 total until Christmas)
- To book, please email Robert Hyman directly on [robertahyman@gmail.com](mailto:robertahyman@gmail.com) and **once he has confirmed a place** is available, please then pay direct using these account details, clearly stating your child's name and 'BSM': Acc: 81697183. Sort Code: 09-01-28:
- To collect your child, please come onto playground and collect.
- In wet weather the club will go ahead as a theory session inside.

## PCE (Parent Consultation Evening) reminder

If you have not yet signed up for a PCE time, please complete the [survey](#) this week. Thank you.

**Winter Uniform – from October half term**

As we approach half term may I remind parents that **all children** need to wear their ‘winter uniform’ (shirts and ties) from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> is an INSET day). Thank you for your co-operation.

**Library Books**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their library books from last year. We do still have a lot of outstanding books, so please check at home and bring them back as soon as possible. We are now running a classroom library box each week so your child should come home with a new library book to read.

Term 1 and 2 Dates for the Diary – further details for several events will follow	
<b>October</b>	
Th 8	OWL Year 2
Fri 9	OWL Year 4
w/c Mon 12	PCE Week
We 14	Year 5 Visit to Herschel Museum
Th 15	OWL Year 1
M 19	Flu Vaccinations
Th 22	OWL Year R In school Harvest Service
F 23	PTA Mufti – Dare to be Different
<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>November</b>	
M 2	INSET Day (no children in school)
Th 5	Individual photographs (TBC – we will ensure Year 6 can wear uniform for their photographs!) OWL Year 6
Th 12	OWL Year 5
Th 19	OWL Year 4
Th 26	OWL Year 3
<b>December</b>	
Th 3	OWL Year 2
W 16	OWL Year R
Th 17	Choir to Pump Rooms – details TBC
F 18	Carol Service – details TBC

**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.

**Make your own Hobby Horse**

There is a free make your own hobby horse workshop (for 7-12 year olds) here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hobby-horse-workshop-make-and-create-at-home-and-online-tickets-122046848409>



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