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April 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a joy to have all children in school this term after what we sincerely hope is the last lockdown! Our classrooms are buzzing with children so engaged with the curriculum and their learning. During term three and half of term four the weekly update videos replaced the usual newsletters. However, now April is upon us and spring has most definitely sprung we are once again back in some sense of normality. **Thank you, once again, for your support over such a challenging time for us all.** It certainly remains the case that by working together our children will have the best grounding to thrive in their education. Please do carefully read all the updates and information below!

Ofsted coming to Bathwick

Our last Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills) inspection was in 2009. Since that time there have been numerous Ofsted frameworks, each one more challenging than the last. We are proud of our excellent inclusive school and the standards our children attain across the curriculum and other areas. We are delighted to have recently been approached by Ofsted who asked us to consider working with them as a 'pilot school' for their new inspection framework. This was an excellent opportunity to help refine and further develop our curriculum offer and as such, we are due a **full Ofsted inspection on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd April** – the first week back.



As this is a pilot inspection, we will not receive a grade or a report. We will work with Ofsted as they develop their framework and conduct inspections safely in a Covid secure way. We hope inspectors will make themselves available to speak with parents and carers during those times, as your feedback is an important part of the inspection process. It is extremely important that all parent and carer views are heard. To that end, please kindly complete the official Ofsted 'Parent View' survey below and also our own recent survey (which we will keep open for a further week). The results of both of these will be fully available to Ofsted and will help us not only improve and develop, but also share the parent view of our school.

Before next term, please can ALL parents and carers complete our recent 'Learning from Lockdown' survey AND the official Ofsted questionnaire [here](#). (You will need to register). Thank you for your support.

Trips and residential visits

A core part of our curriculum offer is the many trips and residential visits we offer our children. Government guidance has just been updated and schools are now permitted to undertake off site visits from the start of next term and residential trips from 17th May. Subject to any changes in guidance or Covid rates, we welcome this change and expect all classes to begin trips shortly!

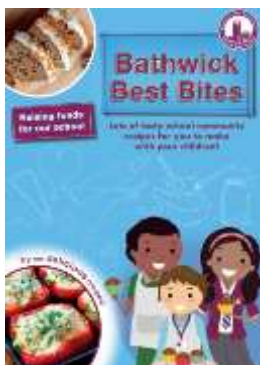
We have managed to change the dates for each of our residential trips this year. Whilst there is *no guarantee they will be going ahead* we recognise how important these experiences are for our children. We appreciate there is limited time to organise all the residential or importantly for parents to save for these trips and as such, we wanted to give all parents as much notice as possible. Parents in Years 4, 5 and 6 will early next term be sent more details. The proposed dates:

- Year 4 – Magdalen Farm (23-25 June)
- Year 5 – Deanfield (19-21 May)
- Year 6 – Isle of Wight (5-9 July)



A **HUGE** thank you for your support!

Before Christmas, we launched our long-term project to develop the school grounds. Whilst the inside of the building has received significant investment over the last few years, we recognise the importance of improving and developing our outside areas for all children to benefit from. Thank you to all parents and carers and our PTA for their amazing support – before today we had raised a fantastic **£4000** towards this project. Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust have donated a further **£5000** towards our total. **Thanks to your amazing generosity** for today's (1st April) non-uniform day we have **raised a further £949**. In addition, **thanks to Mrs. Elliott and Miss. Greenslade** for putting together the 'Bathwick Bites' recipe book - we have **raised an additional £517.50!** To order a copy for just £7.50, please contact the school office! We are working with the site designers to start work in the summer term for all children to benefit from!



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Social distancing on the school site

Over the summer terms (terms 5 and 6), we expect some changes to Government guidance for schools linked to Covid restrictions. We are fortunate not to have had to close any classes or bubbles throughout the COVID-19 pandemic due to an outbreak. Until we receive updated guidance, **please continue to support us by ensuring you arrive as close to the correct time for your class as possible and leave the school site as swiftly as possible.** Some children in the older year groups have been arriving 20 minutes early for lessons and before the gates are opened. This is unsafe and there is no supervision outside the school gates before this time.

Please also ensure no children or adults are using the drive to congregate at the end of the school day when collecting children from clubs. Whilst we all long to return to a sense of normality and enjoy the social opportunities that congregating on the school grounds can bring, it is not yet the right time to do so. Thank you for your full cooperation and support.



Wishing all our children and families a very happy and healthy Easter break! Kevin Purkiss, Headteacher

Allergies in school

We have children in school who have **life-threatening allergies** to 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 there is a **school wide ban on nuts and sesame products (this includes bringing snacks after school for your children or during clubs time).** Thank you for your continued vigilance and support.

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.

Term 5 Dates for the Diary	
April	
W21 & Th22	Ofsted Visit
Thurs 22	OWL Year 4
Thurs 29	OWL Year 3
May	
Mon 3	Bank Holiday
Tues 4	Class Photographs
Weds 5	Newsletter
Thurs 6	Year 1 trip to Sydney Gardens OWL Year 2
Thurs 13	OWL Year 1
19/20/21	Provisional Year 5 Residential
Thurs 20	OWL Year 6
Fri 21	OWL Year R
Tues 25	Juniors Author Visit (Cressida Cowell)
Thurs 27	OWL Year 5
Term 6 Dates for the Diary	
June	
Weds 9	Newsletter
Thurs 10	OWL Year 4
Weds 16-25	Book Fair (postponed from March)
Thurs 17	OWL Year 3
Fri 18	INSET (No children in school)
23/24/25	Provisional Year 4 Residential
Thurs 24	OWL Year 2
July	
Thurs 1	OWL Year 1
5-9	Provisional Year 6 residential
Weds 7	Newsletter
Thurs 8	OWL Year R
Mon 12	Provisional Sports Day
Thurs 15	OWL Year 5
Mon 19	Provisional Leavers Service 1.30 p.m.
Weds 21	Last Day of School Year

Bathwick St. Mary School Term and Holiday Dates – 2021-2022

NO HOLIDAYS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN TERM TIME

AUGUST 2021						SEPTEMBER 2021					OCTOBER 2021								
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	
T		3	10	17	24	31	T		7	14	21	28	T		5	12	19	26	
W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	
TH		5	12	19	26		TH	2	9	16	23	30	TH		7	14	21	28	
F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		F	1	8	15	22	29	
S		7	14	21	28		S	4	11	18	25		S	2	9	16	23	30	
SU	1	8	15	22	29		SU	5	12	19	26		SU	3	10	17	24	31	
NOVEMBER 2021						DECEMBER 2021					JANUARY 2022								
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	31
T		2	9	16	23	30	T		7	14	21	28	T		4	11	18	25	
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F		5	12	19	26		F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	
S		6	13	20	27		S	4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29	
SU		7	14	21	28		SU	5	12	19	26		SU	2	9	16	23	30	
FEBRUARY 2022						MARCH 2022					APRIL 2022								
M		7	14	21	28		M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	
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MAY 2022						JUNE 2022					JULY 2022								
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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 22/23 academic year begins on Thursday 1st September 2022.