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## May 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather starts to improve, it is great to see our children enjoying learning both outside as well as inside the classrooms and make use of the space we have. In this newsletter, we are excited to share the next steps in our site development, share some updated information about residential trips and update parents and carers on a number of other key areas. As cases of Covid-19 in B&NES remain below the national average despite the easing of lockdown restrictions nationally, we will soon be sharing with parents and carers our next steps in easing restrictions at Bathwick. However, just this week there have been positive cases (and as a result whole year group closures) in local schools and as such we must all remain vigilant and cautious in our approach. More details will follow in due course.

### Next steps for our site development

We are so grateful to all parents, carers and children who have supported this exciting project to date. Thank you to the School Council who have worked hard, supported by their classes, in developing the designs. We are conscious our year six children have limited time left at Bathwick and we have worked to ensure they get to enjoy some of the changes before the end of their school year. We expect the first phase to begin later in June, with the major second phase at the start of the next academic year. Many thanks particularly to our year six parents who have donated money for the new basketball posts – children are thoroughly enjoying playing with them!



**To support the playground project, the PTA are launching an exciting new fundraiser:**

**G R O W £ 1**

Please see the poster below for all the details. Your child will be receiving their £1.00 on Friday this week. We look forward to seeing the great ideas that the children have to 'grow' their £1.00! Any questions or queries please email [pta@bsm.bwmat.org](mailto:pta@bsm.bwmat.org). Thank you for your support!

**Freezy Friday – starting this Friday** the PTA will have ice lollies available after school. Due to the Covid restrictions, each class will have their own table of lollies and we suggest a donation of 50p per lolly.

### Residential trips

We are delighted to be able to go ahead with the residential trips this academic year for years 4, 5 and 6. There are many benefits to these experiences for our children – connecting and immersing them in the natural world, building confidence, resilience, independence and self-esteem and preparation for the next stage of education to name but a few. The Year 5 residential to the Forest of Dean is due to take place from 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May and the Year 4 residential to Magdalen Farm from 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June.

As year six parents are now aware, having carefully worked with the Urban Saints centre on the Isle of Wight and different coach, ferry and hovercraft companies we are sadly unable to go ahead with the provisionally planned trip. However, we are delighted to be able to offer our Year 6 children a residential trip to Deanfield from 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June. A letter with all details will be shared with parents shortly.

### Some important reminders...

Please note payments for school meals need to be made within 2 hours of making your meal selection. Please ensure you have enough credit on your ParentPay account to cover **all** meals booked as after the 2 hours, any meals not paid for are automatically deleted from the system. In addition, as booking meals is now not new, we will not be sending weekly reminders. Please feel free to set a reminder to book your child's meal for the week ahead - thank you. If children arrive without a lunch, we will need to phone you to ask you to bring in a packed lunch for your child on that day.

## Ofsted feedback

As you are aware, in the first week of this term we received a pilot Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills) inspection. Although pilot inspections do not receive a grade or a report it was an excellent opportunity to help refine and further develop our curriculum.

**Thank you** to all parents and carers who completed the official Ofsted ‘Parent View’ survey. This was carefully reviewed by Ofsted as part of the inspection. The survey was overwhelmingly positive but also gave us useful feedback to consider how to improve in some areas. The full results are available here: [Ofsted Parent View](#)

As always, your comments, ideas and feedback are welcomed as we strive to support each and every child to be the best they can be.

A letter from Governors will be shared shortly.

## School Uniform

We believe uniform encourages a sense of community, promotes equality for all, reflects pride in the school and represents the school to the outside community. As all shops are now open again, please ensure your child has the correct uniform, including appropriate black school shoes. All details can be found here: [Bathwick St Mary Primary School – Uniform](#). From next week we will again begin to send reminders home with individual children where uniform requirements are not being adhered to. Thank you for your support in this.

## 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	
May	
Thurs 6	Year 1 trip to Sydney Gardens OWL Year 2
Tues 11	Year 5 to Bathampton Playing field with Tom Baker ( <i>change</i> ) Year 6 1 <sup>st</sup> SRE session
Thurs 13	OWL Year 5 ( <i>change</i> )
Tues 18	Year 5 SRE session
19/20/21	Year 5 Residential - Deanfield
Thurs 20	OWL Year 1 ( <i>change</i> ) Year 6 2 <sup>nd</sup> SRE session
Fri 21	OWL Year R
Tues 25	Juniors Author Visit (Cressida Cowell)
Thurs 27	OWL Year 6 ( <i>change</i> )
Term 6 Dates for the Diary	
June	
7/8/9	Year 6 Residential – Deanfield
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	Year 4 Residential – Magdalen Farm
Thurs 24	OWL Year 2
July	
Thurs 1	OWL Year 1
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

Please see the next page for the PTA launch of ‘Grow £1.00!’



# GROW £1

Bathwick St Mary PTA will give your child £1.

The idea is that the children then do something with the £1 to generate more money which the PTA can put towards the playground project.

We have listed some ideas below and many more can be found online, or the children can come up with their own. Children can work on their own or in a group, they can take a 'loan' if needed and offered by Parents but this money must be taken out of the profits and paid back before the end of the challenge.

**The challenge will run from Friday 7th May until Monday 7th June.**

The money can then be returned to school in the envelopes provided.

If your child doesn't wish to participate, please return the £1.

**There will be a prize for the child/group that 'grow' their pound the highest, so please write your names on the envelopes!**

**Some ideas might be...**

Buy a sponge and some washing up liquid and offer to clean your neighbours' cars - £2 a go?

Buy some ingredients and make some cakes or biscuits for friends and family - 50p each? Then use the money made to buy more ingredients - and so on!

Make up a sponsorship form and do something interesting; sponsored skip, goal-scoring, hop, sing, silence - unleash your talents - 50p a minute?

Buy some gardening gloves and do some weeding for your neighbours, friends and family - £2 per flower bed

Buy an adult at home some flowers and offer to do the housework - £1.50 for all the vacuuming?

Fill a jar with £1 worth of sweets, charge people to guess how many sweets are in the jar.

# 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	
W		3	10	17	24		W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	
TH		4	11	18	25		TH	2	9	16	23	30	TH		6	13	20	27	
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	
T	1	8	15	22			T	1	8	15	22	29	T		5	12	19	26	
W	2	9	16	23			W	2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	
TH	3	10	17	24			TH	3	10	17	24	31	TH		7	14	21	28	
F	4	11	18	25			F	4	11	18	25		F	1	8	15	22	29	
S	5	12	19	26			S	5	12	19	26		S	2	9	16	23	30	
SU	6	13	20	27			SU	6	13	20	27		SU	3	10	17	24		
MAY 2022						JUNE 2022					JULY 2022								
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	

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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.