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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we 'gear up' to the final two weeks of the year we look forward to a number of special school events. Firstly, **thank you** to Jon and Alish Hobbs, the PTA and FLAG groups and all those who supported the brilliant colour disco last week. It was a great event that all children thoroughly enjoyed! Huge thanks to the fire service for helping hose down the playground ready for Monday!



Year Four residential to Magdalen Farm

Our Year Four enjoyed a wonderful residential trip to Magdalen Farm in the south of Somerset. Helping out with the farming, building rafts on the river, enjoying the mud slide and cooking in the open air were just a few of the great activities on offer! Thank you to Mrs. McHugh, Mrs Williams, Miss. Plank, Mr. Craine and Mr. Jackson for giving up their time with family to take our children away on this experience.



Shuffle Up and classes next year

Tomorrow, all children will attend 'Shuffle Up' which is an important opportunity for them to move up to their new classes and meet the new teacher(s) and teaching assistant(s). All classes will run their 'Meet the Teacher' events during the first week back in September – timings to follow. In addition, all current Reception parents are invited to a 'drop in' to meet Miss. Stanaway at 3.00 on Monday 11th July.

PTA updates

At the end of this year, Emma-Jane Dixon will be stepping down as PTA Chair. We are enormously grateful for all of her support of the school, for organising many different community events and fundraising opportunities. Under Emma's leadership since September 2019, well supported by many others, we've enjoyed three very successful years. The playground project launch has been really successful and there is a lot more to come thanks to you everyone's fundraising efforts. We are urgently seeking a new PTA Chair – if you want to informally chat about the role, please speak to Emma-Jane or Kevin Purkiss.



School playground update

Thank you to everybody for your support with fundraising for the next stage of the playground project. Although we had hoped to make further improvements over the last few months, this has been temporarily paused as the Holburne Park developers (BECT) have offered to provide free materials and labour later in July and over the summer break! Recently, the School Council have worked with the developers to share ideas for the next phase. Thank you for your patience as we wait for the final plans and confirmation for when works can begin. Once the groundwork has been completed, we look forward to using some of the hard earned PTA funds to further and enhance and develop our outside play space!

Leavers service arrangements

We look forward to seeing you at our Leavers' Service on Wednesday 20th July. Please be seated in St. Mary's Church by 1:30pm. **All children take part in the service, so all children will need to be collected from St. Mary's Church at around 2.45 p.m. please.** We will be making a collection during the service to be shared between school funds and the Year 6 nominated charity.

Sports Morning – 13th July at KES Fields, Bathampton.

We are looking forward to our annual Sports Morning which will be held on the morning of Wednesday 13th July. As per usual, we will enjoy a picnic lunch at the end of the morning together. Please save the date if you can and see the recent email for all the details.

Cricket Year 5 and Year 6 finals!

Well done to the brilliant Year 5 boys cricket team who represented the school at the Sulis Club B&NES tournament recently. The team (Ben, Frederick, Joseph, Josh, Kason, Max A, Max W, Oliver) played fantastically and reached the final!

Equally, we are thrilled the Year 6 boys cricket team (Archie, Carter, Charlie, Dylan, George, Harry, Hugo, Luca, Saud, Seb, Sonny, Zack) reached the final of the B&NES tournament – and won! The whole team is really looking forward to the County Championships later this week – we know the children will represent the school brilliantly and demonstrate fantastic sportsmanship as they compete in this event. We wish them all the best! Huge thanks to parent Ed Gibbons who kindly volunteered to coach the teams at the County Finals.



Farewell and welcome!

As parents and careers know, **Miss. Rachel Walker** is taking up a teaching job in Spain - we wish her all the best for her future career! We are delighted to welcome **Miss. Hannah Stanaway** to Bathwick in September. She will be teaching in Year 1. Current Reception parents will soon receive an invitation to meet her in school.



In addition, we are very grateful for all the dedication and hard work of the following wonderful colleagues who are sadly leaving us at the end of this academic year. **Mrs. Karen Begg** is moving away from the area with her family, **Mrs. Rosi Lewis** is dedicating more time specialising in children’s emotional health locally, **Miss. Leanne Plank** will be embarking on an MSc in Speech and Language therapy and **Mr. Matt Craine** will be moving on to further studies. We will certainly miss them and wish them all the very best for the future.

We are pleased to share we have appointed three excellent teaching assistants – **Ms. Emily Fraser**, **Ms. Paola Tyler** and **Miss. Nancy Adams**. A warm welcome to all new staff – they will be in school for the shuffle up morning.



Governor Update – Safeguarding

Safeguarding is always a priority at Bathwick. We have recently focused on ensuring that we hear the *children’s voice* as part of the Governors’ role to monitor, support and challenge the school’s safeguarding strategy and processes. At the end of the last academic year Mrs. Rigby undertook a whole school project to gather the children’s views on a whole range of issues, including exploring the themes ‘how inclusive is our school?’ and ‘how safe is our school?’. The results were very positive and this report was followed by further work undertaken by the safeguarding governor, Ben Jenkins, to continue the process of making sure the children’s voice is central to assessing the effectiveness of our safeguarding culture. Actions have been recommended and the governing body will work with Mr. Purkiss to implement those actions and demonstrate to the children that their voice has been heard and has contributed to our commitment to ensure all children are safe.

Year 2 trip to Weston-super-Mare



Thank you to the Year 2 team and parent and carer helpers who took the children to Weston-super-Mare recently. It was a fantastic day for all – children enjoyed learning more about the locality and seaside and especially the brilliant sun – unlike in Bath!

Thank you – our roundabout garden

A thank you once again to Christiane Delatour who has tended the roundabout garden throughout this year – it is often commented on and we are most grateful to her!

Clubs in September

A full complement of clubs are in the process of being planned and agreed. Next term’s clubs will run from week commencing 12th September through to week commencing 12th December.

SUMMER FAIR – hopefully coming soon!

We are hoping to be able to hold our Summer Fair this year in September where we will be able to welcome not only our current Year 6 children, but also our new Reception children and families. We do need a new PTA Chair to help organise this event!

Important safety updates

We have children in school who have **life-threatening allergies**. We take all our children's safety extremely seriously and as such **the following foods and foods containing these ingredients are banned from the school site** (this includes bringing snacks after school for your children or during clubs time):

- ⊘ **Sesame seeds and food containing sesame** (sesame can be found on or in a variety of food, including on rolls, bread, oil, hummus)
- ⊘ **Nuts and food containing nuts**
 - ✗ All 'Tree nuts' - this includes cashew, hazelnuts, almonds, walnuts, pistachio, macadamia, pecan and Brazil nuts
 - ✗ Peanuts and chestnuts
 - ✗ Pine nuts and Pesto

Some food packing uses wording such as, 'This product has been produced in a factory that handles nuts and/or sesame' or 'May contain nuts and/or sesame'. At school, we only ban foods that specifically state nuts or sesame in the ingredient list. Thank you for your continued vigilance.

FROM PAGE TO STAGE - SAVE THE DATE!

Back in late 2019, Miss. Bowman organised a fantastic week 'From Page to Stage'. We are delighted that now theatres are open once again, we have booked the musical '[Beauty and the Beast](#)' at the Bristol Hippodrome for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on 9th November. The whole week will be built around the theatre where children will take part in a creative arts week including dance, drama, music, art, design and use of technology - watch this space!

Term 6 Dates for the Diary	
July	
7	Shuffle Up – all classes
8	PTA School Discos (postponed) OWL Year 6
9	SATURDAY 9 TH JULY – BATH CARNIVAL - Year 5
11	Last week for clubs (only Cricket on MONDAY 18 th)
13	Sports Morning + picnic lunch at KES playing fields
14	Provisional groundworks starting on conservation area – confirmation and details to follow
15	Year 6 Leavers Show – 9.00 a.m. drop off at Prior Park. The show starts at 6.30 p.m.
18	Year 2 end of year performance in hall @ 2:30pm
20	Leavers' Service 1.30 p.m. St. Mary's Church
21	Last day of academic year

Bath Children's Literature Festival

We are delighted that the [Bath Children's Literature Festival](#) will be returning in the Autumn. From Friday 23rd September to Sunday 2nd October a whole host of big names are coming to Bath, including Michael Rosen, David Baddiel, Aardman Animations, Cerrie Burnell, Jaqueline Wilson and many more!



We are booking different events and will share details once the tickets have been confirmed.

The **Summer Reading Challenge 2022** has begun! You can take part by signing up at your local public library. [Click here for more information.](#)

Music tuition at Bathwick

Acoustic Guitar lessons

Tim Clark will again be available for guitar lessons in school from September. Pupils in Y4 have 20-minute lessons and Y5 & Y6 pupils have 30-minute lessons. If you are interested and would like further information, please email Mr. Clark at tclarkguitar@gmail.com. If you would like to start lessons, please don't rush out to buy a guitar, he will offer advice in September. He also has a stock of second-hand guitars for sale if interested.

BANES Music Tuition for Y4 / Y5 / Y6 children

If your child would like to continue or start music lessons, please contact B&NES Music Service direct at Music@bathnes.gov.uk. Once the information is available, B&NES will contact you to book lessons direct with them.

Piano and Singing lessons at Bathwick for Y4 / Y5 / Y6

Next academic year, we continue to offer a limited number of personalised private singing or beginner piano lessons at Bathwick with our Choir and Ensemble conductor, Ms Kelly Sharp. If you would like to find out more, please email the school office and we will pass your contact details to Ms Sharp.

Once again, my thanks to all our families for your support this term and year. May I wish each and every one of you a restful and enjoyable summer.

We look forward to seeing all our children again on Monday 5th September.

With best wishes,

Kevin Purkiss

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Participants must be aged 18 or over, in paid work (including zero hours and self-employed) and receiving eligible benefits OR earning below the Real Living Wage (below £9.90 an hour).

If you are unsure if you meet the criteria, contact the team to find out more and discover other support services which may be more suitable for you.

Visit Future Bright at West of England Combined Authority for further information and contact details for your local area <https://bit.ly/3NwUak>

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BATH CARNIVAL

We are pleased to support the Bath Carnival this year – our Year 5 children have enjoyed a number of workshops with visiting artists recently and will be joining in with the procession.

After a two-year hiatus from the streets of Bath, the Carnival returns to our city centre on **Saturday 9th July** to bring together people across B&NES for a FREE celebration of culture, creativity and diversity

- Families are invited to join the 'Buggy Bloc' in the carnival procession which will follow a route throughout the city centre
- An easy and informal way for parents and young children to take part in the fun.
- Theme: **Mother Earth and Natural Habitats**, so get into the spirit by dressing up - think jungles, oceans, mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, gardens, bugs, anything goes!

ABOUT THE EVENT

- Carnival procession from 15.00 to 17.30/18.00
- Festival at Sydney Gardens from 10.00 to 22.00, with fun themed activities for children, adults and families
- After-party at the Komedia in the earlier hours

HOW TO JOIN THE 'BUGGY BLOC'

- Complete the sign-up form called 'Join our Family Buggy Bloc' through this link: <https://www.bathcarnival.co.uk/join-the-parade-1>
- Arrive at Bath Rec Ground on Saturday 9th July between 13:30 – 14:30, and you'll be directed to the starting point with all the other families.

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26-29 Jul	2-5 Aug	9-12 Aug

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Term and Holiday Dates – **2022-2023**

NO HOLIDAYS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN TERM TIME

AUGUST 2022						SEPTEMBER 2022					OCTOBER 2022							
M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31
T	2	9	16	23	30	T		6	13	20	27	T		4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	
TH	4	11	18	25	TH	1	8	15	22	29	TH		6	13	20	27		
F	5	12	19	26	F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28		
S	6	13	20	27	S	3	10	17	24	S	1	8	15	22	29			
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NOVEMBER 2022						DECEMBER 2022					JANUARY 2023							
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FEBRUARY 2023						MARCH 2023					APRIL 2023							
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MAY 2023						JUNE 2023					JULY 2023							
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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 **23/24** academic year begins on Monday 4th September 2023.