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## Newsletter One: September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of all our Staff and Governors - a **very warm welcome** to this new academic year whether you are a new family to school or have been here for some time!

**Thank you to the staff team** who have been busy preparing the school for this new year. Thank you to our office team who have been working to ensure things run as smoothly as possible; to our teachers and teaching assistants for all the planning and preparation that has taken place; to our kitchen team for creating a new menu for children to enjoy; and to our site team who have overseen different improvements over the summer. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children and families on Monday.

Our newsletter is usually sent on the first school Wednesday of each month although this September newsletter is being sent a little early to help us all be prepared for the new year and term.

**We are looking forward to opening our new conservation area shortly**, but unfortunately due to a delay in works over the summer, **the rear (Warminster Road) entrance to the school will not be open for the month of September**. The Holburne Park team will be on site continuing to develop the area for all our children to enjoy. In the interim, please only use the main playground entrance. Thank you for your understanding.

### **'Meet the Teacher' – class information sessions**

We are pleased to be holding 'Meet the Teacher' events next week. These sessions are an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's class teacher(s), learn about your child's curriculum and ask any questions. We recognise not everyone will be able to attend, but all paperwork will be shared afterwards. Please come to the main school entrance.

- Year 1: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 2.30-3.00
- Year 2: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, 2.30-3.00
- Year 3: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2.30-3.00
- Year 4: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2.30-3.00
- Year 5: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 2.30-3.00
- Year 6: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 2.30-3.00

### **Welcome to new children and staff!**

A very warm welcome to new members of our staff team. Welcome to Miss. Hannah Stanaway who is teaching Year 1. Welcome to Ms Emily Fraser in the Year 5 team, Ms Paola Tyler in the Year 1 team and Miss. Nancy Adams in the Year 3 team. We look forward to benefitting from their experience and expertise.

It is always lovely to welcome our new Reception children to Bathwick, as well as new children in other year groups. A very warm welcome to:

- Teresa in Year 1
- Emily and Katherine in Year 2
- Finn, Leon, Leonora and Rosie in Year 3

We hope you will all be very happy here!

### **Congratulations to Clemency**

Clemency in Year 6 was lucky enough to have the amazing opportunity of walking out of the tunnel with the Lionesses at the Euro finals against Germany. This was to a record-breaking crowd of over 87,000 people! She had an action-packed day and needed to be there 5 hours before kick-off to practice her part in the opening ceremony.

Clemency even got to keep her kit which she has worn every day since (don't forget it is school uniform on Monday, Clemency!).



## Reminder - please book school lunches

A reminder to please book school lunches as usual on Parent Pay before Monday. The delicious menu is below! Thank you.

## Have your contact details changed?

If you have not provided school with your most up to date address, contact numbers and email address, please inform the school office ([office@bsm.bwmat.org](mailto:office@bsm.bwmat.org)). It is crucial we have accurate and up to date records and contacts for all families.

## After School Clubs and Wraparound for Terms 1 and 2

A full complement of clubs are attached. All clubs run from week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> September through to week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> December. There is *no increase in the cost of clubs run by school* (Wraparound Care and Netball) but as usual this will be kept under review.

Our Wraparound Care service provides on-site childcare from 7.30-8.50 and at the end of the school day to 17.30. The costs for each session are £6.00 (Breakfast Club; end of the school day to 16.30; 16.30-17.30). <https://bathwickstmary.schoolipal.co.uk/>. To find out more, please contact the office team.

## Read Write Inc. and Reading at Bathwick

Learning to read fluently, with confidence and for enjoyment is without doubt one of the most important aspects of your child's education. Over the summer our Read, Write, Inc. scheme has been refreshed and updated and we look forward to this restarting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Starting then gives children time to settle into their class routines before moving to different groups. It is important we accurately assess all children and they are perfectly matched to the book they receive, so **all children will receive their new Read, Write, Inc. books on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

## Open mornings

Is your child due to start school in September 2023? You are warmly invited to our Open Mornings (29<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup> November, each from 9.00-10.00 or 10.45-11.45). Contact Lorraine Harper or Clare Turner in the office to book a place: [office@bsm.bwmat.org](mailto:office@bsm.bwmat.org)

## Survey for all Year 5 and 6

- If you wish your child to walk home on their own at the end of the school day, please [complete this short permission form](#).
- If you feel your child in Year 5 and 6 has a specific need for a mobile phone in school, please contact Lorraine Harper or Clare Turner in the school office who will share a permission form. Thank you.

## 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.

## Free School Meals (Benefit Related) in B&NES

Did you know you may qualify your our school for £1,385 worth of **Pupil Premium Funding** if you are entitled to benefit related free school meals?

If you think you may be entitled, check online at [www.bathnes.gov.uk](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk) and search 'free school meals' to see eligible benefits. Apply online at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or you can contact The Free School Meal Team at [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk) or on 01225 394317 to check your entitlement (if you leave a message they will call you back). You can still apply for benefit related free school meals while receiving universal infant free school meals. In addition, school provides a £50 voucher towards uniform should you successfully apply.

## Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest Celebration service on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 1.30 p.m.** at St. Mary's Church. We are delighted to invite our whole school community to share in this joyful service together. We will ask for donations of food for the Bath Foodbank and will be in touch with details nearer the time. We also would like to especially invite all Year R Parents and Carers – new children in Reception and others across the school will receive a Bible from school which we will present to each child in this service. Please do 'save the date' if you can. All children take part in the Service, so please collect your child from the Church at the end (we expect to end by 2.40 p.m.) If you are unable to collect your child (or they are booked into Wraparound Care or clubs), we will take children back to school for the usual end of the day.



## 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 2-6 on 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Mrs. Evans** has lead our OWL adventure days since its inception in 2018. Sadly, due to personal circumstances, she will not be able to continue to lead OWL adventure days this academic year. Rest assured OWL days are still going ahead!



**Is your family worried about the cost of living?** Future Bright could improve your career prospects.

The cost of having children can be expensive, and with the addition of rising living costs, no wonder families are feeling the pinch. If you are a working parent, you could be entitled to Future Bright's **free career coaching** to help you take control of your future and make positive progress towards new opportunities and get better pay to support your family. Future Bright can offer you a dedicated career progression coach for 3-6 months working with you to:

- Create a career action plan
- Explore career opportunities
- Develop employability skills
- Build confidence and motivation

The team can also direct you to other support services, including money, benefits, counselling, and self-employed business support. To be eligible for Future Bright you need to live in the West of England (Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire). 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. [Click here for further information.](#)

### Your questions, queries and feedback...

Please do stop me in the playground or make contact to share ideas, concerns or questions. Bathwick is a wonderful school, but there are always things we can do to improve and develop – and I am always willing to hear your ideas and comments. It is by working in positive partnership that our children will continue to thrive!

With my best wishes for the year ahead.

Kevin Purkiss  
Head Teacher

## Music tuition at Bathwick

### Acoustic Guitar lessons

Tim Clark is available for guitar tuition in Years 4, 5 and 6. If you would like further information, please email Mr. Clark at [tclarkguitar@gmail.com](mailto:tclarkguitar@gmail.com).

### BANES Music Tuition for Y4 / Y5 / Y6 children

If your child would like to continue or start music lessons, please contact [Music@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Music@bathnes.gov.uk).

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

We continue to offer a limited number of personalised private singing or beginner piano lessons with our Choir and Ensemble conductor, Ms Kelly Sharp. Please email the school office for more information.

## Term 1 Dates for the Diary

September	
5	1 <sup>st</sup> day back
6	2.30 Years 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher
7	2.30 Years 1, 5, 6 Meet the Teacher
8	2.30 Year 2 Meet the Teacher
16	OWL – Year 6
20	2:15pm – RWI Reception/new infant parents meeting (details to follow)
23	Bath Literature Festival – 23rd-30th September
23	Y1-Y6 Bath Literature Festival, pm. Michael Rosen
26	Y4 Bath Literature Festival, p.m. Maz Evans
28	Y3 trip to American Museum
29	Open Morning for prospective parents OWL – Year 5
30	Y3 Bath Literature Festival, a.m. Joseph Coelho Y6 Bath Literature festival, p.m. Robin Stevens
October	
3	Black History Month
5	Newsletter Year 4/5/6 – Eucharist, 9.00 a.m.
6	Year 4 – KES Music carousel
7	OWL – Year 4 Year 6 WW2 trip to Steam - TBC
10	PCEs 3.30-8.00
13	PCEs 3.30-6.00
14	OWL – Year 3
19	Year 4 Roman Baths Trip
21	Harvest Service, St. Mary's Church, 1.30 p.m.

### Save the date(s)

In addition to the above dates, here are some key events in the year ahead:

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> **December**: Carol Service, 1.30 p.m.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> **March**, Easter Service, 1.30 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> **April**, Year 5 to Deanfield
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> **June**, Year 6 to Isle of Wight
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> **June**, Year 4 to Magdalen Farm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> **July**, Leavers Service, 1.30 pm.

## Important 'Annual Reminders'

In order to keep our school being the best that it can be, please read through these polite reminders. The 'Meet the teacher' events are happening next week and if you have any questions about your child's learning, please do ask their teacher. Thank you.

### Medical information

- If your **child is sick** or has diarrhoea, please wait 48 hours before returning to school.
- Please **do not send in medicines** without prior authorisation from the Head Teacher. There are guidelines we follow to ensure the correct administration of medicine. **We can only administer prescribed** medicine with clear written instructions from a doctor.

### Attendance regulations

- The Government is very clear that **no holidays should be taken in term time**. We appreciate the strain this may cause on families, but we believe that every day in school is so important for your child. If some very unusual situation arises we have to clearly explain the circumstances to the Child Missing Education Officer and demonstrate its uniqueness. Consequently, please assume there is no 'holiday entitlement' and put in writing any request for planned absence. Any absence must be authorised in advance; this includes medical (unless an emergency) and exam or secondary school appointments. Thank you for your understanding.
- **Please carefully check the Term Dates (at the end of the newsletter) before booking any holidays.**

### Communication

- We believe that a close working partnership between home and school is essential if children are to make the best progress. You can contact your child's teacher in a number of ways – please do see your them at the beginning or end of the school day, or email or phone and we will answer your query as soon as possible. A polite reminder that 'Tapestry' is not designed to be a home / school communication tool.

### Birthday Treats

- Some children wish to celebrate their birthday by handing out a small 'treat' at the end of the day. This is not expected or encouraged, but if children do, we will ask recipients of any 'treat' to wait until seeing their collecting adult who can choose what is appropriate for their family.

### 'Dropping off' and 'picking up' routines

- **Infants only:** To keep our children safe, if there is any change to the authorised collector form you have previously completed, please email the school office.
- Thank you to all our parents for your patience and courtesy to each other and Darlington Road residents due to the traffic.
- Please can all children and adults be very **mindful of the school drive** especially at the beginning and end of the school day. There are regularly moving vehicles at that time. Children, once collected, should make their way away from the school site and not 'play' near the drive or on the garden or bushes.

### Uniform

- Children may wear winter or summer uniform until October half term, after which all children should be in full winter uniform please, including black shoes and ties.
- A reminder that jewellery, nail-varnish or tattoos are not allowed. Children should tuck in their shirts and tie back long hair.
- Here are the [uniform requirements](#).

**PE Uniform:** Please ensure children have the appropriate clothing – the quantity and cost of which we aim to keep to a minimum:

- Navy PE shorts
- Light blue PE T-shirt printed with the school name - to be ordered from Michael Hope
- Navy or dark coloured (non 'branded') jogging bottoms or leggings and hoodie/sweatshirt for outdoor PE. Children in the Juniors are encouraged to have a light blue school hoodie printed with the school logo to be ordered from Michael Hope Sports
- A pair of plimsolls (daps) or trainers.

**Thank you for your cooperation with these annual reminders.**

We seek to provide the very best education we can and by working together and supporting our school in this way, things run much more smoothly! Your help is much appreciated. If you have any questions, please do ask.

## Autumn Term 2022 Bathwick Menu

WEEK	MEAT FREE Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1: Weeks beginning: 5<sup>th</sup> Sept / 26<sup>th</sup> Sept / 17<sup>th</sup> October / 14<sup>th</sup> November / 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>					
Option 1: Main meal	Three Cheese Macaroni Topped with Leeks	Roast Chicken	Homemade Beef Pastitsio	Homemade Sticky BBQ Pork	Jumbo Cod Fishfinger
Option 2: Vegetarian Meal	Tomato and Cheese Pasta Bake	Cauliflower Cheese	Quorn Pastitsio	Sticky BBQ Quorn	Vegetable Nuggets
All of the above served with	Garlic Bread Slices, Homemade Coleslaw, Salad Bar	Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Gravy	Peas and Carrots, Fresh Bread	Fluffy Rice, Broccoli	Oven Baked Chips, Beans and Sweetcorn
<b>Week 2: Weeks beginning: 12<sup>th</sup> Sept / 3<sup>rd</sup> October / 31<sup>st</sup> October / 21<sup>st</sup> November / 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>					
Option 1: Main Meal	Homemade Margherita Pizza	Roast Turkey	Homemade Sausage Roll	Beef, Vegetable and Tomato Bake with a Herby Crumb Topping	Battered Cod Fillet
Option 2: Vegetarian Meal	Vegetable and Five Bean Enchiladas	Red Lentil and Vegetable Bolognese	Homemade Cheese and Onion Roll	Roasted Vegetable and Tomato Bake with a Herby Crumb Topping	Cheese and Red Onion Quiche
All of the above served with	Potato Wedges Salad Bar	Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Gravy	New Potatoes, Peas and Baked Beans	Salad Bar	Oven Baked Chips, Beans and Sweetcorn
<b>Week 3: Weeks beginning: 19<sup>th</sup> September / 10<sup>th</sup> October / 7<sup>th</sup> November / 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>					
Option 1: Main Meal	Cheese, Tomato and Basil Pinwheels	Roast Gammon	Homemade Chicken Curry	Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding	Jumbo Cod Fishfinger
Option 2: Vegetarian Meal	Vegetable Lasagne	Plant Based Cottage Pie	Vegetable and Red Lentil Dahl	Veggie Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding	Savoury Muffins
All of the above served with	Herby Diced Potato, Salad Bar	Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy	Fluffy Rice, Broccoli Fresh Bread	Mashed Potato, Peas and Sweetcorn	Oven Baked Chips, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn
<b>Served Every Week</b>					
Option 3: Alternative Meal	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Farm Assured Ham with Chips
Dessert	Fruity Flapjack Fresh Fruit, Organic Yoghurt	Ice Cream, Fresh Fruit, Organic Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly, Fresh Fruit, Organic Yoghurt	Fruit Sponge with Custard, Fresh Fruit, Organic Yoghurt	Ice Cream Fresh Fruit, Organic Yoghurt

Any child with food allergies or intolerances will be offered an alternative Main Course and Dessert to meet your child's needs. All the meals are served with milk or water.

# 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	
SU	7	14	21	28		SU	4	11	18	25		SU	2	9	16	23	30	
NOVEMBER 2022						DECEMBER 2022					JANUARY 2023							
M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T	1	8	15	22	29	T		6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	31
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
TH	3	10	17	24		TH	1	8	15	22	29	TH		5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
S	5	12	19	26		S	3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28	
SU	6	13	20	27		SU	4	11	18	25		SU	1	8	15	22	29	
FEBRUARY 2023						MARCH 2023					APRIL 2023							
M		6	13	20	27	M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	
T		7	14	21	28	T		7	14	21	28	T		4	11	18	25	
W	1	8	15	22		W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	
TH	2	9	16	23		TH	2	9	16	23	30	TH		6	13	20	27	
F	3	10	17	24		F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	
S	4	11	18	25		S	4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29	
SU	5	12	19	26		SU	5	12	19	26		SU	2	9	16	23	30	
MAY 2023						JUNE 2023					JULY 2023							
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	
SU	7	14	21	28		SU	4	11	18	25		SU	2	9	16	23	30	

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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.