



Term Two Newsletter 2009

Dear Parents and Friends,

Changes

A welcome to Carl Willis who started this term, and also to Mark and Jane, his parents.

A special welcome to new parent Governor Alison Deane who has started on the Governing Body this term. Alison has supported the school in many ways over the years and will bring many strengths to the team.

Welcome also to Steven Treharne who is joining us as a LA governor. Steven has much experience of community involvement as well as useful professional skills.

Thank you!

Thank you to all the parents who have offered their skills and talents to help the school in the recent questionnaire. It's great to belong to such a supportive community! Thanks also to the many parents who have filled in a CRB form so as to be able to help out in school.

All volunteers are invited to a Child Protection training session on Monday 23rd November from 3.20 to 5.00 p.m.

School Council



The 2009-10 School Council

Congratulations to the pupils above who were elected to represent their classes by their peers. It is a real honour to be chosen, and to have an opportunity to influence improvements to the school.

Training

Learning new calculation methods



I am grateful to all the parents who were able to attend the recent maths session led by Ms Johnson. Maths calculation methods taught in UK schools have changed significantly and we are keen that parents are aware of these. There is information about the new methods in the Learning Zone section of the school website.

Healthy Tuck Shop



Congratulations to Zac Wynne, Robbie Cashell and Laurie Maylor who gave an excellent presentation to the school about the Healthy Tuckshop. The school's Healthy Tuck Shop provides experience of business management for older pupils as well as providing healthy snacks for children at the school.

Tuesday 20th October End of term for pupils
Wednesday 21st October INSET Day
Monday 2nd November School Restarts
Tuesday 23rd November Child Protection Training for all staff and volunteers
Wednesday 16th December Carol Service

School dates online at
www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar

Visitors



Principals from St Vincent

It was a real pleasure to welcome four Principals from the Caribbean Island of St Vincent. The school has links with the island as Head teacher Paul Falkus has previously taught on the island's post graduate course run by U.W.E. The Principals looked at all aspects of school life and we had an opportunity to discuss similarities and differences in our educations systems at a staff meeting.



French Visit

We are hoping that pupils from our link school in France will visit the school this coming summer. Watch this space.

Bear visitors

If you go down to Class One today...



Class One had a 'big surprise' when an enormous Blue Bear walked into their classroom. The bear was very friendly and with the kind help of Claire Woodhouse encouraged the children to enjoy reading books, and to visit the library. Having one bear visit the school is unusual but...

Ted's Big Day Out



On Friday 16th October we had a special visit from Big Ted himself. He was accompanied by Kate Constance from Bath FM. The children wore blue and silver and had taken part in a competition organised by Mrs Evans to guess the name of five special teddies.

Neo- Natal Care



The fund-raising was given greater purpose because of an earlier visit by Neo-Natal Staff Nurse Katherine Boward. Katherine gave a fascinating assembly about the work done to care for pre-mature babies. We learnt about incubators and were shown how very small a pre-mature baby can be.

Clergy visit



Paul Burden introduced Rev. Jack Waller to the staff and pupils recently. Rev. Waller had some wise and helpful words that got us thinking. His striking resemblance to one of our pupils is entirely coincidental.

Out and About

Hunting Dragon's Eggs



Have you ever wondered where you might find a dragon's eggs? On September 24th Class Three went on an amazing adventure to Rocks East and after following mysterious clues, journeyed through a wood to brave a long dark tunnel at the end of which the children found...



The dragon's eggs

They then created ingenious nests for the eggs out of twigs, leaves and moss. Back at school they have written some amazing poetry inspired by the visit.

Time Travelling



Class Four had a fascinating visit to the Corinium Museum at Cirencester. The class are learning about the Romans. Many 'hands on' artefacts enabled the children to experience aspects of Roman life in Britain as it might have been nearly 2,000 years ago.



Looking after ourselves



New Cookery Club



This term four Year Six chefs started at Mrs Fenna's Cookery School. The trainee cooks will learn basic/ key cookery skills under Mrs Fenna's expert guidance.



Sport and Fitness

Time Travelling



Congratulation to the school Football Team who got their season off to a strong start at the Sports Partnership tournament on Friday 16th October. They played five games, won three and drew two. We scored 12 goals and only conceded two. Man of the Match was Zac Wynne who stepped in as goal keeper.

New Netball Club!

Miss Bergmann has started a netball club for pupils in Year 3 and above. She is being ably supported by Kara Maylor.

New MultiSports Club

Increasing the number of clubs open to Year One pupils was mentioned as a potential school improvement in the recent parents' questionnaire. The Year One pupils now have access to football, tag rugby, cricket, and the new multisports club to name only the sports clubs.

School & Community

Local Historical figure



On Friday 9th October the older children attended the annual Service in St Nicholas Church for Admiral Arthur Phillips, first Governor of New South Wales. Adam McCarthy, Deputy High Commissioner for Australia, gave an entertaining talk and quizzed the children about Australia. Anyone know why the kangaroo was chosen to be the national symbol?

Great Buddies

Congratulations to the Year Six pupils who have been outstanding buddies to the Reception children. The staff have been very impressed by the quality of care given by the older children, who are greatly enjoying looking after the new children.

Gardening Cups



Congratulations to Edward Clarke for winning two prizes in the Bathampton Flower Show.

Logs and branches needed



We are keen to use our grounds more and to begin using our woods for play purposes. We are beginning a collection of logs and branches that could be used for den making. If you are getting out the saw this autumn remember us!

Key reminders

We would be grateful if parents could ensure that:

Children bring book bags to school every day (Please do check these for letters and slips, as even families on e-mail have paper items occasionally)

Children wear the correct school uniform (blue, grey or white socks)

Children bring water bottles to school each day

Diary Dates

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Tuesday 20th End of Term for pupils

Wednesday 21st INSET Day Inclusion Quality Mark/ School Self-Evaluation

November

Monday 2nd Start of Term 2 Parent/ teacher interview fortnight

Tuesday 10th (& 17th 24th and 1st December) Pedestrian Training for Class Three (Volunteers needed)

Friday 13th Cleo from The Holborn Museum visiting Class Three

Thursday 19th Wear Blue Anti-Bullying day (Mufti) (Please note change of date)

Friday 20th Class Four visiting Roman Baths (a.m.)

Monday 23rd Whole school Child Protection training for staff and volunteers 3.30 – 5.00 p.m.

Friday 27th Class Four Roman Meal

December

Friday 4th Class Four Roman Assembly

Friday 11th Class Two Party

Monday 14th Class One Party

Tuesday 15th Classes Three Party

Wednesday 16th Carol Service 2pm

Thursday 17th Class Five Party

Friday 18th Class Four Party End of Term 2

January 2007

Monday 4th Term 3 starts