



Dear Parents and Friends,

### Congratulations

The stork is visiting Bathampton again! It is a real pleasure to congratulate Mrs Edmund and her husband James on the news that they are expecting a baby this coming March. This means that for a time we will have two teachers on maternity leave at the same time. The Personnel recruitment teams have been busy!

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Best to teach Class One during Mrs Evans' absence, and look forward to officially welcoming her to the school in February. In the meantime she will be visiting occasionally in order to get to know the children and to aid transition.

Hannah Barr

A warm welcome to new member of staff Hannah Barr. Hannah is now working with us each lunchtime as a SMSA.

### Settling In

Class One get stuck in at school



It's been a real pleasure to see the new Reception children in Class One gain confidence as they get used to being in school. We are delighted with their progress!

### A Band called Brian

Many thanks to Brian Madigan who performed at the Friends music event on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Great fun and it raised £250 for music resources in school! Thanks also to Jennie Franks and the Friends team who did their usual magic!

## Performing Arts



### The Railway Children

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October children in Class Four and Five had a theatrical treat with a superb production from top UK touring company M & M productions.

Class Two, Three and Four are also currently enjoying high quality dance lessons from Leeds University dance student Hannah King. It's great to have talented people around!

## Links Abroad



### Boomerang Award

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October the children in Class Four and Five attended the annual Service in St Nicholas Church for Admiral Arthur Phillips. During the service Sir Roger Carrick, Romy Patton-Whyllie and George Peach laid wreaths in honour of the Admiral. Andrew Craig the Agent-General of New South Wales spoke at the service and in a surprise ceremony Richard Pavitt of the Britain-Australia Society awarded the Church and the School a special boomerang which we will be able to keep for a year, before it has to be returned.

## Key Dates

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** Start of Term 2  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November:** Bonfire after school  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** INSET Day 4  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Carol Service  
1.45 p.m.  
School dates online at  
[www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar](http://www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar)

# In School



Books  
are  
cool!

## World Book Week...Celebrating books

During the week of 4<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated books from across the world. On the Friday there was a Book Fair run by Harry's Mum, Emily Hoskins. Thanks to everyone who bought a book. The week is extending into the October holiday with a Readathon. We are really keen to get more guided reading books sets in school so please support this project!

## Blue Bear returns...



Class One loved it when Blue Bear popped in to see them. The bear encouraged the children to enjoy reading books, and to visit the library. We are very excited to be having a fortnightly visit from the Mobile Library Service for Bathampton. The van is stopping in The George Car Park. If you don't have a library routine why not give it a try!



## Class Five's Tudor Visitor

By Mrs Huntley  
Irene Bulson is part of a Tudor re-enactment group. She brought in clothes for ordinary people, and dressed Jacob and Romy. We discussed fabrics and the different colours and styles worn by rich and poor people, including the Sumptuary laws which controlled this. Irene brought in Tudor food and the class made butter. Cutlery didn't include the fork and each person brought in their own knife and spoon attached to their belt.

## Class Four Train Topic



Report by Lottie Millhouse and William Metcalfe

As part of our train topic we have been listening to a poem called 'The Night Mail' by WH Auden. We have also been watching scenes from 'The Railway Children' by ES Nesbitt. Time has been spent outside listening to the sounds of passenger and freight trains passing by on a nearby railway line. This has helped us create our own train poems.

## Dental Visit



Report by James Nankivell and Deeva Dewey.

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October Class Four had a visit from Jan of the Bristol Dental Hospital. She showed us how disclosing tablets can be used to help ensure that we clean our teeth properly. We carried out three experiments including discovering which soft drinks are suitable for your teeth. When the class thanked Jan for her visit she replied "The best way to thank me is to brush your teeth properly twice a day!"



## Ted's Stripecy Day Out

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated Ted's Big Day Out. It was especially relevant this year when we have two teachers and a number of parents anticipating a new arrival. The children enjoyed dressing up in stripes. The event raised £87.50 for the Neo-Natal Unit at the RUH.

# Out and About

## Outdoor Education

The school is currently exploring ways of using the amazing setting that we are in for rich educational experiences and adventures. The following article gives an example of how outdoor learning can cover surprising curriculum areas.

### Maths Visit to Warleigh Lodge Farm



Report by Mrs Wood

Class Three had a fabulous Maths Day at Warleigh Lodge Farm. The theme was measurement, but the children were involved in a whole array of counting activities. First the children had to find things that were specific lengths. So the children hunted around with their tape measures finding appropriate objects including gate posts, sticks, turnips, blades of grass and rocks. They even had to measure a field!

Following lunch the children watched pigs being measured and weighed themselves on a pig weighing machine. The farmer informed us that they were all far too skinny to be sent to market. A pig has to weigh 70kg before being sold. The children also counted chickens; which is jolly tricky when they keep moving, and counted eggs.

### Class Two Stick Men



Class Two went to The Egg Theatre to see a fantastic production of 'The Stickman', and then the children made characters out of sticks found in our woods.

## Our Body Explored



Report by Mrs Flint

Class Four enjoyed a "Body" themed day at @Bristol last Friday. Amongst the highlights was a chance to make and test their own toothpaste and an opportunity to be "born again" inside a giant womb, complete with sound effects. Suitable disgust was shown at the live demonstration of how our intestines work and fascination at seeing their veins highlighted through a special camera. A good day had by all!

## Adventures on the Water

### Boat Club



I am very grateful to Mrs Huntley's husband, Ron, and his friend Richard who spent many hours working on the 'Petite Fleur'. The boat's engine and electrical system are now in excellent working order.

We have had some excellent offers of help thanks to the Chronicle article and just need additional sponsorship to meet the running costs and then off we go! Any rich & kind friends?

We also hope to have a clean up of the boat. Offers of help please to the school or to Mrs Huntley at [artisanne@gamil.com](mailto:artisanne@gamil.com)



# Diary Dates

Bathampton Primary School  
Together on a learning adventure



## Diary Dates September

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** End of Term 1

## November

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** Start of Term 2 & Parent/ teacher interview fortnight.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Netball Tournament

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** Class Five to @Bristol (Earth Sun & Moon)

& Bring in a Guy Competition & Friends Bonfire immediately after school

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** Family Assemblies (School 'Houses').

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** Reception Health Visit

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** Bathampton Community Celebration Assembly

Football Match V Bathford 3.45 p.m. (Venue TBC)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** National Anti-Bullying week 2010

Shoe boxes deadline day

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** School Council Meeting

& Shoe Box Collection

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Friends Pamper Evening

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** INSET Day 4 School Self Evaluation

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** Class Three to @Bristol all day

Class Four Assembly 9.15 a.m. Parents welcome

## December

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** Children's Christmas Post begins

Class Five to Bath Abbey

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** School Fair

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Class Five to St Nicholas Court (p.m.)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Carol Service @ St Nicholas 1.45pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> End of Term 2

A reminder that parking on the ZigZag lines outside the school is potentially dangerous

## January 2010

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** INSET Day 5

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** Term 3 starts for children

## February

**Wessex Water visit for Class Five**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** End of Term 3

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>** Start of Term 4

## March

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** Friends Quiz Night

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Class Four to Warleigh Lodge Farm

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** Auction of Promises (TBC)

## April

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** End of Term 4

Other term dates available online or by request

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** INSET Day 6



**Guy Competition &  
Bonfire  
on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>  
November after school**

Late addition: I have been asked to give a reminder to the parents of Year 6 pupils who haven't yet submitted an application to transfer to secondary. The deadline is 31st October 2010. There is now a Choice Advice Service available for parent/carers who would value advice. Rowan Tanner can be contacted on a free phone number 0800 073 1214.