



Dear Parents and Friends,



Changes

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Edmund on the birth of their baby boy. Max weighed 9lbs 3oz and measured 63cm! He's looking forward to meeting Class Five and the other children!

Congratulations to Harriet and Evetts on the safe arrival of baby James, a brother for Eleanor and Lucy. He was born on Friday 1st April.

In Term Five we will be welcoming Bath Spa trainee teacher Ms Norrish who is starting her Final PGCE Experience in Class Two on April 27th.

Inclusion Quality Mark



Hurray! We have just heard that we have been awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark. This award recognises the work that the school undertakes in ensuring its inclusive nature for all children and adults. The school has gone through a rigorous process to ensure it meets all of the standards involved in IQM. As a school we sailed through the assessment day and the final

report is a very positive endorsement of the work that we do here.

I would like to thank all staff, governors, parents and pupils who were involved in the process and in particular Mrs Wood, for her inspiring leadership, and Mrs Clarke for their excellent work in assisting us in ensuring inclusion in this school is outstanding.

Out and About

Our Orchard



The school now has a small orchard in the village. The ten apple trees were donated to the school by Airbus Ltd as one of a number of initiatives to promote biodiversity to young people in schools. On Thursday the 24th of March a group of willing diggers, mainly from Class Three, went up to the Dry Arch allotment site to dig in the fruit trees. Thanks to Daisy Stanton and her father James who nominated the school to receive the trees!

I am especially grateful to Emma Naysmith for her hard work and enthusiasm in involving the school in the Dry Arch project. Emma organised the first 'Seed Handout' and a good number of families have taken home seeds to care for so they can later be planted into the allotment.

Georgian Bath



On Tuesday 29th March Class Five visited the Building of Bath Museum & No 1 Royal Crescent. They are learning about Georgian Bath. We are really keen that our children develop an understanding of this amazing city of ours!

India



On Wednesday 9th March Class Four enjoyed an Indian meal in their classroom. Everyone dressed up, in saris and appropriate clothes. We are grateful to the kitchen team at Bathwick St Marys who cooked some delicious Indian food for this event. Thanks to the wonderful parents who came and helped.

Auction of Promises

The Auction of Promises at the Village Hall on Saturday 12th March was a great success. It was superbly organised by Jennie Franks and her team, and benefited from a huge range of generously donated lots, and a great crowd

who entered into the spirit of the event whole heartedly! Auctioneer Teresa Frank was hilarious and tireless! The waitresses and auctioneers assistants were hospitable and professional. Thanks to everyone involved!

The final total from the Auction of Promises was £4270. What an amazing total! £795 is going to Playgroup; the remaining £3475 is going into the New Building Appeal, which now stands at £8 756.

Those children who were looking forward to adventures on the water will be excited to hear that parents David and Henny Howard, who own the Cafe Boat, are starting up a boat-hire company this summer. More later!

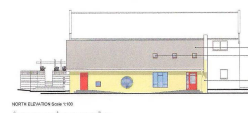
Giving to the Friends

I understand that the 'Friends of Bathampton' have signed on to a website called 'justgiving.com'. This enables those who wish to make a donation easily.

Easter Eggstravaganza

On Wednesday 6th April there was a Easter celebration in which children brought in painted Easter eggs. Thanks to Jules Millhouse for organising this event.

News



I am glad to report that planning permission for the new building has been agreed and that the proposed enlargement of the school has been formalised.

Work on the new building is due to start on Monday 16th May and to be completed by 16th September. The temporary building will be in use until the changeover, and then removed in the autumn holiday.

Class Configurations

It is worth drawing your attention to the change in class configuration coming this September as the average age of each class will be higher than it is now.

Class One is going to be a mixed Reception and Year 1 (Y1) class for the first time since the additional class was added in 2008. Class Two will become a Y1 and Y2 class containing the majority of the Y2 children, Class Three becomes a predominantly Y3 class with a small number of Y2s, and Class Four becomes a Y4 class with a significant number of Y5 children.

The important thing to appreciate is that although a class may have the same name the teachers annually adjust their teaching to fit the actual children in the class. The teachers are expert at differentiating teaching and learning in this way as attested by the typically high attainment of children at the school.

We tend to inform parents about new classes in Term 6, but if you have any special concerns please speak to me sooner.

Fitness and Sport



Healthy Schools Plus...nearly there!

As you may be aware, we have been working hard over the last year to renew our Healthy School status, to achieve the new 'Healthy Schools Plus' award. We have, amongst other things, introduced regular skipping sessions for each class and spoken regularly about eating a healthy, balanced diet. We are also listening to suggestions and implementing improvements suggested by the pupils for lunchtimes and the playground environment. With the impending building work, this is proving to be a challenging aspect, but we are committed to making playtimes a positive experience for all.

We recently had a review of our work done so far in our quest for the award. We are proud to say that we are very close to achieving Healthy Schools Plus and will be pleased to inform you of our full recognition in due course.

Football

Well done to the School Football Team who have played a good number of matches this term. It has been a great help having the managerial expertise of Roberto Montani. He is encouraging a strong awareness of space, and of the importance of clean passing.



Year 3 & 4 Tournament

Well done to the Year 3 & 4 Football Team who played in the annual tournament. This took place on Saturday 26th March at Monkton. The team played 5 matches and won two, drew two and lost two. They then played a friendly and won.

Tag Rugby

On Thursday 31st March our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team took part in the Tag Rugby Festival at the Stoddert & Pitt Ground. There were 16 schools taking part, and it was a great afternoon of rugby. The team had a great time!

Dance



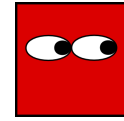
Dance Umbrella

Congratulations to the Dance group who took part in Dance Umbrella at the Forum on Thursday 24rd March. We had the expert help of Hannah King, who is studying dance at Leeds University, and the children are to be congratulated for their hard work, and enthusiasm.

Curtain Up Drama!

Good luck to Josephine Lye who will be appearing in 'Guys and Dolls Junior' at the Wroughton Theatre Bath from 7-9th April. Josephine is a member of Curtain Up Theatre

School and will be playing the part of a Doll. Tickets are available from Bath Box Office 01225 463362



Collecting younger children

Do you collect younger children? Could you please ensure you are able to see the member of staff letting your child go at the end of the day.

We need to make eye contact in order to be able to let the child go. Thanks for this!

Diary Dates

April

Friday 8th End of Term 4

Tuesday 26th Start of Term 5

Friday 29th Royal Wedding Bank Holiday

May

Monday 2nd May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd Bath Spa PGCE teacher to Class Two

Wednesday 4th Evening Meeting Parents of 2011 Reception

Monday 9th May is KS2 SATs Week 2011
Year Six children **must** be in school this week.

Please do not book any sleepovers during this week or in the week before as these tend to affect children's concentration and morale.

Friday 6th Class Three to Sports @ St Marks p.m.

Tuesday 10th Class One to Warleigh Lodge Farm

Friday 13th Friends' Quiz Night (N.B. New Date)

Monday 16th Building Work starts



We will have very little asphalt remaining during the building work so children will need wellington boots when the grass is damp or be unable to access any play space except the fake grass. Hopefully the weather will be wonderful and we will be able to play on the field anyway but you never know!

Thursday 19th Outreach Event @ The Forum for Class Five

Friday 20th Class Five to Tribal Tournament

Sunday 22nd Dad's v Village Cricket Tournament

Friday 27th End of Term 5

June

Monday 6th INSET Day

Tuesday 7th Start of Term 6 for children

Wednesday 8th Pedestrian Training Class Three

Wednesday 15th Class Two to Sports @ Bath University p.m.

Friday 17th Open Morning for Reception 2012

Thursday 23rd School Choir & Orchestra to Festival @ The Forum

Wednesday 29th Orchestra Concert in School Hall 3.30 p.m.

July

Friday 1st Class Three to Bristol Zoo

& Class Five to Life Skills Centre p.m.

Saturday 2nd Summer Fair

Thursday 7th Induction/ Shunt Afternoon

Friday 8th KES Summer Workshop

& Y3/ 4 Cluster Tagtails Tournament

Monday 11th Sports Day Option One

Monday 18th Sports Day Option Two

Friday 22nd Leavers' Service

School dates online at

www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar

