



Dear Parents and Friends,

## Changes

We are rapidly approaching the end of the academic year, and the end of a very busy and enjoyable term. We are saying goodbye to a superb group of Year Six pupils. The children did very well in their Year 6 SATs, achieving our best ever Level 5 results in English and Maths; these are a talented bunch generally! In some cases we are saying goodbye to families who have been with us for many years and made important contributions to the community.



This year has also seen a record number of school families moving abroad!



Having initiated the link with The Lime Tree School in France the Surgey family are moving to the same village in France making the link even more special. The partnership was revitalised this term by a visit from Martin Poulard (left) who spent a week at school while staying with his pen pals Elias and Alex. The Bird family have recently moved to USA as Andy has RAF duties there. The Stewart-Jackson family have moved to a sunnier life in

Spain. The Jaroszewski family are returning to Poland. We wish Phoebe, Holly, Bella, Poppy, and Kewin and their families every happiness in their new adventures!

We are also saying goodbye to Freya Disney who is moving closer to home, to Kingswood School, and Carl Willis moving to Bathwick St. Mary. We wish them every success in their new schools.

Staying in Touch



It was a real pleasure to have a visit from Millie Romer, her brother Jake and parents Kate and Giles recently. Millie was especially pleased to meet up with the three guinea pigs the family donated to the school before leaving for Portugal. Just because people leave doesn't mean that the relationship ends...far from it. There must be a lot of family friends hoping to visit and catch some sunshine!

## Staff Changes

Class One will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Best who has taught them during Mrs Evans' maternity leave. She has been a great team member and will be missed.

We are also saying goodbye and thank you to a member of staff who has been with us for three years. Chui Chak is finishing as a SMSA (Dinner Supervisor). In her place we are welcoming Julie McDonald who will have special responsibility for

managing and encouraging Outdoor Play at lunchtimes.

Aisling Gormley has done a great job starting up and running the Breakfast Club, and is now moving on to start up a PGCE in Aberystwyth University. We wish her all the best as she takes on the challenge of teaching. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Chun will be running the Breakfast Club from September.

## Key Dates 2011-12

- INSET Day 1. Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September
- INSET Day 2. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
(Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September Children start back)
- INSET Day 3. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- INSET Day 4. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- INSET Day 5. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June

## In School Personal Project Week

Freedom to choose!



As a school we are keen to offer children independence and choice when appropriate. The bi-annual Personal Projects week is now keenly anticipated by children, and it is exciting to see what ideas are dreamt up!



Examples included Noah Richardson's Tuatara lizard, a reminder of his birthplace in New Zealand, Freya Disney and Adanna Symonds' erupting volcano, and a detailed train layout created by some of the train buffs in Class Five, led by Henry Thomas.



Other projects included film-making, Power Point presentations, model mini-worlds, dolls houses and books and booklets. Yasmine Sooudi and Enya Maylor wrote: "We think the teachers enjoyed Project Week as much as we did because we saw their happy faces and grins!"

Friends News

## Target Achieved!

£10,000 target achieved ahead of schedule!



Congratulations to Jennie Franks, Teresa Hall, Milena Sorlini and the amazing Friends team! The Friends group of 2010–11, initially led by Lisa Doerr, have achieved incredible success in hitting a very challenging target by Easter! It was a genuinely daunting figure and they pulled out all the stops! Thank you to everyone who has helped and to everyone who gave so generously. The benefits will be seen when the new building (see below) is in use. The school governors wrote to thank the Friends, describing their achievement as ‘remarkable’.

The current leadership team are taking a very well deserved break and we have a new brave trio taking over; with Kev Humphries as Chair, Hannah Isaac as Secretary and Hayley Symonds as Treasurer. I know they will value your support as they plan new events! The first event fixed for the new academic year is the 3rd October, a coffee morning for the new parents.



The work is going *children* building well, and

we are hoping to see walls and a roof when we return in September.

## Summer Fair

*The sun shines again!*



Despite the rather wet July the sun shone all day for our Summer Fair on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Following the success of last year’s Village Celebration the event drew large crowds and generated a great buzz. The high quality of the music acts meant that people lingered to enjoy the music after sampling the diverse stalls and games.



Well done to the School Choir who sang in the open air. Thanks to everyone who helped out and who came and spent so generously. The Fair raised £1,743 profit, leaving the Friends comfortably in the black after handing over £10,000 towards the new building!

# Assembly Stars

## Class One Assembly



Class One have been very busy this term learning about keeping healthy. We looked closely at different fruits and really enjoyed tasting them, even the lemon! We have also been learning about Africa; we enjoyed acting out the story of Handa's Surprise and sharing our learning with you in our assembly. Thank you all for coming.

## Egyptian Life



On the 7<sup>th</sup> of July Class Four put on an Egyptian assembly to parents and other classes. There were songs, dances, acting, facts and much more. The parents laughed so much their faces went red when William Metcalfe was mummified (wrapped in loo roll).

Everyone dressed up as different members of the Egyptian society. There were dancers, scribes, embalmers, slaves and farmers. Overall the assembly was a great success.

By James, Adanna, Deeva, Josephine, Max.K and Rowan

## Class Four's Trip to the Egyptology Galleries



On the 13<sup>th</sup> of June Class Four visited the Egyptology Galleries at Bristol Museum. When we arrived there the building was absolutely MASSIVE!

First we went to a workshop in which we had to guess who the objects belonged to and if they were a replica or an artefact. In the afternoon we spent time in the galleries and looked at the topics, LIFE, DEATH, AFTERLIFE and BELIEF. We picked our favourite artefact and wrote down the use of it. We also got to see a dead body – Yuck! At the end of the afternoon we drew a rough sketch of the Temple of Dendera by David Roberts. We really enjoyed the trip and would like to go again! Report by Luke B and Oliver H.

*Class Three Visit to Weston Super-Mare*



In May Class Three went to Weston Super Mare Sea Life Centre as part of our topic on sharks. It took the coach about an hour to get there, but we got there without anyone being sick. I had a great time looking at the fish and observing them. At last, after a very fun morning it was lunchtime. Then we could play on the beach for our afternoon there. Me and Lizzie made a sandcastle with a moat and 4 towers, one at each corner. Then we buried Lizzie and made her look like a mermaid. That was one of the best things I did. We also had an ice cream. I had a fabulous time.

Soon it was time to go. It had been a very fun day. The best thing I did was observing the fish and building the sandcastle. Report by Laurie Leake



*Class Two and Three both enjoyed trips to Bristol Zoo*



*Class Three's Trip to the Zoo*

In connection with Class Three's topic on Habitats they visited Bristol Zoo on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Children were given maps and in small groups were encouraged to decide on their own route around the zoo. Particular favourites were the lion cubs, penguins swimming overhead in an underground tunnel, a sea lion cub snuggling with its mother and the meerkats bathing in the sun. The children also had an opportunity to spend time in a tropical rainforest with stunning butterflies.

At the end of the day the children participated in a workshop where they had to sort animals into groups according to their characteristics and also got to hold a cockroach and stroke a rat and gecko. It proved to be an extremely busy and interesting day.



Class Two enjoyed a fun and informative day at Bristol Zoo, with an education session about adaptations for different habitats.

Tilly Spivey wrote: 'It was very interesting. My favourite were the lion cubs because they looked very cuddly. I saw white and pink flamingos. I learnt a lot about animal habitats'. Ellwyn liked the baby seal 'because it was sweet and noisy when it called its mummy'. Roan liked the

seals very much 'because they did wicked flips in the water'. He wrote: 'I had an awesome day seeing all the animals'.

#### *Class Three Trip to Victoria Art Gallery*



#### **Report by Mrs Wood**

Class Three had a terrific morning out on 14<sup>th</sup> July when they visited Victoria Art Gallery. They walked the 2.3 miles there, taking a brief rest at Sydney Gardens. The gallery was showing the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Bath Society of Artists, so there was a real variety of work.

Activities included children choosing their favourite painting and explaining their choice to a friend. It was splendid to observe the vast array of tastes within the class and note that Martha's tastes match the judges, as she picked the winner! Finally the class took the boat back and enjoyed the clandestine views from the river.

#### *Class Three Columbus Explorers Trip*



Class Three had a terrific time setting off in the footsteps of Columbus after their showing assembly. Carrying the Spanish flag they made their way towards Bathampton woods. While in the wood they searched for the kinds of fruit

originally found in San Salvador including a pineapple, marrow, chillies and a sweet potato. Next they undertook a flora and fauna survey in small groups. Then the class were shown how to light and put out a fire by Tanya Orgill. Finally in the spirit of the first explorers who exchanged gifts with the Tanio tribe in exchange for help and food, we returned to school via Ursula's house where a small gift was exchanged for the use of her toilet.

#### *King Edwards*



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July Class Five attended the KES Summer Workshop. Class Five pupils were invited to King Edward's School to take part in either a Geography or Chemistry workshop. The children were extremely excited to be able to use Bunsen burners in the Chemistry workshop. Everyone really enjoyed themselves; the children's enthusiasm was fantastic as they asked lots of interesting questions and shared their ideas confidently. The Chemistry teacher complimented the staff on the excellent behaviour of the children.

*Thanks to everyone who helped on a trip!*

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to come and help on class trips. Your support makes these trips possible and truly enjoyable for everyone.



Report by Elise Maylor

'On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July Class Five went on what I thought was the best trip that I have ever been on in the school! The Centre is on the fourth floor of the 'Create' building in Bristol. It has ten different stations that are set up like real emergencies that could possibly happen. I have two best bits. My first was when'... (sadly we have to censor the rest of Elise's report as part of the impact rises from the unexpectedness of what happened next.)

We can reveal that Elise summarized the day as 'an awesome day which I will never forget!' Another pupil described it as 'fun, educational and eye opening'. We hope that the children won't need the skills they learnt, but at least they are prepared!

## Childrens' Voice

'Free Range' Children @ Children's Parliament



*Two excellent politicians!*

On 12<sup>th</sup> July, Josephine Lye and Oliver Rowley did an outstanding job of representing our school at the BaNES Schools' Parliament in Bath Spa University. Josephine and Oliver had put together a presentation, which promoted the theme of giving more opportunities for "Outdoor Learning." Their photographs of "Free- Range" children enjoying a variety of outdoor learning experiences

captured people's imaginations and they were voted to become one of the six finalists.

In the afternoon, Josephine and Oliver worked constructively with children from other schools to present their ideas to local councillors and the mayor. The final vote was a very close finish, with Bathampton School's suggestion coming joint-second. As the two later said, "When the time came to present the posters we were a bit nervous because the Mayor was watching when we came up. It was a great success and Bathampton came second." This is great news as the council are committed to looking again at the proposals of the top two finalists.

## Pedestrian Training

*Safety on the Streets*



We are grateful to the team from B&NES who have been helping teach road safety skills to children in Year Two.

## Music and the Performing Arts

*Orchestra*



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July the School Orchestra and Windband gave a skilful and enjoyable concert.

### Bath Primary Arts



Festival

12 schools took part in the Arts Festival titled 'Journeys' held in The Forum on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The School Choir sang very effectively in the massed singing led by Musical Director and Conductor Mary Edwards, and the School Orchestra played a traditional spiritual, 'Gospel Train' arranged by Louise Jenkins

## Rave on!

### KS2 Disco fever



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July the older children enjoyed one of Stuart's great discos. Some great dancers!!

## Clubs in School

### Future Science



Following a great assembly by Future Science a new club started this term



Tania Orgill's PlayWood Club, ably supported by Kara Baker, has continued to be successful. Tania is currently working for the school on a freelance basis supporting trips, and advising teachers on Forest School methods as needed.

## Sport and Fitness

### Sport Days

One new feature of this year's Sports Day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July was the recently acquired marquee which gave valuable shade.

### Testing yourself



Many children love competitive sport and this photograph illustrates the effort every child put into their events. All the children enjoyed a refreshing orange juice drink after their sports, kindly donated by AIMS refreshments, Bristol.

Competition



On the 28<sup>th</sup> June our Y 3 & 4 team played against Bathford School. As well as helping to win the game, one player made his mother's day. Oliver Howard celebrated his goal by lifting his shirt and revealing a birthday message on a T shirt!

Tag Tails Tournament



Over 270 Year 3 and 4 children from the St Mark's Sports programme dodged the rain and each other to take part in the 7<sup>th</sup> Inter- schools Tagtails Festival held on our field. Brendan Rouse, the Sports Coordinator, said that every child had at least 5 matches, with almost every child capturing a tag from the opposing teams. As the forecast was for showers the teachers and parent helpers showed real commitment to give so many children this competitive opportunity.

### Race for life

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June Lottie, Sophie, Freya. D, and Freya. M all did the race for life. It was really fun even though it was raining. There were thousands of people running it and it must be very popular, we could tell because it was very crowded. We got used to running the 5k. We all sprinted at the end because everybody was clapping and we were excited that we reached the end!!!!!!!

We got a medal and a goodie bag for finishing the Race for Life !!!!!!!!!!! Report by the girls!

## Success in Maths Challenge

*Ex-pupils Maths Success*

Ex-Bathampton pupil Sam Parsons, now at King Edwards, was recently selected to take part in a Dodecahedron Maths Challenge Final at Dautsey's School.

Over 700 Pupils in the Wessex area aged 12 and under, from some 200 schools took part. Sam did very well, and we understand that he came joint third!

## Community Notices

*Thanks for the vouchers*

A big thank you to all families and friends of the school who kindly donated Tesco and Sainsburys vouchers. We collected an impressive amount; nearly 2000 from Tesco and 8000 from Sainsburys. These collections make a big difference to the amount of new equipment we have in school, and we look forward to receiving our IT and PE orders next year.

Please look out for Morrisons' vouchers in September!

*Library Books*

We would be grateful if families who have missing library books and maths games would have a search for these during the holiday. It's amazing how many books are discovered under beds and behind cupboards!

#### Chairs

Anyone who has visited our staff room recently will have seen that our chairs are looking rather tired and showing more foam than is ideal! If anyone knows a good firm that can re-cover chairs, or has the skills themselves we would be very grateful indeed. Times are tough and budgets under pressure but it would be good to see the staff room looking more cared for in the new academic year!

#### Uniform

Parents have requested clarity on uniform and we have up-dated the uniform information and enclose it with this newsletter. We hope that this is helpful!



#### Gridclub

A reminder that all children belong to the amazing online Gridclub! There were 1155 log ins in the last 12 months! 52% of which were in activities supporting literacy and numeracy. If you haven't it search for Gridclub. Our user name is bat0219 and our password ba26tq.



# Thanks

To all helpers

Thanks to everyone who has come in and helped in school this academic year.

We have a huge number of parents who have assisted in special projects, visits and clubs and it has helped make the school the friendly and rich place that it is!

We **greatly** appreciate your time and commitment. The children benefit so much from having adults other than teachers in school!



Have a great  
summer  
holiday!

From all the staff!

## Diary Dates

**Bathampton Primary School**  
... together on a learning adventure



September

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> INSET Day1**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day 2**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Children start Term 1 including Reception**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> American Trainee Teacher Kristen Fleming to Class Three**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> New School Council elected this week**

& All Reception children a.m. only

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Class Four to Cirencester**

Bath Festival of Children's Literature  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

### **October**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Reception children start full time if ready**

& Books Around the World Week

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> First School Council Meeting .**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting 7.15–9.00pm**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Inclusion Quality Mark Celebration @ Guildhall**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Reception: Optional Full Week**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Handwriting Audit**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Individual Photographs** (All staff and pupils)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Ted's Big Day Out** (Flower Power dressing up!)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Reception: Full Week starts

**Friday 21<sup>nd</sup> End of Term 1**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Start of Term 2**

& Parent/ teacher interview fortnight.

### **November**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> SEAL Assembly**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> INSET Day 3**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> National Anti-Bullying Fortnight 2011**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Class Four to Roman Baths**

### **December**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> End of Term 2**

### **January 2012**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day 4**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Spanish Trainee Teachers begin visit**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Term 3 Children start**

### **February**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> End of Term 3**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 4**

### **March**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> End of Term 4**

### **April**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 5**

### **June**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> End of Term 5**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> INSET Day 5**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Children start Term 6**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> End of Term 6**

**All term dates available online**

[www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar](http://www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar)

