



# BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families and Carers

As another half term comes to a close, it really is incredible how quickly time passes in school as we start to look towards the end of the year!

Over the last term, the children have been so busy, having a great time learning about Rivers and Coasts as part of their 'Splish, Splash, Splosh!' topic. Key stage 2 really enjoyed their time at the Plymouth Aquarium this week investigating 'sea life' and I was really proud of them, hearing such positive comments from the guides at the aquarium about their 'mature behaviour' and 'high quality of questioning'. No doubt the Year 2 children will also have a great time there during their 'Shark Sleepover' next half term!

I am so pleased that, with everyone's support and hard work, we can offer the children such a wide range of opportunities to succeed at school. Bikeability at the start of the term seems a long time ago now for Stag Class, but the children did really well to achieve their certificates - more importantly, giving them more confidence on their bikes and keeping themselves safe.

Fox Class have developed their swimming skills and stamina throughout the half term at Tiverton Swimming Pool, and again gained in confidence in the water. It was a joy to watch our year 4, 5 and 6 children take part in the Aquathlon recently, overcoming their nerves in some cases to take part in what was a really challenging event and showing just what they can achieve, supporting each other as a team. As time moves forward, and with Mrs Jones now fully qualified as a Swimming Instructor, we look forward to the children developing their swimming even further and taking part in more events.

The children did so well taking part in the 'Exmoor Challenge' again this year and all of the practice walks running up to it, again challenging themselves to achieve and the 'Wilcombe Wobbler' team gave a 'sturdy performance' this week with the Year 4 girls achieving 4<sup>th</sup> place!

As SATs are now complete, although there is still a lot of work for the children to do academically, we look forward to a fun-packed final half term with the Shark Sleepover, PGL Barton Hall residential, the end of year performance, Surf Lifesaving, the Bickleigh Swimming Gala, just to mention a few. Our new After School Club offering childcare to 6pm starts after half term with exciting activities planned – make your booking through School Comms.

Thank you to all the teachers, support staff, PTFA and of course you as parents for all of your support and hard work in helping to provide such wonderful opportunities for our children!

We will continue to send out more information about clubs, residentials, educational visits and other key dates soon and as always, look out on the website/email/School Gateway for the bi-weekly newsletter and lots more information. Don't forget, you can also view our Twitter feed showing what is happening in school as well. Any other queries, obviously enquire at the office or by email.

The next Parent Voice meeting has been scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm but as always, if you need to speak to me before, catch me around school, call on the office number or email me at [g.bladon@swsf.org](mailto:g.bladon@swsf.org)

Have a great half term and we will see you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Bladon'.

Gary Bladon  
Head of School