



# BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## September 2015



Welcome back to school! We do hope you had a good holiday and have enjoyed the 'family time' together, even if the weather wasn't what we might have hoped!

We welcome our new teachers to the school this year, Miss Canty in Hedgehog and Fieldmouse class, Mr Carter in Squirrel Class, Miss Cumberlidge in Fox Class and our new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Stevens in Fox Class. Unfortunately, our other new Teaching Assistant, Miss Clarke, is not yet able to start with us in Fox Class due to illness, but we are expecting her soon. Thank you to all the teachers, as well as Mr Dean and Mrs Morgan, for preparing the school so well for a new start to the year. The swimming pool has also been cleaned and is ready for use straight away this year, which is great news. Welcome as well to Lucy Bull who has joined Sue in the office.

The children looked really smart coming back into school. Thank you parents as well, it really does show a pride for the school and put the children in the right frame of mind for learning.

It was great news to hear how well our year 6 children achieved in their end of school SATs tests last year. The results showed a year on year improvement for the school over the last 5 years and we look forward to continuing to go from strength to strength. A challenging year ahead, especially for our year 6 children, who I am sure will rise to the challenge!

We look forward to our Curriculum theme this term, which is 'Africa'. I know teachers have already sent out information about the children's learning for the term and we will be informing you shortly about day trips and activities which will link in with the curriculum theme to support their learning. Clubs for the term have also been arranged and you will receive details of these shortly.

Residential visits this year will be; Year 3 & 4 have the opportunity to stay in Paignton in October, Year 5 & 6 will stay in Dorset in June next year and Year 1 & 2 will have a sleepover some time in the Spring/Summer Term. Again, you will receive more information through class letters closer to the time, especially the Paignton visit which will be soon upon us!

The PTFA will continue to organise the Rag Bag Bin in school. It earns money for the PTFA, so if you do have any unwanted clothes, pop them into a carrier bag and hand in to the office. The PTFA have also arranged a meeting in school on the 18 September at 9.15am, so if anyone would like to get involved, please come along.

The Reading Raffle will continue this year. As you know, we expect the children to read at home at least 5 times a week. Don't forget to sign (or initial) the Home/School Reading Contact Diary each time they read and if you want to, make a comment. These will be checked and every time your child reads 5 times they will be entered into a draw.

Water bottles will continue to be provided this year to help the children enjoy a healthy lifestyle. Following some concerns last year, we will be labelling the bottles differently this year to ensure the children can more easily identify their own water bottle.

As a reminder, please make sure that children bring in their swimming kits in a waterproof drawstring bag (NOT plastic carrier bags please, unless they are inside the drawstring bag).

As I wrote in the end of year newsletter in August, as a reminder you will probably have seen that the school's new Website is now on line and will be further developed and updated this year. These newsletters will now be available on the website as well as weekly newsletters detailing ongoing news and information. To save resources, the weekly newsletter will not be printed and sent out as a hard copy but if you prefer, we can add you to the distribution list to receive the newsletter by email if you contact the office. Look out for the new photo gallery and flickr link on the website as well and the new 'Class Pages' area of the site, where teachers will be communicating information relating to their own classes. Don't forget to follow us on our new twitter account, @BamptonSCH as well. All the dates for the year will be on the calendar on the website, including the date for the next Parent Voice Meeting. If you need to contact me directly, as always catch me around school, call on the office number or email me at [g.bladon@swsf.org](mailto:g.bladon@swsf.org).

Looking forward to another enjoyable and successful year ahead for everyone!

Take care, *Gary.*