



# BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**April 2017**

Dear Families and Carers

Welcome back to school, I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and made the most of the lovely weather we had!

Over the last term, the children have continued to work hard, enjoying their learning about our 'Active Planet' and have had a great time getting 'out and about' to explore and extend their learning. Hedgehog Class thoroughly enjoyed their day out at Knightshayes, Otter Class had a super time on the beach at Combe Martin taking part in the Bioblitz and Key Stage 2 did a brilliant job, representing the school at the Ilfracombe Swimming Gala, to mention only a few. Thank you to the PTFA for a great evening arranging 'Bampton School's Got Talent' and well done to all of the children who took part.

It was a lovely end to the term with the children taking part in the Easter Eggstravaganza and their presentation during the Easter Service in Church. It's always a pleasure to walk down to Church as a whole school, listening to the church bells being rung by our bell ringers. The PTFA raised nearly £300 at the Eggstravaganza – well done and thank you to them and all the parents who attended this and the church service – a great turn out.

It's good to see all of the children return to school this term full of energy and they have already started work on their new topic, 'Splish, Splash, Rivers and Coasts'. Look out for class letters, Topic webs, 'KIRFs' and Home Learning Sheets, amongst other information in your child's Book Bag today. If in doubt, you can also see these documents on the website under 'Class Pages' or have a chat with your child's class teacher. This term, we will also be focussing on the school value of 'Forgiveness and Compassion'.

As you know, it's a really important time of year for Year 2 and Year 6 with their external assessments (previously known as SATs – otherwise known to Otter Class as "Secret Agents in Training") coming up. Information is being sent out about them by the class teachers but again if there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or myself. I know they, like all the children in school have been working hard and obviously we wish them well!

Year 5 have already started their 'Bikeability' this week and we look forward to the Exmoor Challenge coming up soon. Thanks again to teachers and parents for supporting this over the last few weeks, helping on the practice walks. I'm pleased to say the works to the Pool surround and Changing Rooms are now complete and we look forward to another term using our lovely pool. Some of the children in Key Stage 2 will also be taking part in the North Devon Aquathalon in a few weeks' time. We will send out more details over the next few weeks.

As a quick reminder, as the better weather approaches we will be looking to increase the amount of time children spend outdoors, especially with PE and Woodland School activities. Therefore, could you please make sure that children have at all times in school their PE Kits, Swimming kits and outdoor clothes for Woodland School. If you think your child needs sun cream during the day, we suggest that you apply some before school and also provide a sunhat for outdoor play.

We will be sending out more information about clubs, residential and educational visits and other key dates soon and look out on the website/email for the bi-weekly newsletter for lots more information. Don't forget, you can also view our Twitter feed showing what is happening in school as well. I know the rollout of School Gateway has been widely praised by parents but don't forget that if you have any queries on it to see the office.

The next Parent Voice meeting has been scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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)

Looking forward to an enjoyable, successful Summer term for everyone. Thank you all for your continued support,

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

Gary Bladon