



## BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families and Carers

As another academic year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting yet again on a fantastic year at Bampton School.

The children continue to work so hard and there are so many people who make great efforts in order to ensure that they receive the best education they can possibly can, through a wide and varied curriculum.

Our pupils have really enjoyed their time learning about Rivers and Coasts ('Splish, Splash, Splosh!') especially Year 2 with their 'Shark Sleepover' which was a great success and one we intend to continue next year. The list of opportunities continues to grow for our children, adding 'Surf Lifesaving' to this year's learning experiences, building on the more traditional experiences such as The Wilcombe Wobbler, Exmoor Challenge, Youth Speaks, The Two Rivers performance and the residential experiences – to mention just a few!

It is good to see more and more children participating in PE and sporting events this year. It is something that we really believe has a positive impact on the well-being of our children and helps them to develop both physically and academically. Swimming is starting to be further developed, thanks to Mrs Jones training to become our own swimming instructor and enthusiastically organising clubs and events. Sports Day was a fantastic day last week as well. Thank you everyone who helped to arrange it and those who came along to support. Some very competitive parents in the adults race I noticed! It was really pleasing to hear such positive comments about it as well as the PTFA BBQ afterwards, many commenting that it was the best Sports day they could remember! Incidentally, the PTFA are still on the 'look out' for parents to help out, so if you have any 'spare time', no matter how much, If you could get in touch through the office, I know it would be really appreciated. Again, thank you everyone!

Well done to the Year 6 children with their SATs results this year. It was great to see the 100% pass rate in Maths (compared to a national average of 75%) as well as 90% in the SPaG test, 80% in Reading and 80% in Writing (77%, 71% and 76% being the national average respectively). A fabulous effort by everyone – really well deserved. Well done as well with the Stag Class performance of 'School Daze' this week, a great end to the year celebrating our Year 6 leavers time at Bampton School. All the children showed off their talents, learning and delivering some complicated lines with humour and professionalism. In particular, the singing was beautiful. Thank you to all the staff involved in the production and those working hard behind the scenes. It is always sad to see the year 6 children leave school at this time of year but we are all very proud of them and their achievements during their time at Bampton School and we wish them every success as they move forward to the next stage.

It was lovely to read the Ofsted report that came out this week as well. Again, everyone in school works tirelessly to give the children the best education they can, but it is always good to get that reassurance from Ofsted. The full report can be downloaded from the school website. Again this year there are so many people to thank, including; teachers, TAs, parents, members of the PCC (especially Reverend Kevin and 'The Open the Book' Team) many other people in the school community and of course the children, who continue to go 'the extra mile' in what they do to ensure that Bampton School remains such a fantastic school.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to 2 fantastic teachers this year, Miss Garland and Mr Fortune. Both have had such a positive effect at Bampton School and the children they have taught. We wish them well in their new ventures and hope they pop in and say hello in the future, although we do recognise it is a long way for Mr Fortune to drive! We thank them both for everything they have contributed to the school.

As you already know, Mrs Brown is also retiring at the end of term. We wish her a long and happy retirement and thank her for such a massive contribution to Bampton School, helping to lead us through such changing educational landscapes. She has always kept the children at the heart of everything we do.

The curriculum focus for next term will be 'Ancient Egypt' in our topic 'Walk Like an Egyptian' and the teachers, including the new teachers have already started planning some exciting lessons and learning experiences for the children. Anyone out there with anything they can offer, either experiences to or artefacts to share with the children, please let your class teacher know.



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And finally...

Well done to **all** the children this year with their learning! Reading their reports, I was again impressed with comments from the teachers and was delighted with the progress they have all made. We are really proud of them and how hard they have worked.

As you will know, more information about what is going on in school and timetables for next year are on the school's [Website](#), including links to the Tesco's uniform site. The 'Class Pages' will be developed the first week back at school and look out for the new 'Testimonial Page' we are currently developing, where we will be posting all of the lovely comments we receive from parents and visitors about the school.

All the dates for next year (plus some great local events) are being added to the calendar on the website, including the date for the next Parent Voice Meeting (12<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm). If you need to contact me before, as always, catch me around school, call on the office number or email me at [g.bladon@swsf.org](mailto:g.bladon@swsf.org).

In the meantime, have a great summer and enjoy the break!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Bladon', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gary Bladon  
Head of School