



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

A message from Mr Bladon:

Well done to all the children who participated in last week's Swimming Gala at Ilfracombe. It was great to see all the children socialising with other children in the Federation and other schools in North Devon, thoroughly enjoying taking part in the competition. A big well done as well to all the children who took part in 'Bamptons' Got Talent'. All of the acts were thoroughly entertaining, showing a wide range of skills and abilities and making decisions REALLY difficult for the Judges. Congratulations, to the winner Sonya Johnson for her very clever – and flexible – dance routine. Thank you to Dolly Parton for her entertaining compere work and to all the PTFA for rallying round with refreshments and the raffle. A really successful night with this, and seeing even child working really hard in all of their lessons. Particular mentions go to Fox Class taking on their 'Times table' Challenge on Fridays and Stag class who are working extremely hard towards their SATs in a few weeks' time; it is great to see such a positive attitude from them all. I really believe that giving children a wide range of opportunities to achieve can give them inspiration to challenge themselves, overcome their 'fears' and aspire to be the best they can be in everything they do.

Gastroenteritis: You are probably aware that a number of children and staff at school have had gastro-enteritis over the last few days.

Although it's classed as a "mild illness" by Public Health England, it is very infectious – the most usual symptom is vomiting.

Some people may have diarrhoea and/or abdominal pain. Symptoms rarely last for more than 24 – 48 hours. The incubation period (time it takes for the illness to develop) is between 24 and 48 hours.

If your child is affected, please keep him or her off school/nursery. He or she should not return until 48 hours after the diarrhoea and vomiting have stopped.

The virus is easily spread from person to person. Good hygiene by everyone in the family and through the school reduces the risk. This means washing hands with soap and warm water after going to the toilet and before preparing or eating food.

It is important to clean up carefully when someone has been sick as vomit is very infectious. It is also important to clear up spills of vomit or faeces immediately, by thorough washing of the contaminated environment with detergent and hot water. It has been suggested by PHE that for hard surfaces, (floor, work tops etc) an additional disinfection with a dilute solution of Milton or household bleach (according to manufacturer's instructions) will reduce the contamination.

In School, we have been ensuring that all children are using good

Term Dates

(more dates on [school website](#))

Sunday 12 Mar: 8.00am Year 6
Exmoor Challenge Walk 2
Landacre Bridge

Tuesday 14 Mar: Y2 Bioblitz
day at Combe Martin

Wednesday 15 Mar : Fox Class
Swimming at Exe Valley Leisure

Wednesday 15 Mar: Open the
Book Assembly

Sunday 19 March: Bell Ringer
Club visit to Exeter Cathedral
School; Denmisch Ring

Thursday 30 March: PTFA
Easter Eggstravaganza

Friday 31st March 2pm: Easter
Service at St Michael and all
Angels

Good Luck to the After
School Bellringing Club who
are going to the Guild Young
Ringers Event in Exeter, at
the Cathedral School,
Denmish ring on **Sunday
19th March** .

The Denmish Ring is a
simulator ring of 10 bells
linked to computers. Our
Young Ringers thoroughly
enjoyed their last visit and
this event promises to be a
fantastic experience.
They've also been invited to
watch the Exeter Cathedral
Bellringers practice! We
look forward to hearing
about it!

handwashing techniques (Nursery have even had fun using paint as 'germs' so they can see how germs spread and how good hand washing helps clean those germs off). The water bottles will go through the dishwasher on Friday evening as they do every week and we have been washing them every night.

We are also ensuring the school/nursery is thoroughly cleaned this weekend to reduce any further risk.

Thank you: A big thank you to Les and Josie Wensley for their work this week on the trees near Nursery. They worked hard to clear some of the overhanging branches which has made a huge difference to the amount of light on our outdoor play area!

Also **thank you** to those parents who continue to volunteer in school, whether it's helping with our gardening/pond; reading with the children, helping with swimming – many thanks.

Parish Administrator: St Michael and All Angels has a job vacancy:

ADMINISTRATOR required to look after the Parish Office based in Bampton Church. Varied range of responsibilities include organising the monthly rota of services for the five Hukeley Mission Community churches and initial point of contact for all wedding and baptism enquiries. Good organisational and computing skills required. Tact and ability to maintain confidentiality essential. Contract for services (preferably 2 hours each day Monday to Friday) will be offered. Further details available from the Rector, Revd Kevin Chandra (331865) or Miss Sue Leach (332162).

Homework club: Did you know that LARCs run a Homework Club for our KS2 children on a Wednesday after school? It started as a group to help out our Year 6 children as they approach their SATs but it's been so popular they have kindly extended it to anyone from KS2. It's staffed by some brilliant volunteers who bring a wide range of experience. Do see the office if your child is interested.

Please fill out this short survey about Sports provision in our school. You can find the [survey here](#)

And finally: don't forget to check the [School Website](#) for photos of the various events we have.

Breakfast Club would love some donations of any board games you might want to donate! Things like Chess, Draughts, Ludo – the children seem to love the traditional ones! Jigsaws and card games also go down well.

Many thanks