



## A message from Mr Bladon:

Thank you to Open the Book this week who not only delivered another wonderful story (of Elijah & the Ravens – well done Tilly, Eliza, Brinley, Hugo and Owen for helping out too) but also presented the new Bibles we have been given by “**Bibles for Children**”. Each child has their own copy to follow them through school. If they bring them home please ensure they come back to school the following day, as they are to help with their school work.

I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed Miss Johnstone to cover **Miss Diggle’s maternity leave** later this year. Miss Johnstone brings a wealth of experience to her new role and will step seamlessly into Hedgehog class. We are now advertising for an EYFS lead to take over from Miss Johnstone in Fieldmice class on a temporary basis whilst she covers the maternity leave. We will let you know when we have more news on this.

Congratulations also go to **Mr Carter**, who has been appointed Head of Science at a school in Bath. He will take up his new post in the New Year. We are, of course, extremely sorry to see him go and wish him the very best in his new role. We have advertised for his replacement and will let you know as soon as possible about that.

We are delighted to tell you that we have been shortlisted for the **Tescos Bags of Help** initiative for November and December to raise money for IT equipment at Bampton School. Please can you ask for “**Bags of Help tokens**” at any Tesco’s when you shop and either hand them in to the school office or keep them until November. We will let you know which store has been allocated to us (we suspect it will be Tiverton, for obvious reasons). Either way it doesn’t matter as we can collect them in advance anyway. More here at [www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp). We could receive up to £4000 depending on how many tokens are collected!

All of the dates for the children’s performances have now been agreed and are now on the school website. KS1 will present “**A King is Born**” in December, a traditional Nativity told with an exciting festive twist. KS2 will lead our whole school Christmas service in Church on the last day of term and will also perform this year’s annual performance at the end of the Summer Term.

**Parent Consultations** take place next week on Monday and Wednesday evening. Please be prompt for your ten minute slot. Your appointment is being sent home today in book bags.

If you’ve taken the **Pupil Premium test** on School Gateway and it’s indicated you might be eligible, the next step is to call Devon County Council on 0345 155 1019. Find out more [here](#). It’s always worth applying – let us know if we can help.

Next Half Term’s **After School Clubs** are being outlined now. Letters about those will go out next week via School Gateway. Do remember that all bookings for all clubs is via School Gateway (app or website). Swimming lessons will continue after HT but on a week by week basis – as you know, use of the swimming pool in the winter is dependent on the weather! We hope to get a few weeks at least.

**Term Dates** (*more dates on [school website](#)*)

**Mon 16 Oct:** Parent consultation evening

Swimming lessons as normal

**Tuesday 17 Oct:** Egyptian day at Bampton School

- Mr Carter’s Football Club (moved from Mon)
- Miss Diggle’s Craft Club
- Mrs Melmoth’s Lego Masters

**Weds 18 Oct:** Parent consultation evening

**Thurs 19 Oct:** FGB meeting at Woolacombe School

**Friday 20 Oct:** KS2 trip to Dark Skies Festival in Dunster

**Mon 23-Fri 27 Oct:** Half Term

**Mon 30 Oct:** NON PUPIL DAY

**Tuesday 31 Oct:** PTFA “Spooky Tombs” Disco 3.30-5.30

**Weds 1 Nov:** KS2 Trip to Tutankhamun Museum

**Thurs 2 Nov:** KS1 Trip to Tutankhamun Museum

**Fri 10 Nov:** Remembrance Day

Children have been working on their Christmas Card designs in class, ready to be sent off for printing by the PTFA. If you’d like to do a family one too please let the office know as we have spare templates. *Designs must be handed in by half term.*