



## BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

July 2015



Dear Family of

I am always surprised how quickly the end of the school year seems to come around. The summer term has been as busy as ever and there is a lot to celebrate!

Throughout the term, parents have continued to support with work around school, especially the outdoor areas which are looking so much tidier. The area outside the EYFS classrooms is now suitably prepared for work in the Autumn term. We look forward to seeing new learning areas for the children and our new 'bug hotel' being built. I know how hard you have all worked and really appreciate all you do for the school!

Clubs and sports events have continued this term including regular events at Tiverton High School and the Aquathon in Ilfracombe. More recently, the cricket teams have played in local kwik cricket festivals. The Year 6 team spent a day at Heathcoat Cricket Club and the Year 5 team at Tiverton High School, competing against other local schools. Both teams made it to the semi-finals. Well done everyone!

Earlier in the term, Key Stage One and Two children had a super day at Morewellham Quay, where their learning about the Victorians really came to life. It was good to see them dress up in Victorian clothes, learn about life in Victorian times, including what it was like at school and working around the quay and in the mines. I was particularly impressed with their behaviour and how they supported each other. A credit to the school!

Well done to all the children in Stag Class who took part in The Lion King performance at Tiverton High School recently, their hard work over the previous weeks in school really paid off and looked fantastic with their masks. The performance was really professionally executed and it was good to see Bampton School represented in the Tiverton Learning Community.

The NATRE Spiritual Art competition was a huge success this term, as the whole school spent a day considering the theme of "Where is God?" Children's responses were thought provoking and the day culminated with a wide range of creative artwork! It was great to introduce our new Vicar, Rev. Kevin Chandra to the school as well, who kindly judged the competition for us. Congratulations to all the winners whose entries will now be forwarded to the National Competition.

The new 'Open the Book Team' gave their first presentation during Collective Worship this term as well. A big 'Thank You' to everyone from church who gave up their time and showed their talents to bring to life, through drama, "Jesus Calms A Storm". We look forward to the 'Open the Book Team' continuing these presentations weekly throughout next year.

Everyone had a great day at the school fete, and great weather as well! Thank you again to the PTFA for organising everything. It was really well attended and was great to see so many parents getting involved. An amazing £1139 was raised! The PTFA work really hard for the benefit of the children and we really appreciate the community's support at their events. I am always amazed at how much influence they have...persuading Queen Victoria to open the fete and the Red Barrows Display Team to offer their support was quite inspiring!



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We were also blessed with great weather for our Sports day, which saw all the children competing against each other. Great teamwork and sportsmanship from everyone involved and again it was good to have so many parents and families there to support the children. Thank you!

Well done for Stag Class with their performance of 'The Victorians', a great end to the year and a super way to show off the children's talents. Thank you to all the staff involved in the production, working hard behind the scenes as always.

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

It was great news to hear how well our year 6 children did in their end of school SATs tests as well. All of their hard work and resilience paid off, not only super results but also great progress again. We look forward to the results being published in the autumn and are really proud of what they have achieved. We wish them well as they continue their journey onto high school and hope they pop back at some point to let us know how well they are doing. With our wonderful SATs results we are certainly ending the year on a high!

Well done to all the children, parents and staff for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

It is sad to have to say goodbye to Mrs Johnson from Squirrel Class this year. She has been a committed teacher to Bampton School for a long time, well respected by everyone and I am sure that we all will miss her. We wish her the best as she continues her career in her new school.

Not 'goodbye' but, 'will see you soon' to Mrs Bennett who will soon be flying off to tour the world over the next 12 months! We look forward to her return next year where I'm sure she will be able to spend the following 12 months telling all the children all about her adventures. We hope she keeps in touch along the way!

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 in September. Weekly newsletters will be published on the site and other news and information will be on the website as well. Don't forget, the weekly newsletter will not be printed and sent out as a hard copy, in order to save resources 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. All the dates for next year will be on the calendar on the website, including the date for the next Parent Voice Meeting. 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 with the children and take care, Gary.