



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and a happy new year to you all!

We had a fantastic end to last year with a wonderful performance of 'Tuishi Pamoja' by the key stage 2 children, a lovely performance of the Nativity by the younger children and whole school carol service in Church. It never ceases to impress me how confident all of the children are in their performances and how professional they come across. Thank you again to everyone who worked hard behind the scenes to support the children. We are pleased to say that the DVDs for the school performances have been edited over the Christmas period and will be sent out to you with the children shortly.

The children came back looking as smart as always (thank you again!) keen to tell us all about their Christmas (especially their presents) and have already started to learn about the new curriculum theme, 'The Terrible Tudors and Explosive Stuarts.' They have already settled back into school routines, including the children in Fox, Squirrel and our new 'Otter Class' who have new teachers, classrooms and/or new classes!

We welcome to school this term our new teachers, Mr Templeman and Miss Garland and wish them well. We also welcome Mrs Dyer, joining us as a Teaching Assistant and Mrs Luxton who has joined the school as Lunchtime Supervisor.

Class letters, Topic Webs, 'KIRFs' and Home Learning Sheets, will be sent out by the teachers this week and more information about your children's learning can be seen on the school's website (<http://bampton.school.org/>) including the 'Class Pages' tab. On the website, you can also view our Twitter feed showing what is happening in school and see all of the school diary dates which are regularly updated. They include a Phonics Workshop for KS1 parents on 20th January, a Parent Voice Meeting on 27th January and 'Bampton's Got Talent' on 3rd February, so 'start practising!' Also watch out for a Maths Workshop. A date will be on the website soon.

In school we will continue to be focussing on 'Building Learning Power' with the children and how to become 'Super-learners.' We have already started talking through Collective Worship about what this looks like in the classroom and other words we can use to explain what a 'Super-learner' is. This will continue in the classroom and will be celebrated in Collective Worship on Fridays. This week, we also look forward to Stags Class' Assembly as well. Everyone is welcome.

As ever, we ask that you are involved as much as possible with the school and your child's learning. We know it makes a big impact on their learning. This includes reading daily with your children, asking questions about their understanding of texts and recording this in their reading diaries. As we always say, 'little and often' makes a big difference to your children's learning! The reading raffle will also continue this term.

We also have several Educational Visits planned over the course of this year, offering exciting opportunities for the children to learn outside the classroom. These include:

- 25th-29th April: **Dorset Residential**. This is open to pupils in Stag class and explores the extraordinary Jurassic coast, including the Historic Docklands in Portsmouth, Beaulieu Museum and some outdoor activity at Moors Valley Country Park.
- 10th – 13th June: **Barton Hall**. This is open to all KS2 pupils and is a PGL activity weekend, offering outdoor adventure activities.
- October: **Cornwall**: This is open to pupils in next year's Fox class (current year 2 and year 3). We stay on site in the Eden project (exploring the Rainforest biome at night) and other sites of interest in the county, including St Michael's Mount and the tin mine at Geevor.

Again, these visits can be found on the website or if you ask at the office. Further details will be forwarded closer to the time.

As a final point, there are some items of lost property which were left in school at the end of last term, mostly school uniform items that were not labelled. Please speak to Miss Canty in Hedgehog class if you have anything missing as soon as possible as unfortunately it is not possible to keep lost property indefinitely.

As I have said, the next Parent Voice meeting has been scheduled for 27th January at 3pm 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

Looking forward to another enjoyable, successful year ahead for everyone! Take care,

Gary.