



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and are looking forward to the Summer term. Hopefully the weather will start to get warmer soon!

We had a great start to the year with the children again working really hard, enjoying the curriculum theme about the 'Terrible Tudors and Explosive Stuarts' and demonstrating their learning with some fantastic Celebration Assemblies (some more gruesome than others!) The children and teachers looked fantastic in their book character costumes during 'World Book Day' and thoroughly enjoyed sharing their favourite books with younger children across the school. Well done again to everyone taking part in 'Bamptons Got Talent' and those involved in the Aquathlon event and Youth Speaks competition. Thank you to the PTFA as always for all of your support, including arranging the 'Easter Eggstravaganza,' it was good to see so many parents at the Easter Service in church again as well. We hope that parents attending the Phonics and Maths Workshops enjoyed 'their learning' and it has helped to support their children's learning further. As always, your involvement with the school and your child's learning really does have an impact. Thank You.

The children have already started to learn about the new curriculum theme, 'The Groovy Greeks'. 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://bamptonschool.org/>) including the 'Class Pages' tab. Don't forget, 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.

In school we will continue to be focussing on reading in school as well as 'Building Learning Power' and 'Growth Mindset' so please discuss this with teachers and your children and ensure your child reads daily. We also enter that time of year which is so important for our Year 6 children as they work towards their end of school assessment tests (previously known as SATs) and prepare for their journey towards high school. I know the Year 6 children are already working particularly hard towards this. Look out for class letters and diary dates on the school website for more information.

You may have noticed the recent investment in IT in the classrooms over the past term as well. The children will now be able to benefit from new PCs in the classrooms linked to visualisers and interactive monitors. We intend to further invest in IT in the future, focussing next on IT for the children. In the meantime, our next focus for the summer will be the outdoor area. New play equipment has been ordered for the top playground and grass area, which should be arriving later in the year and we are looking to improve the play surface of the current play equipment, so if anyone has access to top soil, we would really appreciate your help! We will also be looking to improve the outdoor area by the Nursery and Reception area. Sleepers have been purchased, Mr Dean has put up new fencing and parents have already prepared the ground. We would appreciate your help again if possible, so again watch out for information coming your way.

We are looking forward to a range of new clubs and events throughout the term. Clubs for the first half of the summer term will include a 'SATs' Booster Club, which will be run by Mr Chanin on a Monday. After 'SATs' he will also be running a Rounders Club for KS2 on a Monday. On a Tuesday, Mr Templeman will be running a Cricket Club for KS2 and Mr Carter will be starting a Science Club for KS1 and KS2, followed by an 'Olympics Club' later in the term. On Mondays Miss Garland will be running a 'Music and Theatre Club' for KS1 and Lower KS2. Miss Canty will be running a Swimming Club and our music clubs are also back. More details will be sent out soon and again, look out on the website. We also look forward to the annual 'Teddy Sleepover' event to help to raise funding for CHAT, the 2 Rivers Festival, numerous sporting events, including those at Tiverton High School, another Aquathlon event in North Devon and of course 'Sports Day'. We wish the children taking part in the Exmoor Challenge on the 30th April the best of luck! They have been training hard on weekends running up to the event and we thank Mrs Wensley yet again this year for organising the event and giving up her personal time!



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Don't forget, we have several Educational Visits planned before the end of the calendar year, offering exciting opportunities for the children to learn outside the classroom. Again, further details will be forwarded to you soon, alternatively, look on the website or ask at the office. 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.

As a quick reminder, as the better weather approaches we are looking to increase the amount of time children spend outdoors, especially regarding PE and 'Forest School'. Therefore, could you please ensure that children have their PE Kits, Swimming kits and outdoor clothes for 'Forest School' in school daily. Although we work to timetables, we like to take every opportunity to ensure the children take part in outdoor learning as often as possible.

The next Parent Voice meeting has been scheduled for 19th May 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 an enjoyable, successful Summer term for everyone and again, thank you for your continued support.

Take care,

Gary.