



# BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## September 2016

Dear Families and Carers

Welcome back to school and I hope you enjoyed the family time together. I look forward to hearing about all of the children's 'adventures' and hope the GB Olympic team has given them inspiration and a vision for what can be achieved with a positive mind-set!

It's always an exciting time of year with the children coming back to start in their new classes, some with new teachers and as always, they looked really smart in their new uniforms on the first day back. Thank you, I always say that it shows a pride for themselves and the school and puts the children in the right frame of mind for learning.

Our year 6 children made great achievements last year before seeing them off to High School. As you will know from the press and previous newsletters, national expectations for children's learning increased significantly last year and they all rose to the challenge, working incredibly hard. It will be a challenging year ahead again this year however I am sure all the children will continue to rise to the challenge.

We welcome Miss Diggle who will be teaching in the Reception Class and leading the EYFS team. I know she is eager to spend time with the children and looks forward to getting to know them and the parents better. We also welcome Mrs Baker back to Fox Class and I know she is also keen to get to know her new class after her time away on Maternity leave. There are three other 'specialist' teachers from the Federation joining us this term as well. They are: Mrs Overney, Mrs Martin and Mr Fortune, who will be teaching and supporting teachers to teach languages (Spanish), PE and Music and the 'Arts' respectively plus supporting academic provision. They will be in school for 1 day each week and will be offering additional afterschool clubs to those offered by Bamptons teachers. We also welcome Mrs Melmoth who is supporting in the EYFS.

As well as Spanish, PE and Music, a main focus in school will be Reading this year. As always, we express how important reading daily at home is to the children's learning. Home-School Reading Diaries will continue and other reading initiatives are being organised, including raising the profile of the Reading Raffle and welcoming 'Dogs for Kids' into school. As discussed in previous newsletters, this year KS2 will be attending lessons at Tiverton Swimming Baths and during the holidays, I am sure you will be pleased to know that the swimming pool liner has been replaced and a patio area and replacement lights and the pool is ready to use and has been today!

The Curriculum theme this term is 'The Romans'. Teachers will be sending out information about the children's learning for the term in the next day or so; please look on the website under 'Class Pages' for further information and for 'Meet the Parents' sessions. We start off with a Key Stage Two visit to Bath and a Roman Experience Day for Key Stage One, both of which the children will be really excited about and will provide a great stimulus and platform for their learning during the term, no doubt filling them with inspiration!

Otter Class also start the year with a day watching the 'Tour of Britain' in Tiverton. Who knows, they may be inspired to become GBs next Olympians!

Thank you to everyone who replied to the questionnaires we set out online regarding our review of our school values and establishing interest for an after school club. We will be analysing the results over the next few weeks, so there is still enough time to voice your opinion if you have not had chance to yet. Speak to Lucy in the office who will 'point you in the right direction'.

Details of after school clubs will be sent out shortly and look out on the Website for lots of other information, including details of the Residential visits for the children, PTFA meetings and events etc as well as newsletters. Don't forget as well, the links to the photo gallery on 'Flickr' and our 'twitter account', (@BamptonSCH) as well. All the dates for the year will be on the calendar on the website.

We always welcome volunteers into school to support swimming, reading etc and we do have a vacancy for a MTA – please contact the office if you are interested.

The next Parent Voice Meeting will be on 15th September at 2.45pm. If you need to contact me directly, as always catch me around school, call on the office number (01398 331121) or email me at [g.bladon@swsf.org](mailto:g.bladon@swsf.org).

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

Many Thanks

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