



## A message from Mr Bladon:

As always, we have had yet another busy half term. Just this week alone has seen several events taking place both in and out of school and the children have excelled themselves in representing the school.

The year 6 children have had a great week following last week's SATs – I am so proud of the way they dealt with the tests and how they worked so hard throughout. Thank you to Mrs Wensley who organised the breakfasts for the children and to parents for their support as well. The children really appreciated it and it really did 'set them up' for a good day.

We thank Mr Keenan this week for his work over the past few months in Stag Class. He has done a great job and we have all enjoyed working with him. Mrs Chesterfield starts after Half Term and the children have already made her feel very welcome on her visits into school. We will arrange a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting for parents as soon as she has settled.

This week we also appointed Miss Lancelles, who will start as an additional class teacher in KS1 in September. The School council did a brilliant job of helping with the interviews and she told them that one of her great passions is Drama. Again, we shall arrange a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting for parents in September.

We also welcome Mrs Haxell to the teaching team this week, who has already started her TA role in school, working with the children in Reception initially.

Year 5 had a fantastic afternoon on Wednesday with Mr Main, as part of a collaborative project run by West Buckland School. They designed and made Viking helmets and decorated them with patterns and gems. Once the clay is air dried they will wrap them in different materials and fire them in an outdoor fire-pit at Buckland school. Obviously we will display them in school once they have been completed.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Wilcombe Wobbler this week. It's always a great event to be involved in with the TCLP and this year was no different. Everyone completed their race with great enthusiasm with one child winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Year 3/4 boys race and the Year 3/4 boys finishing overall 1<sup>st</sup>! Thank you to the parents who could attend and support the children, it was great to see you there and it made a big difference to the children as they completed. It was good to hear a comment from one parent who noted not just how well the children ran, but also how well they supported each other throughout the morning.

The NDTSA Aquathlon takes place today and again it's another event Bampton enjoy being involved with. Children have to complete laps in the pool before then running around a field! We wish the competitors the very best of luck.

Have a safe, restful half term week and see you back in school on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

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

**Friday 25 May: 7.15pm:** PTFA Bingo Night@ Riverside Hall

**Mon 28 May – 1 Jun:** Summer Half Term

**Mon 4 June:** Second half of Summer Term starts

***(BSGT auditions will also continue this week; an email has been sent home)***

**Fri 8 Jun – Sun 11 June:** KS2 PGL Barton Hall

**Wed 13 June:** Bickleigh Swimming Gala

**Mon 18 June:** Year 5 to West Buckland School for Art day

**Tues 19 June:** Y5/6 Rounders Tournament at THS

**Thu 21 June:** Y2 Shark Sleepover

**Tues 26 June:** Y3/4 Capture the Flag @THS

***Next newsletter: 15<sup>th</sup> June***

Don't forget! Tonight's the night for the PTFA Bingo at Riverside Hall! Doors open 7.15, eyes down at 8. All proceeds to the PTFA. Thanks to Bampton Fruit and Veg for their kind donation of all the fruit and veg towards Prize Meals.

Bampton Luncheon Club has donated £200 to the PTFA. Many thanks to them for such a generous contribution!