



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



July 2018

Dear Families and Carers

What a fantastic end to a great year, with the brilliant KS2 performance of 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory' and an emotional 'goodbye' celebration for the Year 6 children, following the lively and enjoyable Year 6 Leavers BBQ.

We hope you enjoyed another hot and successful Sports Day again this year as much as we did. Thank you everyone who helped to arrange it and those who came along to support – the children had a great day! Thank you as well to the PTFA for organising the BBQ afterwards. The event raised £192.96! Again, thank you everyone!

The members of the PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) have done sterling work yet again this year for the school. Behind the scenes they have supported the school in lots of ways, including some new initiatives, such as the wonderful Christmas Fair in the Riverside Hall and the "Spring Bingo". These fundraising events have meant they have been able to donate a large amount of money towards the school's ICT plan for next year. We are putting it to good use and you will start to see the impact of that at the start of the next academic year, together with ICT investment by the school. Without this donation from your PTFA, this project would have taken longer to get started. In September there will be a chance to offer suggestions and help for the PTFA, which can be as much or as little as you can give, so do please show your support for them.

The children have worked really hard again this term, despite the wonderful weather, which had the upside of providing us with the chance to work outside more but the downside that the temperature has somewhat significantly increased! Yet again, I have been impressed with their great achievements with their learning as well as their personal development. They have really enjoyed learning all the topics this year, including 'The Vikings' this term and I am sure they will always remember the experiences they have had, such as the 'Shark Sleepover' for the Year 2's, Surf Lifesaving for KS2 and the year 6 London Residential, not to mention Youth Speaks, The Exmoor Challenge, The Wilcombe Wobbler, The Wellington Maths Challenge, Swimming Galas and the Aquathlon!

Thank you to all of the parents who have helped out in school as well this year, from reading with children to helping out in the pool. Your effort and support is greatly appreciated, not just by me but I know the class teachers are extremely grateful and your help makes such a difference to the children. Thank you.

I have been incredibly proud of all the children this year in the way they represent the school in different ways. Whenever we go out of school, we always receive compliments from members of the public on their behaviour and manners. This term lots of children have helped in community events, such as the Bampton Luncheon Club and also the Dementia Support Group at LARCs. One recent email to the school read: *"the children were all, without exception, polite, kind, thoughtful and helpful...They all politely introduced themselves at the start and thanked the Group members and volunteers at the end, and were generally a great credit to the school."*

Well done as well to the Year 6 children with their SATs results this year. They worked so hard and showed great resilience with their learning this year and we are really proud of their achievements! It is always sad to see the Year 6 children leave school at this time of year but we are all very proud of them and their achievements during their time at Bampton School and we wish them every success as they move forward to the next stage.

As I said previously, the KS2 performance of 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory' was a fantastic success, with the children showing off their wonderful talents, bringing both laughter and tears of joy and pride to many! Thank you again to all the staff involved in the production and the parents who helped to organise professional photos, lighting and backdrop. Everyone's contribution makes such a difference and we are/I am extremely grateful.

The curriculum focus for next term will be 'Harmony and Conflict' which will tie in with the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. The teachers have already started planning their lessons and learning experiences for the children, with lots of thought on how to reflect on both local history and wider themes. If you have or know of anyone who might have something to offer towards this topic, whether experiences, artefacts or anything else please do let your class teacher know.



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And finally...

Well done to **all** of the children this year for the progress they have shown with their learning. Their reports showed just how much effort they have made and the personal development they have shown. We are really proud of them all!

As you will know, more information about next year will be on the school's Website and the 'Class Pages' will be developed for the first week back at school. All the dates for next year will also be on the calendar on the website, including the date for the next Parent Voice Meeting (27th September at 3pm). As always, if you need to contact me before, catch me around school, call on the office number or email me at g.bladon@swsf.org.

Have a great summer and enjoy the break!

Gary Bladon
Head of School