



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school everyone and I hope you have had a lovely summer! It's really pleasing to see how quickly the children have already settled into school over the past few days and how they are thoroughly enjoying their learning. As ever, they looked really smart in their new uniforms and were really keen to get started, so 'Thank You' – I am sure they had some help!

Our curriculum theme this term is 'Harmony and Conflict' and the teachers have been working hard, preparing for the new term. A big thank you to them for working particularly hard on re-arranging classrooms and preparing displays over the summer to create the extra class this year and a super learning environment! Teachers are also starting to organise 'Big Experiences' for the children over the term and will let you know when everything has been confirmed.

You will have received letters from the teachers today, giving you a lot more information about the term to come, as well as curriculum topic webs, 'Key Instant Recall Facts' (KIRFs) and details about home learning, which will give you all the details of how you can help your child/children with their learning. Look out as well on the school website under 'Class Pages' for electronic copies and more information.

After school clubs are being organised at the moment, details of which will be sent out shortly. Again, look out on the Website and School Gateway for more information about what's happening in school, including the school calendar, details of the residential visits for the children and regular newsletters. As always, don't forget the links to the photo gallery on 'Flickr' and our 'twitter account' ([@BamptonSCH](#)) as well.

You may already know that we have provided new water bottles for the children this year with a different design. The children will be able to bring these water bottles home this year to be cleaned and filled with water. Children can re-fill them at school as and when they need to.

We welcome Mr Bashford to the school this year. Mr Bashford is a mature student training to become a teacher through the North Devon Teaching School Alliance, and will be working with children in Stag Class. He has had much experience teaching outdoor education, and we look forward to any fresh ideas he might bring with him. We also welcome back Mrs Martin, who will be supporting teachers one day a week developing PE across the school.

As ever, parent helpers are always really welcome into school (thanks again to all of you who have already helped out) so if you have any spare time and feel you can contribute, please let us know. The PTFA are always looking for help as well, and they can be contacted through the office.

We have scheduled a Parent Voice Meeting earlier than usual this year on 27th September at 3pm. If you have any questions or queries, or indeed any ideas about how you feel we can improve your children's learning, please come along and get your voice heard. We genuinely value your opinion and ideas about how we can give your children the best learning experience possible.

As always, if you prefer to contact me directly, 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!

Many Thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Bladon'. The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping underline.

Gary Bladon, Head of School