



## BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



October 2018

Dear Family of

What a busy start to the year and how quickly it has gone! With so much going on in school, the summer break seems such a long way away!

The last couple of weeks have been particularly busy and at the time of writing, I am really looking forward to celebrate Harvest Festival in church. Thank you for your contributions to a very worthy cause; the Churches Housing Action Trust. Some of the year 3 are returning from the Cornwall Residential today. We hear that they have had a great time and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

This term's topic of "Harmony and Conflict" is progressing well. Thank you for all of the contributions some of you have loaned to the children. It's been really interesting seeing some of the maps and ration books that have been handed down through families.

Squirrel Class had a really interesting trip to Tiverton Museum. They explored the history of toys, looking at and handling different toys through the ages. They also made their own Victorian peg dolls which they really enjoyed. Fox Class and Ferret Class will also be making a trip to the Museum after half term and we have the author of the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse', Emma Carroll in school, visiting Stag Class.

Well done to year 3 who took part in the "Hi-5" Netball tournament at Tiverton High School. This fast paced game can be tricky to learn and our children had a great time competing with the other schools and we were really proud of their politeness, behaviour and skills shown during the event. Year 2 children also had a great time at THS, taking part in the Multi Sports Festival – again great behaviour and attitude towards sport – so many activities in one hour! It was good to see some of our past students at THS as well running the event as well.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who have driven and/or accompanied children to trips and events, your support is really appreciated and help make such events possible.

Last week we took part in the Big Draw national arts festival. Together with Mrs Grant and Mrs Wensley, each child created their own piece of art which has now been put together to make a whole school banner. The older children also experimented with light drawing techniques! A big 'thank you' to Mrs Grant who ran the project. You can see lots more photos on the school website.

The Year 4 children have been doing really well learning the trombone as well. There will be a performance for parents on 21st November. We'll let you know more details soon.

Parent consultations went well. Thank you for the excellent turnout, it makes a big difference to the children to know parents are involved with their learning. The next Parent Voice meeting is on the 15th November at 3pm, when you have the chance to suggest any ideas you might have about school life or ask any particular questions you might have.

Just a quick reminder about school uniform. We are getting a few reports of lost property from parents. It is important that ALL uniform is labelled with your child's name – It is so hard to find children's jumpers that are not labelled – there are 120 jumpers in school every day - if they aren't named we don't know who to return them to! One idea is that if you purchase a 'Stamptastic Stamp' ([www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk)) the ink is permanent and normally lasts all year.

Another reminder - Next week it's Bampton Fair and as you may have heard, there's some special events taking place to celebrate 760 years of the Charter Fair. It's catering for all the family - there will be a Big Top up at the Rec, a fantastic music event involving the Wurzels and some lovely circus skill workshops for children too. The organisers have very kindly offered to donate some of the proceedings to the PTFA - but they need your help! If you can offer ANY time next week to the PTFA, either helping at the bar or with the circus workshops, please do contact Laura Grant, either by email: [lauragrants12@googlemail.com](mailto:lauragrants12@googlemail.com) or via the PTFA Facebook page. Without more volunteers, this opportunity may not be possible and it promises to be a brilliant community event.

Hope you all have lovely half term break,

Take Care

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