

Bathampton Primary School Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Monday 6th January

Term Three begins

Thursday 9th January

Class Six to Lifeskills Centre

Friday 10th January

Class Five PlayWood for 5 weeks

Wednesday 15th January

School Council to Parliament

Friday 14th February

End of Term Three

Monday 17th February –

Friday 21st February

Half Term

Monday 24th February

Term Four begins

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final edition of our school newsletter for 2019!

Thank you for your continued support this term. It's been quite eventful and brimming with excellent achievements for the children. Notably the school nativity performances.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved with the Friends of school for continuing to provide social events whilst raising money, our school has a unique set of volunteers who really do make a difference.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you in 2020!

Best wishes

Mr Brewer
Headteacher

Visiting Owls

This term, Class Two had four owls visit, linked to their 'Light and Dark' topic. We learnt so many new facts about the different species of owls. Did you know that the colour of owls' eyes tells you whether they are nocturnal or day birds?



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New Mud Kitchen

Reception Class have a new mud kitchen that was kindly built and donated by Antony and Natalie Mills, parents of Daisy Mills in Year One. It is very popular and took three firefighters to lift into position. Thank you to the Mills family from all in Reception Class.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Details of clubs for the Spring Term are now showing on the school website.



BANES Schools Climate Emergency Network Meeting

On Monday 2.12.19 Mr Brewer attended an emergency climate meeting at the Guildhall in Bath, along with other headteachers, Councillors and representatives of other educational establishments. The morning was filled with guest speakers, notably Claudia Towner from Energy Sparks, Jo Marsh (Councillor) and Micaela Basford from B&NES Council. The group is aiming to really make a difference in Bath.



Mr Brewer and Governors will be discussing if, we as a school, should declare a 'Climate & Ecological Emergency' next term.

In the meantime, we have registered as a school with 'Energy Sparks', a company who will help our 'Eco Club' monitor our energy usage in school to see if we can become more 'green' in several areas. Our Eco Club will update you on this in the New Year. If you want to find out more, visit their website. <https://energysparks.uk/>

Nut Aware School

As you are aware, we are a Nut Aware School. We do have children who are allergic to nuts and nut products and politely ask all parents/carers to not use nut products in any packed lunches or snacks, as contact could have severe consequences for allergic children. Thank you in advance.



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School Nativities

This year, following our 'Survey Monkey' last January, we changed the format of our school Nativities.

We thank you for your support with this and were overwhelmed by the positive messages we received from parents and carers after all the performances. If you have any additional ideas please do let us know.

Thank you also to our staff who embraced the changes.

Reception/Year 6



Our Reception and Year 6 nativity was wonderful. To see the youngest children in the school cared for by our eldest during such a special performance was remarkable and unique to our school.

Well done children.

Year 1/2

The year 1/2 children equally shined. Their performance of 'Funky Camel' was notable as one that got us in the groove of the Christmas spirit. Thank you and well done children.



Year 3/4/5



Children in years 3, 4 and 5 performedand it was extremely memorable (oh no it wasn't, oh yes it was)! Seriously, it was a captivating performance by all the children and excellently managed with the additional numbers of children in this group. Some budding actors for the future!



Carol Concert

We also put on an additional Carol Concert in the hall this year which was very well attended. A total of 37 children played instruments and/or sang with the school choir. Well done children and keep up the practice!

Carols at Bathampton Manor

A small group of children from years 5/6 who sang with the choir, went to sing a variety of carols to the residents at Bathampton Manor. They did a wonderful job and some residents were visibly overjoyed. Well done children.



The Friends



An Update from the Friends of Bathampton

We hope our Friends events - Wreath Making on 3rd and the Christmas Jolly on 6th December were a brilliant start to the Festive Season for you all – it certainly was the start of the season for giving, with the Jolly raising an amazing **£2,139.89!**

Thank you to everyone who attended, organised and supported both events, which not only were a wonderful way for the children and parents of the school to enjoy time together, they also bring our total fundraising this term, including monies raised from Christmas cards and School Angel, to **£3,500!**

Funds raised have this month paid for each child to receive a small Christmas gift from the school, and have allowed the Year 6 class to visit a local school's carol service.

Monies will be going towards our target of £15,000 for the new school library, however, Friends fundraising has also, for the first time, recently needed to contribute £3,000 towards essential school supplies due to changes in school funding.

Your continued support is vital and hugely appreciated, along with supporting our events, don't forget to use School Angel when shopping online – it's a really easy way to donate to the school:
<https://www.schoolangel.org.uk/bathampton-primary-school.html>



2020 will see us ringing in the New Year with a new Friends Committee! Our recent AGM saw Kim Acton (mum of Josh, yr 3 and Millie, reception) and Claire Symonds (mum of Jack, yr 2 and Amelie, reception) voted in as co-chairs, with the rest of the team a mixture of experienced and new members all raring to go!

We'd like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Naomi (mum of Anna who has moved on to Haysfield, and Ollie, yr 6) who was chair for the academic year 2018/2019, but has been involved since her kids started school, and has lead the committee in raising £6,000 in her tenure through fantastic events and activities, along with introducing a survey to parents which provided so much useful feedback.

Well done Naomi, and a massive thanks to all of the members who have contributed over the past year!

We'll be back in the New Year with a mix of events aimed at both children and adults. We hope to circulate a calendar of 2020's events in the next newsletter.

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