

Bathampton Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

We've quickly come to the festive part of the year and children and staff are enthusiastically getting ready for their Christmas performances. We do hope you can make it to watch your child in their Christmas play this year as they are working really hard!

I wish you an enjoyable Advent period.

Best wishes
Mr Brewer



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 4th December

Christmas lunch

Friday 6th December

Friends Christmas Jolly

Tuesday 10th December

Class Six Carol service

Class One and Class Two
Nativity

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas Musical concert (for
choir and instrumentalists)

Thursday 12th December

Reception and Class Six Nativity

Friday 13th December

Class Three, Class Four and
Class Five Nativity

Monday 16th December

Christmas Parties week

Friday 20th December

End of term

Monday 6th January

Term three begins

Thursday 9th January

Class Six to Lifeskills Centre

Wednesday 15th January

School Council to Parliament



Bathampton Primary School - Local Primary School of the Year Award

Bathampton Primary School has won the
Local School of the Year award for the

second year running! We were also nominated for the Regional award and narrowly missed out. Our Year 6 School Council representatives went to receive the award along with Mr Brewer and Mrs Cook (Chair of Governors) in Bristol on Wednesday. The children represented our school in exemplary fashion as expected, well done children.

A massive well done to all the families who contribute towards making our travel to school sustainable, safe and fun! We should be enormously proud as a community.

Hugh Cornes is our fantastic new School Crossing Patrol person. He is a very welcome addition to the school.



Eco Club

Congratulations to Eco Club who managed to create a wonderful piece of art work that has been on display at 'Art Space' in Bath. The children's work was commended by the resident artists. The piece of art work was based around the theme of 'Climate Change'.

If you would like to see the piece of art, it is on display now in our entrance area.

Thank you to Mrs Yandell who gave so much of her time to facilitate the children's ideas.



Football

At the start of this term, year 5 and 6 pupils represented Bathampton brilliantly at a local football tournament. The team showed real sportsmanship and honesty and through their fantastic teamwork were unbeaten!



New Website Update

Please bear with us whilst the working party, consisting of four parent volunteers and three staff members, are busy planning the new website. The current website is still available but may not be updated fully. If there are any website designers able to help, we would love to hear from you!



Parking Outside the School

Please could parents and carers kindly refrain from parking directly outside the school when dropping off or collecting children as this poses a risk to everyone.



Friends Update



This month has been busy, but fun, and has seen us deliver some new events ideas which were generated directly from your responses to the Friends' recent survey – thank you for completing it; your ideas really make a difference! We also trialled contactless card payments successfully - no more desperate searching for coins before events now!

Thanks so much to all of you who have helped with all the various events with time and making cakes. Here are the celebration totals for each event;

Our Halloween Cake Sale £151.10

Our Winter Glo £475!

Beat The Chess Master event (Thanks to Roy Phillips). This event raised £115 - Congratulations to Will Powell (Class 5) who is our current Champion

As part of Road Safety Week, we worked with our Safer Routes to School Team to provide our active travellers with muffins, brioche, flapjacks, juice and milkshake! A big thank you to the Community Champions at Morrisons and Waitrose for providing half of the goodies.

Looking ahead we have a fun filled December! 10 Tickets are still available for Wreath Making (with prosecco) on Tuesday 3rd December – please contact Clare Evans on 07855 363224 if you would like to buy a ticket.

Tickets for our Christmas Jolly on Friday 6th December are now available to buy online. In order to complete the set up for the Christmas Jolly and to make sure the children are safely out of school as normal, the event will not open until 3.30pm

Don't forget to remind Santa to use School Angel when he's buying gifts (or one of the other methods outlined by Mr Brewer, Mrs Cook and Friends in the recent funding letter). School Angel is essentially free money for school for only one extra click: School Angel: <https://www.schoolangel.org.uk/bathampton-primary-school.html>

The Christmas printing orders (cards, fridge magnets, teddies etc.) are due back in the next week - 5up to £1 from each item ordered goes to the school.

Our annual school calendar with children's individual portraits in their birthday month will also be available to buy in December. Order forms should be in book bags. £2.50 from each calendar goes directly to the school.

After each nativity this year, Friends will be selling drinks, mince pies and kids xmas buns in the Miller Room at the Church. We hope that this is an opportunity for parents to refuel and chat to friends, even just for 15 mins!

The friends will also be supplying mince pies and mulled wine at the School Christmas Concert on Weds 11th in the hall.

All the events and activities are planned, run and cleared up by volunteers. If you can spare even 15mins as a one off help we would welcome it with open arms – every bit helps! Together, since September we have raised £815 towards our £15,000 overall library target!

Thanks in advance for your continued support and contributions.

The Friends



Free School Meals in Bath & North East Somerset

Are your children currently receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals at a school in B&NES?

Are you currently receiving one of the benefits listed below?

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- **Run-on** Working Tax Credit which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Did you know that if you are, you may qualify your Primary School for £1,320 worth of Pupil Premium Funding.

Please contact The Free School Meal Team on 01225 394317 to check your entitlement. All that is needed is your National Insurance Number and date of birth.



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