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Around the school this week: Reception have been busy writing thank you letters and cards for their Year Six partners. They're definitely going to miss them next year; Year 1 have compiled their own passports and made super drawings of Galapagos animals; Year 2 wrote their own pirate adventure stories to cap off their topic on pirates; Year 3 have planted their own bean seeds, which they are taking home to grow over the summer, having researched what conditions the seeds will grow their best; Year 4 had a visit from Cat Jarman, who talked to the class about her latest archaeological dig in Repton, where they are uncovering artefacts from the Great Heathen Army from Scandinavia; Year 5 and 6 took part in the Elias Prins commemorative service at St. Swithun's Church on Thursday, where they sang two hymns that had been written by Eli's wife, Ida. It was a very moving service, particularly when Gwythian Prins, Eli and Ida's son, read extracts not only from his father's diary on the day he escaped from Holland to come to England, but also from his grandparents just days before they were sent to a concentration camp. The children now have a very good understanding of the development and importance of the twinning between Alkmaar and Bath; Year 6's presentation of 'Bathford's Got Talent' definitely proves that Bathford does indeed have talent... in bucket loads! All the children were brilliant and it was wonderful to see such confidence. They are such a terrific group and they will all go on to do amazing things.



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Dear Parents,

1. **Leavers' Service:** You are all warmly welcome to the Leavers' Service will take place at St. Swithun's Church on Wednesday, 19th July at 9.30am. Bring some hankies!!
2. **Breakfast and After School Clubs:** Application and registration forms for the breakfast and after school club are now available, either as a downloadable form from the website or in paper form, available from the office. The breakfast club will run from 7.30am to 9am at £4.50 a session and the after school club will run from 3.15 to 6pm at £10.00 a session (10% discount for additional siblings). A handbook is being compiled and will be given to all interested parents.
3. **Mufti Day:** Your donations raise £106.60. Thank you all.
4. **Staycation Day:** The weather forecast looks good for our Staycation Day on Monday. We will be mixing the classes for a range of activities – Year 6 will be with Year R, Year 5 will be with Year 1 and Years 3 and 4 will work together. There are lots of fun activities planned. Can all the children please come in old clothes and bring in a spare set of clothes, as they may be getting a bit wet!
5. **Cake sales:** Thank you Rachael Bradbury for doing a fantastic job of running the cakes sales. Rachael would now like to hand over the responsibility of overseeing the cake sales to someone else. Is there anyone out there who would like to take over?
6. **Goodbyes:** As you all know, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Sturges, Natalie Caveen, Leanne Duda and Jill Hood as part of the Leavers Assembly at St. Swithun's Church on Wednesday July 19th. If you would like to contribute any money towards leaving presents for any of our leavers, the envelopes are being kept in the school office.
7. **Charity cake sales:** Ex-pupil Ella Mcleod is spending her summer raising money for Open Arms Malawi, a charity that provides medical attention, shelter, food and love to some of Malawi's orphaned and abandoned children and works to ensure that the children in their care have the chance to grow up with the love of a family and the security of a home. As part of her fund-raising efforts, she will be holding another cake sale after school on Tuesday, 18th July.
8. **Food bank donations:** St. Swithun's Church and Bathford School are supporting Bath Foodbank's initiative to support families in need over the summer holiday by providing the following foods: pasta sauces, fruit squashes, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned meat (not corned beef), packets of mashed potato, tinned

puddings, packets of soup, jam, biscuits and chocolate. Please take donations to Church or drop them into school by Thursday, 20th July. Thank you.

9. **Dinner money:** A final reminder that any outstanding dinner money **must** be paid before the end of term.
10. **Weekly Doodlemaths champions:** This week's top doodler is Year 5 Shem (4th week running!), while Year 4 Oscar came second and Year 5 Tallulah came third. Keep on doodling, especially over the summer holiday when all those mathematical skills can become rusty!
11. **Looking for amazing summer holiday childcare?**
SUMMER is nearly here and PH Camps cannot wait for their camp to start at Bathford Primary School. PH Camps run a number of successful camps around Wiltshire, Hampshire and Somerset for children aged 4-13! All camps run from 9:00am – 3.00pm and cost £80 a week or £18 per day. Activities will include; archery, indo boarding, fun sports and games, giant art projects, the big picnic, creative puzzles, solar powered cars and so many more amazing activities. To book, please visit www.phcamps.co.uk, or call on 01225 701830 to book a place. Want to use childcare vouchers? Not a problem, give them a call in the office and they will take your booking.
12. **Banking details:** If you would like to set up a regular donation to FOBS, the details you need to set up a standing order or just to make a one-off donation are as follows: Account name – Friends of Bathford Primary School, Account number – 24364363, Account sort code 52-21-30. A huge thank you to those of you who have already donated.
13. **Shop and support school:** Shop online and help raise money for school by joining *The Giving Machine* or *easyfundraising* and nominating school as your cause.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,
Karen Sykes and the team at Bathford Primary

Upcoming dates:

Monday, 17 th July	Celebration/'Staycation' Day (Year 2 trip to Longleat)
Wednesday, 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service @ St. Swithun's Church 9.30a.m. Winning House party p.m.
Thursday, 20 th July	Year 6 farm visit
Friday, 21 st July	Summer term ends

