



Dear parents,

Firstly, a very warm welcome to school for this new academic year. Although it's only been two days, the children have come back to school happy (no tears!) and eager to learn and it has been exciting to visit all the classes and see so much amazing work going on already.

- 1. Meet the class teacher:** Please come into the classroom to meet the teachers from **9-9:30** on the days listed. Teachers will be presenting information about their classes and there will also be an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.
 - Wednesday, 13th September: Year 1
 - Friday, 15th September: Year 6
 - Monday, 18th September: Year 5
 - Friday, 22nd September: Year 4
 - Tuesday, 26th September: Year 2
 - Friday 29th September: Year 3Reception Class are booking in individual parent appointments in the afternoons before children are in full time.
- 2. New Reception class:** We are delighted to welcome Reception class 2017-18 and their families. Children have had lovely mornings with Miss Freeman and teaching assistant, Debbie Cruse and Mrs McMullen is looking forward to being with them next week.
- 3. Family assemblies:** Please refer to the dates below to find out when your child's class will be doing their family assembly. The focus of family assemblies in the autumn term is on individual children having a go at public speaking and giving them a chance to 'shine'. Assemblies begin at 10.20 and last approximately half an hour. If your child's class is split into 2 dates, you will be given further notice of which date your child will be speaking closer to the assembly.
- 4. Photographs/ recordings:** A reminder that any images taken at events such as Family Assemblies, Harvest, Christmas performances etc. must be for your own use only. Images may not be uploaded for public viewing e.g. social media. Thank you for your cooperation.
- 5. School meals:** The cost of school meals has risen to £2.60. All schools in BANES are now struggling to provide Universal Free Infant School meals, as the cost to us has risen to £2.60 but the government is only funding the meals at £2.40. Whilst 20p may not seem much, this is adding up to thousands of pounds over the academic school year. We would welcome any donations from parents whose infants are having a school meal – 180 days (roughly the school year) x 20p would equal £36 or £12 per long term.
- 6. Clubs:** Club letters have gone out today and clubs will start the week beginning September 18th and run for 10 weeks. We have tried to offer a range of clubs for differing ages. Please ensure the club notes are returned by the end of next week (September 15th) with appropriate payment. I would like to emphasise how the money raised from clubs helps us to buy much needed essentials for school. Clubs begin at 3.15 and end at 4.15. Children will need to be collected from the class or area where the club has taken place. Unless your child has been absent from school on the day, please inform the club teacher if they cannot attend a session of the club.
- 7. Up to date e-mails:** Please let the office know if your email has changed- the emailed newsletter is a great way of keeping up with school developments and events, not just the next cake sale date!
- 8. INSET day:** The last day of this term, Friday 20th October will be our 4th Inset Day. Our 5th and final Inset Day will be on Tuesday, 2nd January, the first day of Term 3.
- 9. School Uniform:** It's always lovely to see the children back at school in their smart new uniform ready for a busy school year. As the weather becomes cooler, children need to have a school long-sleeved jumper/cardigan rather than a hoodie/jacket that doesn't fit with the uniform code. Shoes need to be school shoes and dark, unless there is a specific issue, in which case please see me. Colourful branded sports trainers are not acceptable. Jewellery is not permitted, apart from stud earrings, and long hair always needs to be tied up for PE. Please ensure all clothing is labelled clearly with your child's name and check it after every few washes to ensure the name has not worn off. Staff always endeavour to return clothing to children and it definitely makes life easier if it's named.

10. **Massive thanks:** Thank you so much to electrician/plumber Cas Gillard, who very kindly installed the Dyson hand driers over the summer holiday. Not only that, he also fixed the dripping tap in the children's kitchen. What a star! If anyone is on the lookout for an electrician or plumber, I can highly recommend him.
11. **GCSE results:** Believe it or not, 10-year-old Anastasia Slastikova sat her Russian GCSEs in the summer term and came out with 4 A*. What an amazing achievement! Not stopping there, Anastasia then went on to gain a Distinction in her Level 2 ballet exam. Huge congratulations to a very talented young lady.
12. **Roald Dahl Day:** Next Wednesday, 13th September, is Roald Dahl Day. Whilst we thought it was short notice for dressing up, if anyone would like to come dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character, they are more than welcome. We will be encouraging children to bring in an object that has some type of link to a Roald Dahl story, e.g. a peach (James and the Giant Peach) or a chocolate bar (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory), and will be encouraging some lateral thinking; it doesn't need to be too obvious.
13. **Breakfast Club/After School Club:** A reminder that school is now running the Breakfast and After School Clubs, very lovingly run by Omnia and Amy. An extra for the After School Club will be Lewis from PH Sport, who will be doing a range of sporting activities with the children on Thursdays and Fridays. Please check on the school website <http://www.bathford.bathnes.sch.uk/> for further information and registration forms. We are able to take children at short notice if they have been registered with the clubs, so if you feel you may have need of this service you can always fill in just the registration form. We also accept a range of childcare vouchers.
14. **After school grounds use:** By all means stay and use our lovely grounds after school. However, the large 'castle' play equipment is not usable before or after school for safety reasons and children may only use the monkey bars under adult supervision. Thank you.
15. **Old shirts:** Please could we have any spare men's shirts that could be used as art shirts? Please donate to the school office. Thank you.
16. **Would you like to link up with a French visitor/visitors?** A party from Bathford's French Twin Village, Artannes-sur-Indre, is coming to stay in Bathford for 4 days, Sat 28th October to Wed 1st November, this term. There will be singles, couples and families. Are you able to accommodate one, two or more people for 4 nights? A full programme is planned for this visit and hosts only have to provide one meal for their guest(s). All host families are welcome to join in with any of the activities. If you're interested in hosting, please contact Kevin Marris (859353) or Maureen Breeze (852444) before the end of September.



Finally, we always strive as a team to improve our school. If you have any ideas or thoughts about how the school can develop even further, please do contact us at school. Our doors are always open and we are always up for exciting ideas and challenges.

Wishing everyone another happy, successful year ahead,
Karen Sykes and the team at Bathford Primary

Future Dates for the Diary

Wednesday, 13 th September	Year 1 parents' meeting Roald Dahl Day
Friday, 16 th September	Year 6 parents' meeting
Monday, 18 th September	Year 5 parents' meeting Swimming starts (separate letters have been sent out) Clubs start
Friday, 22 nd September	Year 4 parents' meeting Year 6 family assembly, part 1 Jeans for Genes – multi-day
Monday, 25 th September	Harvest Festival 9.30
Tuesday, 26 th September	Year 2 parents' meeting
Friday, 29 th September	Year 3 parents' meeting Year 6 family assembly, part 2

Tuesday, 3 rd October	Open Morning 9 – 12
Friday, 6 th October	Year 5 family assembly, part 1
Friday, 13 th October	Year 5 family assembly, part 2
Friday, 20 th October	INSET day
Monday, 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half term
1 st – 7 th November	Book fair
Friday, 3 rd November	Year 4 family assembly
Monday, 6 th November	Parents' evening
Friday, 10 th November	Year 3 family assembly
12 th – 17 th November	Anti-bullying week – 'All different, all equal'
Monday, 13 th November	Parents' evening
Friday, 17 th November	Year 2 family assembly
Wednesday, 22 nd November	Flu vaccinations
Friday, 24 th November	Year 1 family assembly
Week beginning 27 th November	Last week of clubs
Friday, 1 st December	Year R family assembly
Tuesday, 12 th December	Nativity play p.m.
	Christmas Music Concert 7pm
Wednesday, 13 th December	Nativity play a.m.
	Christmas dinner
Thursday, 14 th December	Christmas party
Friday, 15 th December	Carol service 9.30
	Term 2 ends