



1. **Jono Lancaster visit:** We had a great visit from Jono on Tuesday and children, staff and those parents who attended his assembly came away moved and inspired by his comments on the importance of having a positive self-image and being kind to others. We are still raising money for Jono's charity, 'Love Me, Love My Face', which raises awareness and funds for families and individuals living with Treacher Collins Syndrome. We raised some money on the day but would love to collect even more before we send the final amount off at the end of next week, so are accepting donations in the office. Staff are foregoing sending Christmas cards to each other and donating extra money to the pot instead. Parent and governor, Sally Land, who arranged Jono's visit, has written an article for the local press, a copy of which is being sent out with the newsletter.
2. **Dress Rehearsal:** There will be a dress rehearsal for the Nativity concert on Monday, so please ensure children bring their costumes in on Monday morning.
3. **Nativity Concerts:** The concerts will take place at 1.30pm on Tuesday afternoon and 9.30am on Wednesday morning. Parents are welcome to take their children home after the concert on Tuesday, after signing them out with the class teacher. They will stay in school on Wednesday, as it is the Christmas dinner and movie afternoon.
4. **Christmas party:** Christmas parties will be taking place on Thursday afternoon. Children are welcome to bring in party clothes to change into after lunch. We appreciate parents sending in party food (no sandwiches please, as the children will have already had lunch), which will then be shared. Reception and KS1 children have games and food in their own classrooms. KS2 children join together in the hall for games before returning to their own classroom for a party tea.
5. **Reception teaching:** As mentioned at Reception's family assembly, Mrs McMullen will not be returning to teach before the end of the term. She will, however, be popping in for a visit next Thursday afternoon to see the children and say "goodbye". We are very pleased to announce that Miss Freeman has kindly volunteered to work full-time to cover Mrs McMullen's maternity leave in the Spring and Summer terms, so the children are in a very safe pair of hands.
6. **Carol Service:** The end of term Carol Service will be held at St. Swithun's Church on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30. If any parents would like to play or sing some carols and Christmas songs before the service, while we're waiting for children to get into the pews, please let Bex Briggs know - any instrument or voice welcome! We know there are some class carollers out there...
7. **Smart Fundraising:** Tom Smart, Year 3 Annabella's dad, will be taking on the Jurassic Challenge at the end of March, which is a coastal run of 3 marathons in 3 days. He has very kindly offered to use the Challenge as an opportunity to fundraise for the new sound system school needs for the main hall, which will enhance the children's performances and assemblies. The total cost of a new mixer and speakers, along with the necessary re-wiring is just under £1000. For further information and to donate to Tom's efforts, please visit [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/t-smartjurassic?utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=BvWQ8g9z/](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/t-smartjurassic?utm_id=2&utm_term=BvWQ8g9z/) Tom and the school thank you for your support. We also thank Tom for thinking of us.

8. **Star performance:** If you missed it, Year 1 Noah appeared as a young Prince Harry on Thursday night's 'One Show' which focused on the Royal Britannia yacht. Try to catch it on catch-up tv.
9. **Breakfast and After School Club:** If you need to contact Omnia/Breakfast and After School Club via telephone or text message, the phone number is 07401 822963. Please remember that we are now able to take children at short notice with just a phone call or text message required.
10. **Doodlemaths Stars:** First place this week is Year 4 Evie, in second place is Year 4 Samuel and in third place is Year 5 Matty. It's great to see some new names in this week's list. Keep on doodling!



11. **Free School Meals Eligible by Benefit - All School Years**

Even if you have a child who is eligible for Infant Free School Meals, if you receive any of the benefits listed below and your child attends an LA maintained school or Academy in Bath and North East Somerset, please register for Free School Meals - Eligible By Benefit (EBB).

- Universal Credit
- 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
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** 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

Registrations could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, which is currently £1,320 per Primary pupil and £935 per Secondary pupil. This money is not only used to provide free school meals; see the Pupil Premium Statement on the school's website for further information.

**Please contact the team at [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk) or call 01225 394317.**

Visit [www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to download and complete a form online

12. **Fund Raising:** School has registered with two fundraising apps, *The Giving Machine* and *easyfundraising*. If you're planning on doing any online Christmas shopping, why not go through these apps first. It won't cost you anything and school is given a percentage of any purchases you make from a range of websites. Most major retailers have links on the fundraising apps and once you have them installed, they're very easy to use. Just click on the links below and they'll take you straight to the websites.



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





**FOBS Notices:**

1. A huge thank you to everyone for their efforts in making this year's Christmas Fair such a success. We raised approximately £1600, which is a great chunk off the next whiteboard.
2. Christmas end of term disco (the week before end of term!) on Friday 8th December 5-6.30
3. Music Concert - Tuesday 12th December 6pm for 6.30 start. Inspirational music for children and parents and a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit.
4. We have one more cake raffle before Christmas, on the last day of term Friday 15th December. Tickets on sale from 8.40 and the winner will be drawn at the bell! If anyone would like to bake a festive themed cake, please get in touch on FOBS2016@outlook.com
5. The next FOBS meeting is on Monday 15th January 7-8pm. Meetings are scheduled for every second Monday of the half term, so one meeting per half term.
6. The village cafe is open for teas, coffee and toast on Friday mornings before family assemblies - the perfect time to catch up!
7. Events to look forward to next term: \*MOVIE NIGHT \*PANCAKE PARTY \* EASTER CHOCOLATE BINGO

Future Dates for the Diary

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January

FOBS Christmas Disco 5 – 6.30pm  
Nativity play 1.30p.m.  
Winter Music Concert 6pm for 6.30 start  
Nativity play 9.30a.m.  
Christmas dinner and film  
Christmas party  
Carol service 9.30  
Term 2 ends  
Term 3 begins – Inset Day  
Children begin Term 3