



Dear parents,

A very warm welcome to school for this new academic year and I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. Although it's only been three days, the children have come back to school happy 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.
 - Tuesday, 11th September: Year 4
 - Wednesday, 12th September: Year 6
 - Friday, 14th September: Year 3
 - Monday, 17th September: Year 1
 - Wednesday, 19th September: Year 2
 - Friday, 21st September: Year 5Reception 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 Fairclough and teaching assistant, Debbie Cruse. Reception parents – please ensure you have signed up for your half hour slot with Miss Fairclough.
- 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.
- 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. Clubs:** Club letters will go out on Monday and clubs will start the week beginning September 24th 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 14th). Payment will be through ParentPay and we would appreciate parents paying for the clubs by the 24th, when they start. 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.
- 6. Safeguarding:** The new Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018 has just been released and all staff received training on one of our inset days at the beginning of the week. One of the new requirements is for schools to have 2 alternative contacts to the main parent contact. Data sheets will be sent out next week and we will be asking parents to provide us with further contacts.
- 7. Up to date e-mails:** Please let the office know if your email or phone number changes over the year - the emailed newsletter is a great way of keeping up with school developments and events, not just the next cake sale date!
- 8. School Uniform:** It's always lovely to see the children back at school in their smart new uniform ready for a busy school year and we are going to work hard this year to ensure appropriate school clothing is always worn. 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) with white, grey or black socks. Colourful branded sports trainers are not acceptable. Jewellery is not permitted, apart from stud earrings and watches, and long hair always needs to be tied up for PE. Equally, nail varnish and any type of make-up is not permitted. 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.
- 9. PE Kit:** It is essential that children have their PE kit in school. PE kit consists of a red t-shirt, black shorts and appropriate trainers or daps. Football shirts, etc. are NOT suitable or acceptable alternatives.
- 10. Hot Chocolate Friday:** Starting today, one child from each class will be chosen to join me for a delicious mug of hot chocolate and a chat on Friday in recognition of their star behaviour over the week. Those children joining

me this week were Lilani from Year 1, Aurora from Year 2, Oliver from Year 3, Rosie from Year 5 and Maisie from Year 6 (no Year 5 child wanted to give up PE!).

11. **Roald Dahl Day:** Next Thursday, 13th September, is Roald Dahl Day. Whilst we appreciate this is short notice for dressing up, if anyone would like to come dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character, they are more than welcome.
12. **Jeans for Genes:** Friday, 21st September is Jeans for Genes day where, for a donation, children (and staff!) can wear jeans. The money donated will go towards helping children with genetic disorders.
13. **Village Shop Poetry Competition:** Well done to Rahni, Sasha and Esme for coming first in the Poetry Competition held by the village shop over the summer. Betty and William D came 2nd and Hayden, Matty, Jamie, Emily B, Jack B and Sophia B were highly commended. I am sure the winners will enjoy their banana splits and the runners-up their ice creams.
14. **Breakfast Club/After School Club:** A reminder that school runs Breakfast and After School Clubs every day, except Friday after school. 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.
15. **After school grounds use:** By all means stay and use our lovely grounds after school. However, the large 'castle' play equipment and monkey bars are not usable before or after school for safety reasons. Thank you.

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

Tuesday, 11 th September	Year 1 parents' meeting
Wednesday, 12 th September	Year 6 parents' meeting
Thursday, 13 th September	Roald Dahl Day
Friday, 14 th September	Year 3 parents' meeting Year 6 trip to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Monday, 17 th September	Year 1 parents' meeting Swimming starts (separate letters have been sent out)
Wednesday, 19 th September	Year 2 parents' meeting
Friday, 21 st September	Jeans for Genes mufti-day Year 5 parents' meeting Year 6 family assembly
Friday, 28 th September	Year 5 family assembly
Monday, 1 st October	Harvest Festival 9.30
Tuesday, 2 nd October	Individual school photographs
Thursday, 4 th October	Tag rugby festival
Friday, 5 th October	Year 4 family assembly
Friday, 12 th October	Year 3 family assembly
Friday, 19 th October	Year 2 family assembly
Friday, 26 th October	INSET day
29 th October – 2 nd November	Half term
Friday, 9 th November	Year 1 family assembly
Monday, 12 th November	Parents' evening
12 th – 16 th November	Anti-bullying week – 'Choose respect'
Friday, 16 th November	Reception family assembly
Monday, 19 th November	Parents' evening Flu vaccinations (Reception – Year 5) – details to follow
Week beginning 3 rd December	Last week of clubs
Monday, 17 th December	Christmas dinner
Tuesday, 18 th December	Nativity play a.m and p.m.

Wednesday, 19th December

Thursday, 20th December

Friday, 21st December

Nativity play p.m.

Christmas party

Carol service 9.30

Term 2 ends