

Batheaston Church School



Dream...Aspire...Achieve

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents,

We made it! We have managed to make it to the end of term in one piece and there are lots of things we need to celebrate. The future is looking bright and we are very much hoping the Prime Minister will give us the go ahead to reopen the school to all pupils on the 8th March. We are busy planning the return to school and the teachers are working hard to make sure they have everything they need to make it enjoyable and to help support the children as they settle back into class. Your children have been amazing throughout and have kept going, even though as the weeks have gone by, it may have become harder and harder to motivate them to sit down and get the work done. I also know it has been an absolute struggle for parents working from home to juggle both home schooling and work pressures, so you also need to give yourself a pat on the back and enjoy the break over the next week.

Our Light Up Lockdown project was a huge success on Sunday night and I really enjoyed looking through all your pictures on Twitter of your beautiful lanterns shining a light over Batheaston. One of our parents, Cara Mia Peterson did an amazing job of talking about the event on Radio Bristol early Saturday morning but sadly we did not feature on Points West. However, that didn't dampen your spirits as you lit your lanterns and shone them brightly from your homes, reminding us of how we are connected and to stay positive.

Although, as I write this, home schooling is set to continue for the first two weeks of term, we have decided to use the last of these weeks to celebrate book week and have some fun. Sian sent out a letter earlier this week, explaining some of the events we have planned to celebrate the love of reading and we are kicking the week off with a LIVE assembly where all the children (and adults) are invited to dress up as a favourite book character. I know I need to get my thinking cap on and come up with an outfit so may be have a fun morning over half term and create a costume together for the children that they can wear to the assembly. Do not forget to send us a picture though, so we can put together a video of all your lovely outfits which we will then upload on Teams.

I hope you enjoyed the assembly this morning, it was great to see everyone again. I will upload the staff video and the story on Teams for you to look back over ways in which we can show each other how much we care.

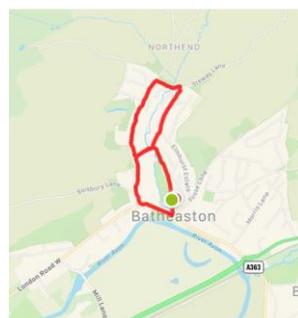
I hope you have a fabulous half term week, time to recharge your batteries and I look forward to seeing you soon. Term 4 starts on Monday 22nd February.

Take care and stay safe.

Sally and all the Batheaston staff team

ONE MILLION STEPS

We are so excited to see our total rise and the latest update I had from Jenny is that you have achieved over 200,000 steps so far. Fabulous! This means we are a fifth of the way towards our target. I expect this will rise significantly over half term with no home schooling and lots of time to go out and about and keep active. Don't forget to post your pictures on your Teams channel to show the steps you are taking. Here are a few I manage to collect from Teams but well done to everyone.



A message from our Chair of Governors – Steph Hanna

This term the governors have been working hard to support the school through the continuing disruption caused by coronavirus. Our business committee has been focussed on understanding and mitigating the financial impact this has on the school. The school improvement committee has been closely monitoring outcomes of the catch up program delivered in the autumn term and had a presentation from Joe on how maths is taught across the school. Over the next half term we will be helping the school to plan for the return of all children to the school after the current lockdown and examining the revised budget for this academic year.

Just a reminder that we still have a vacancy for a parent governor. As our current parent governor, Helen Spinney, said in her letter to parents last term “Being a parent governor is a unique opportunity to bring your own experiences, perspectives and insights into a decision-making forum in order to influence the direction that school is taking.” If you are interested in joining us then please get in touch with me via the school office. I would like to finish by thanking Sally and all the staff for the hard work they have put in this half term to deliver such a comprehensive package of remote learning to the children at home whilst also caring for the keyworker children at school.

Have a lovely Half Term

Steph

Headteacher's awards

We think all our children have done a great job this week and have all been superstars. Well done! However with a keen focus on our 5Cs and our RECIPE values, teachers have selected the following children who they feel have really stood out this week and have shown these qualities within their learning and with their superb efforts either in school or at home.

Apple Class:

Peony Constanza, Max Brooks, Noah Tregaskis

Cherry Class:

Ronnie Ashton, Henry Winstanley, Sebastian Winstanley

Willow Class:

Finley West, Harry Pengilly, Zak El-Wardany

Elm Class:

Rudy Lamb, Nadia Hornik, Eisa El-Wardany

Hazel Class:

Melody Clutterbuck, Idreece Anwar, Sammy Francis

Maple Class:

Ruben Payne, Elliott Spinney, Philippos Samares

Oak Class:

Lucia Train, Lilly Connor, Toby Lea



Congratulations

for achieving the Headteacher's award this
week

WELL DONE!

Date: 12th February 2021 Signed: *Sally*

(Please feel free to print this out and award to your child)