

# Batheaston Church School



Dream...Aspire...Achieve

## Termly Newsletter – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parents,

*Although this term has been seven weeks long, it really does not seem that long ago since the children walked back through the gates after the Christmas holidays only for Key Stage Two to perform their Christmas show all over again. Hopefully the recordings will be available at half term for you to share and enjoy with the rest of the family. As we continued into January, I know that many families unfortunately went down with Covid and we lost many children to isolation. Not only that, we started to lose staff members as well so all in all it became quite a challenging time for school and families alike. Fortunately, we now appear to be over the worse and have seen a dramatic decrease in Covid cases in recent weeks across the school. We have all our fingers crossed that next term will run a lot smoother.*

*As we try and get back to normal, we are hoping to welcome you back into school more. Within the first couple of weeks back next term, we plan to hold some open classroom days where you will be invited in to see your child's classroom and look through some of the work they have produced in class. We will also be holding our Spring term parents' evenings where you will be able to meet face to face with the class teacher to see how well your child is doing in school and the progress they are making.*

*I am also looking forward to taking on my new role as interim Executive Headteacher across Batheaston and Bathampton and hope to plan in some joint ventures across the two schools. I know that Nikki and Sian will do an amazing job of running the school when I am not here and will be your first port of call if you have any concerns on the days I am not here. My plan is to always be in Batheaston at the start and end of the week, with Nikki being available on Tuesdays and Sian being available on Wednesday.*

*I hope you all have an enjoyable half term and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.*

Best wishes

*Sally and all the Staff*

*It might be Winter, but this term has all been about the outside!*



**“A child’s smile is like rainbows and sunshine packaged with a ribbon on top”**

As teachers, we feel so blessed to see so many smiles on our children’s faces when they are enjoying their learning or being with their friends. Everyday, I love watching the children come in through the school gate with huge smiles on their faces as they embrace another day of learning and another day of being with their friends. Yes, sometimes there are tears but they never last for long and with a little patience and care from our amazing staff, they are soon smiling and enjoying their learning once more. As I look back through the term, there are so many images that show children enjoying their time in school and I wanted to share some of these with you.



**Making a difference**

Earlier this term, I sent out a letter to parents about the idea of us giving a little back and making a difference somewhere beyond the school gates. This could be in the local community, nationwide or even on a global scale. I met with the school council who did a fabulous job of talking to each class and discussing which charities children knew about and would like to support in order to make a difference. Once we had all the ideas in, I met with the school council again and narrowed the choice down to 5 charities that were very popular. I then did an assembly about each of the five charities and we discussed the idea of being compassionate and how we need to try and help others that may be suffering. We then did a whole school vote and it turned out that we have a school full of animal lovers, as the most popular charity the children felt they wanted to support was the RSPCA. Therefore, next term we will hold a simple mufti day and any money raised will be sent off to the RSPCA to help ease the suffering of animals.

*A big thank you to the school council for helping out with our making a difference initiative.*



***Wishing all our families a peaceful and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.***

