

Batheaston Church School



Dream...Aspire...Achieve

Termly Newsletter – Friday 8th April 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy and inspiring term once again at Batheaston Church School. With the days getting longer and with small hints, in between the snow showers, that Summer is on its way, it has lifted our spirits and our children have once again enjoyed taking their learning outdoors.

I am really proud of the way the children have reacted to the news about Ukraine this term and we have spent some time in our Collective Worship, discussing the kindness of others from around the World in helping the Ukrainian refugees and ways in which we can play a small part in this crisis to help others in need. We have been in awe of how the community came together to support our first pop up Art Fair and cannot thank our parents and local artists enough for all their donations and support during this event. The children loved creating their artwork and being involved and I know so many of you now have some delightful artwork hanging from your walls at home. I have a great piece which is now proudly displayed in my office.

Next term sees the return of the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs tests, the Year 1 Phonic Check and the Year 4 Multiplication Timetable check. Both teachers and children have been working hard in preparation for these tests and our only expectation is that every child tries their best. We understand they have missed so much schooling over the last two years but despite how we might feel, the tests have to be done and we will make sure the children feel as comfortable and as confident as possible. I just want to take this opportunity to wish them the best of luck and just give it their best shot!

Next term also sees the return of our residential for the first time in three years. Oak class will be heading off to Bude on the last week of term 5 and Maple class will enjoy an overnight stay at Folly farm in the middle of May. I hope they have a fantastic time and we look forward to seeing their tweets during their visits. We are also looking forward to the return of Meadowfest on Saturday 21st May. A big thank you to all the parents involved with FOBs for organising this event. We have all our fingers crossed for beautiful sunshine and a fun family day out.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a very happy Easter and hope you all enjoy the break.

Best wishes

Sally and all the Staff



Time to say Goodbye

We are feeling particularly sad this term as we are saying a fond farewell to our lovely Trish who has worked at the school for many years. Over her time at Batheaston, she has been a great support to so many of our children and their families and has done an amazing job at working alongside the teachers to make sure every child is given the opportunity to shine. We will miss her dearly but understand the time has come for Trish to spread her wings and enjoy the next chapter of her life as she retires. We will miss you and hope you will come back and see us soon.



“Dream, Aspire, Achieve”

Our vision for Batheaston Church school is ‘Dream, Aspire and Achieve’ This is because we strongly believe that every child should be able to dream and be encouraged to follow their dreams. The world is their oyster and they can be anything they want to be. We often discuss our vision in Collective Worship and we talk about our dreams. I am always so impressed by their responses and how some of them already know the direction they would like to travel as they get older. Now this may change as time goes on but its great to have a dream, however big and small and make the necessary steps to try and achieve that goal. It is important to us at Batheaston, that we instil the belief that anything is possible for our children and with our RECIPE values and 5 C’s to support them with their dreams, they can be whoever they want to be.



'One kind word can change someone's entire day'

Earlier this term, we launched our kindness week to support the children with making right choices about being kind to each other. I think, as a staff, we felt that the children were beginning to struggle with their friendships and there was a lot of falling out between friends due to unkind words and behaviour. We hope our week has gone some way to supporting the children with this and we have certainly found the playground feels more settled. We have also spent a lot of time focusing on Truthfulness this term and how we all make mistakes but being honest about our mistakes and owning them is very important. We were treated to a delightful class assembly on Monday by Elm class, teaching us all about truthfulness and how honesty is the best policy.



Pop Up Art Fair

A HUGE thank you to all our parents and community Artists that helped support this event in aid of the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal. It was such a lovely event and a great success helping us to raise much needed funds for the Ukrainian refugees. The children's work looked amazing and there were some amazing art pieces that were sold. Alongside the money we raised on our blue and yellow mufti day, I am pleased to announce we have raised approx. £1500
THANK YOU SO MUCH!



Message from our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents,

As we have progressed through the spring term it has been lovely to see the school opening up more as COVID restrictions ease. From a governor point of view this has meant more opportunities to come into school. Next term we are looking forward to a full programme of governor learning walks to see how the different subjects are being taught. We have also set up a link governor system which will give each teacher an additional point of contact on the governing body and gives governors the chance to familiarise themselves with the subjects that the teacher leads on. This term it has been wonderful to see all the hard work staff and students have put into this week's Spring Concerts and raising funds for the Ukraine in Kindness week. On behalf of the governors I would also like to thank the outgoing FOBS team for all their hard work over the past few years, particularly with the fundraising. As the governors help Sally and the Trust central team to set the school's budget for the next three years, we can really see how these extra funds enable the school to provide great learning resources and improve the playgrounds. Finally, just a reminder that we are still looking for a parent representative for the Ethos committee, if you are interested, please get in touch with me through the school office.

Wishing all our families a lovely Easter.

Steph

Wishing all our families a peaceful and restful Easter Holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 25th April.

