

# Batheaston Church School



Dream...Aspire...Achieve

## Termly Newsletter – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Dear Parents,

*It has been such a lovely start to the year and I cannot believe we are at the end of Term One already. Back in September, we welcomed our new Apple class to Batheaston Church School and they have been an absolute pleasure to have. I love watching them come into school each morning, full of smiles and confidence and I am sure some of this is down to the positive relationship that has been built up between Oak and Apple as special friends. We are very proud of how our new Oak Class have responded to their new responsibility and how kind and caring they are towards the little ones.*

*We have been very blessed with the weather this term. The sun has kept shining and we have been able to get out about in our school grounds and in our local community. Mike's Meadow is looking great and we are continuing to invest in our outside space. We are looking to get the pond area cleared in January and enhance the Lapa area by looking at a new roof and creating an outdoor classroom under the existing structure. This is only possible because of the money raised through our FOBs events so we can not thank you enough.*

*This term we always welcome new prospective families to school and I know the team feel very proud to show off the school and the wonderful space we have. Our Saturday open morning was a great success with so many positive comments. We do have some more dates coming up soon, therefore please encourage any parents of a child who will be school age in September 2023 to come along and have a look.*

*I have thoroughly enjoyed being back at Batheaston this term where I have been able to solely focus on continuing the great work the staffing team are doing. Our vision of Dream...Aspire...Achieve is something I hold dear to my heart and we have spent some of our Collective Worship time thinking about how amazing we are and how we can achieve our dreams if we try. My message to all our children is that anything is possible and they should aim high. I absolutely love talking to them about their future plans and I am always amazed at how passionate they are when they talk about the type of future they may wish to have when they are older.*

*On behalf of all the staff at Batheaston, we hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.*

Best wishes

*Sally and all the Staff*



## **Lunchtime Play in the Meadow**

*Despite a few setbacks, we finally managed to open up Mike's Meadow one lunchtime when the sun was shining and it was fabulous! A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who turned up to help supervise the children, we could not have done this without you. Weather permitting, we will try and open Mike's Meadow once again in term 2. Once the warmer weather comes, we would like to make this a regular event as the children loved it. From nest building to den building, a great time was had by all.*



## **Harvest Festival**

*Earlier this term, the whole school came together at St John's Church to celebrate Harvest. It was such an upbeat and joyous service, with races taking place down the aisle and children singing Cauliflowers Fluffy at the top of their voices. It was fabulous, but what made this occasion even more special, was the generous amount of food and cleaning items etc you so kindly donated. Serena and Elizabeth were quite overcome with emotion and we know Bath Food Bank will be so grateful – Thank you!*



## Teacher Awards

*This year, we decided to change our approach to our Teacher Awards which are handed out every Friday during our celebration assembly. Instead of having a weekly theme, we decided to allow the teachers to award children for something they had spotted which they considered to be outstanding that week. This could range from amazing attitudes to their learning to being creative and producing a stunning piece of art work. The possibilities are endless and it has certainly added variety to our weekly awards.*

*Well done to all our children who has received a teacher award this term.*



## Our new elected School Council



*Every year we go through a democratic process as part of our teaching of the British Values to elect a new school council. Every child is given the opportunity to put themselves forward and a vote takes place. A big congratulations to our new school council members. They have already met and worked with me on reviewing our Positive Behaviour Management Policy and we will be using them a lot more in the future.*

## Hello Yellow

As children's health and well being is at the heart of all the decisions we make, we once again supported the UK Leading Charity 'Young Minds'. The school was awash with a sea of yellow last week instead of the usual navy and red as children dressed in something yellow to show their support. In total we raised £149.42 so a big thank you once again for your kind donations.



## Our new Apple Class.

Apple Class has spent this term getting to know the school and exploring our outside space. In line with our value of creativity this term. Apple class has spent a lot of time outside using their creative skills and nature to produce some lovely pieces of work. They also took part in some forest bathing last week as part of a mindfulness session. All in all they have made a great start to the year and we look forward to seeing their learning take them from strength to strength in the coming months.



*Wishing all our families a lovely half term  
From Sally and all the staff at Batheaston*



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'That they may have  
life, life in all its  
fullness.' John 10:10



**Open days for Reception  
intake: September 2023**

Tuesday 27th September @ 9.30am  
Saturday 8th October @ 10.30am  
Tuesday 15th November @ 1.30pm  
Tuesday 29th November @ 9.30am  
Monday 9th January @ 1.30pm

Give us a call to book  
your place. 01225 858555

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Ofsted have officially  
rated us 'Good' - May 2022

"Pupils are proud of their school.  
Pupils say school teaches them  
to be the best version of  
themselves."

