

Batheaston CEVC Primary School

Bulletin, 8 March 2017

Dear Parents,

Lovely baby news from Jo Knight (Willow class teacher):

We are pleased to announce that Ellis James was born a couple of days early on 8th February weighing 7lb 2oz. We've had a busy couple of weeks introducing him to family and friends as well as enjoying spending time as a little family and getting to know him. So far he's nice and healthy and is very calm and settled - long may it last! We're looking forward to visiting the children when he's a bit bigger.

Jo and Ian

The staff met Ellis yesterday – he is a very happy baby! I know that Jo and Ian would like to thank all the parents who gave best wishes, cards and presents.

Progress slips

We hope you found the recent pupil Progress Slips informative and helpful. Please do make an appointment to see your child's teacher if you are concerned about their progress. The teachers have/will be making appointments with parents if they think that your child needs more support in order to reach end of year targets. Well done everyone! We know that children, staff and parents are working together to reach those goals. Little and often (reading, number games, times tables etc) at home has a really positive impact on every child's progress.

New School Council

Sian (Maple class teacher) is the new lead for our School Council, who have their first meeting this week. We were really impressed with the quality and quantity of the council member application forms from many of our children. I know there were lots of disappointed children but everyone was very gracious in defeat and will hopefully apply again in September.

Our School Council:

Congratulations to our new team!

Willow Class	Hal and Eva
Elm	Nathan and Amy
Hazel	Esther and Ben
Maple	Amy and Caleb
Oak	Mia and Ralph

The first Council job is to organise the Red Nose Cake Competition and Sale



The Cake Sale will be on Friday 24 March so please watch out for information sent out by the Council.

Can we remind everyone that, on Red Nose Day, we are dressing up in red or Mufti for a donation to the charity.

Around the World Day, Wednesday 29 March

As a topic 'INSPIRE' day, we are having a whole school 'Around the World' event to link in with our topic of 'Map It Out'. Each teacher will be hosting a workshop in celebration of a country's culture, geography and/or people. The children will move around the school, visiting the teachers and get involved in different activities designed to celebrate the diversity within our world, as well as more mapping skills.

Please could your child come dressed as an explorer (rucksacks and binoculars welcome) or ready for a journey.

School Without Walls – Hazel class has started an exciting research project



If you have an older child in our school, you will remember that we used to enjoy working with artists (like Edwina Bridgeman) through the 5x5x5=creativity project. Unfortunately, as school funds have become ever tighter, we haven't been able to buy in this wonderful enrichment possibility. So we were thrilled to be able to join the School Without Walls project which includes 5x5x5=creativity, Mentoring Plus and Bath Festivals as well as several cultural centres. This work has been funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation and the research revolves around the impact on children of being part of a creative project working with artists and a cultural centre. We are working with Amy Houghton, Helen Lawrence and the Holburne Museum.

The children are clearly inspired and excited by their work as they investigate more about what it means to be different from one another and unique. They have already dressed up to tell the stories

that portraits captured, re-enacted dramatic paintings and reproduced objects from the galleries in clay. They will also be developing their own Wiki pages based on their learning from the Holburne which we hope they will be able to share soon.

Payments to school

Please do regularly check your Parent Pay accounts to monitor whether anything is owed to school. As you will understand, school doesn't have the funds to set against debts for lunches, clubs or other extra-curricular costs so we would appreciate prompt payment please.

If repayment is a problem, please do come into the office to talk, confidentially, with a member of the office staff.

The school's financial year ends in March and the school requires all in year debts to be cleared by 31st. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Help needed! Clearing overgrown plants around the pond area

Would you be happy to spend a couple of hours, in the pond area, clearing large weeds and a few brambles? We need a few people – either working together or at any point on your own. Children aren't allowed into this specific area so it is not a suitable job for a community work day. Once the space is cleared, we could plant new wetland plants instead.

Please also read the letter from Kim which is attached to the Parent Pay message. We hope that you can help by donating time or items from the list included in her letter

Please do look on the school website for dates which are regularly updated for you. Here are some of the important upcoming dates:

Friday 10 March: **Book Fair arrives**; open after school on Friday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Thursday 23 March: **Dance Umbrella** for Cherry Class.

Friday 24 March: **Red Nose Day and Cake Competition/Sale**

Friday 24 March: **Sports Festival at St Mark's for Elm and Hazel** classes. Information to follow

Tuesday 4 April: **Spring Concert at 3.30pm for KS1 and Elm class**

Wednesday 5 April: **Spring Concert at 3.30pm for Hazel, Maple and Oak**

Children are expected to attend their Spring Concert as each class will be performing as well as solo musicians. All parents are very welcome.

Friday 7 April: **Term 4 ends**

Monday 25 April: **Term 5 starts**

Thursday 27 April: **Easter Assembly** for the whole school at 10am. Parents are very welcome

Monday 1 May: **Bank Holiday**

Week beginning 8 May: **SATs (tests week) for our Y6 children**. We know they are working really hard

Tuesday 9 May: **KS1 Assembly** at the church at 10am. Parents are very welcome.

Wednesday 10 May: **Willow class, Sports Multiskills** at St Mark's. Information to follow.

Saturday 13 May: **Meadowfest** in Mike's Meadow. Everyone welcome for a wonderful community event which will help us raise money to improve the Creative Space

Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May: **Maple class residential trip** to Folly Farm

Sunday 21 May: **Oak class residential trip to Bude**, returning on Friday 26 May

Thursday 25 May: **Induction morning** for the parents of our new Apple class in September

Friday 26 May: **Term 5 ends**

Best wishes

Sarah