

# Batheaston CEVC Primary School

## Bulletin, 1 September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome for all our new children and families! It was lovely to see all the children looking enthusiastic and cheerful this morning. Please look out for a ParentPay message about the 'Tea and Talk' meetings coming up soon. This will be your opportunity to meet your children's teacher and learn more about this year's expectations and exciting plans.

Just to remind everyone, the classes this year are organised as:

EYFS	Apple Class	Nikki Macbeth
Y1	Cherry	Kim Brown
Y2	Willow	Jo Knight and Jenny Enstone on Monday
Y3	Elm	Alison Smith
Y4	Hazel	Kate Symons
Y5	Maple	Sian Stowell
Y6	Oak	Tom Richmond and Jenny Enstone on Tuesday

Our school topic, for this term is 'Earth and Beyond' and Apple Class are learning about 'All About Me' as they settle into school in Term 1.

### **Enrichment Thursdays**

We reviewed our Thursday afternoon provision and have slightly changed the offer to include some new opportunities. Please remember that Hazel Class will be going swimming on a Monday afternoon, with Kate this year. **Swimming starts on Monday 5 September.**

Here are the Enrichment afternoon details for Term 1:

Apple Class	<a href="#">Outdoor Learning</a> (wellies needed, please)	Jackie (who works as a teacher and TA at Batheaston)
Cherry	<a href="#">PE</a> (school PE kit please) <a href="#">Drama</a>	Chris, (the same teacher as last year) Paulo, (the same teacher as last year)
Willow	<a href="#">Design and Technology</a>	Sally and Hannah Reeves
Elm	<a href="#">Music</a> <a href="#">Spanish</a>	Provided by Music Perform and learn Provided by Spanish LinguaLearn PPA
Hazel	<a href="#">Spanish</a> <a href="#">Music</a>	As above
Maple	<a href="#">Art</a>	Diane and Sue Rosser
Oak	<a href="#">Drama</a> <a href="#">PE</a> (school PE kit please)	Paulo Chris

## **School Uniform**

It's always nice to see the children back at school in their uniform ready for a busy school year. In recognition of our active curriculum, we continue to support the policy of encouraging parents to buy uniform from a range of suppliers so that we can clothe our children as economically as possible. Michael Hope continues as our supplier of logoed tops - their website address is [www.michaelhope.co.uk](http://www.michaelhope.co.uk).

Please could we remind you that children should be wearing clothes from a school uniform range in red and/or navy. As the weather gets chillier, children need to have a school long sleeved sweatshirt or jumper/cardigan rather than a hoodie/jacket that doesn't fit with the uniform code. They tend to need to have a long sleeved top in class as well as in the playground, so it must be school uniform.

Shoes need to be school shoes and dark, unless there is a specific issue in which case please see me. Colourful branded sports trainers are not acceptable.

Jewellery is not permitted apart from stud earrings and they need taping or removing for PE. Also, long hair needs tying up for PE.

For full information, and the rationale of why we have a uniform, please look on our school website: [www.batheastonprimary.co.uk/uniform](http://www.batheastonprimary.co.uk/uniform).

We do have a range of really good quality second hand uniform with a regular 'stall' after school – our thanks to the parent volunteers who help us in this way.

**Lost Property:** Every term, there is an enormous amount of un-named lost property that has accumulated. We would be most grateful if you could ensure ALL items, including water bottles, wellies etc., are well named, and that you check the Lost Property periodically. Our thanks to Bernardo Mori who has kindly washed unnamed items, which will go towards the second hand uniform or next jumble sale, if not claimed.

## **Lead Early Years Practitioner**

We are really proud of Nikki Macbeth who has been selected, as one of only 4 teachers in BANES, to work as a Lead Early Years Practitioner. This will be no surprise for you, I am sure, if you have had a child taught by Nikki!

This role means that we welcome other teachers to visit Apple Class and the school and occasionally Nikki works within other schools in order to support staff in their settings. All the work is funded and we always prioritize the needs of Nikki's children in her class. We now have been working to support other schools for several years, and continue to discover that we all learn so much more than we could if we only worked within our context.

## **Clubs**

Thank you to everyone for returning club choices over the holidays. We are guessing that not everyone has yet done so? We have spaces in some clubs which have previously been very popular:

French; Making and Doing; Steel Pans; Netball; Yoga; Football

Please do let us know via school email if your child would like to join one of these – batheaston\_pri@bathnes.gov.uk. Clubs start week beginning Monday 12 September.

### **Gardening**

We have plans to ask you to join us to help tidy up in Mike's Meadow to get the space ready for the autumn and winter, so please look out for the request! In the meantime, we are very grateful to the parents who kindly volunteered to keep the school flower beds tidy. It has made such a difference! We are hoping that more parents/family members would like to help. Again, as the summer ends, there is a lot of tidying and cutting back needed.

If you can help regularly, or as a one off, please could you let Nikki, me or the office know. Thank you.

### **Play Rangers Breakfast and After School care**

Sue, Gemma and the team provide a fun, comfortable and well-fed wrap-around care for Batheaston pupils. We have some spaces, so please do read the leaflet that is attached to the same Parent Pay message as this letter and contact us if you would like your child/ren to attend. We do provide an ad hoc service, but your children must be registered first. Please call into the office if you have any questions.

### **Term Dates 2016/17**

**Term 1:** Thursday 1 September to Thursday 20 October (Friday 21 October school is closed for an INSET day with our local cluster of schools)

**Term 2:** Tuesday 1 November (Monday 31 October school is closed for an INSET day) to Friday 16 December.

**Term 3:** Tuesday 3 January 2017 to Friday 10 February

**Term 4:** Monday 20 February to Friday 7 April

**Term 5:** Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May

**Term 6:** Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July

There will be a further 3 INSET days within the year which we will confirm as soon as possible. Hopefully you can make use of the longer October half term to get a cheaper deal if you are planning to go away. As last year, I cannot authorise holidays taken in term time unless the circumstances are exceptional.

**Please do regularly check the school website for dates uploaded or changed.**

Best wishes

Sarah