



# Newsletter

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Can I begin this first edition of our newsletter by both welcoming you back and welcoming you, if you are a new parent, to the new school year. I hope that your children have settled well and you are enjoying hearing about the many exciting learning opportunities that they are already experiencing.

Even though we are just a couple of days into the new term, already the children are finding out about their new topics and entry points for their International Primary Curriculum learning. If you are unfamiliar with this, as a school last year we adopted the IPC as a way of engaging children effectively and enabling them to enjoy using a skills based approach, where a broad range of learning styles are catered for. Furthermore, the opportunity to extend their international mindedness and to learn about other cultures has been fascinating and with every class now having a well established international link for the year, I can see this developing into a very exciting prospect. Watch this space and look out for a letter coming home soon with details of the new unit of work in your class and what the children will be learning!

On **Thursday 24th September**, we will be holding our *Meet the Teacher* afternoon. This will take place in two short sessions, from 2.20-2.40pm and from 2.40-3.00pm, so that anyone with more than one child in the school has the opportunity to visit both class teacher sessions. It will be an opportunity for you to

find out what you can expect from us as a school this year and what you can do to help your child in the Home-School Learning Partnership. Teachers will be happy to answer any questions you may have so that we start the year effectively.

Also, if you know anyone who has children starting school next year or may be looking to move their children at some point, we will be holding our Open Morning on **Tuesday 22nd September** from 9am-12pm. This will be a chance to drop in and see the school on a normal working day, whilst asking any questions that you may have to find out more about us. We will look forward to welcoming many new faces!

As a reminder and an introduction, we are continuing to hold our Celebration Assembly every Friday from 9.10am in the school hall. This is open to everyone each week, so please come along when you can, you are always welcome. As a school, our ethos is firmly built on the celebration of skills, talents and achievements and we will be enjoying finding out what the children have achieved both within school and out of school, so if your child takes part in an out of school activity, sporting or otherwise and they have an award, certificate or something of recognition to share, then please bring it along and we will look forward to sharing it with them.

The first edition of our newsletter is always a good time to reiterate our expectations to continue our happy environment and community. I would like to thank Nick Lowton and Paul Harvey for repairing the gates at the front of our school and to the side on the field. This will now mean that we can continue to keep our children even safer. The front gates will be closed at 8.45am each morning after all of the staff have arrived and will remain closed all day. Can I please remind you that parents are requested not to bring their cars into the school car park. The gates will be locked out of school hours to keep our site secure.

Can I also ask that we all make a concerted effort to bring the children to school on time at the beginning of every day. It is crucial that the children have a settled start to their learning and are given every opportunity to succeed in school. Doors will now be closed at 9am, with registers closing at 9.05am. Anyone arriving after this time will need to come to the front office and sign the late book in the entrance hall. This year we will be keeping an ever closer eye on children's attendance.

With the cooler weather starting to arrive, please can I ask that all children wear their sensible school shoes and bring a coat to wear at playtimes when the weather is more inclement. Also, can you please ensure that PE kits are in school from the very beginning of term, as we do not have spare kit for those children who are without and they will not be able to take part. Naming all of your children's clothing and belongings would be so useful, please, as it is not always easy matching clothes to children when they are similar sizes at the end of a lesson!

A change for this year will be the way in which we approach play at play and lunch times. More details will be forthcoming in the near future (mysterious, but it is exciting!), and I would ask that children do not bring their own footballs to school from now on. I will be buying each class a football for use on the field, with softer, school balls being used on the playground in the winter months

### DATES FOR TERM ONE

**THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – MATHS DAY**

**TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL OPEN  
MORNING – 9-12PM**

**THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – MEET THE TEACHER  
SESSION FOR PARENTS – 2:30PM**

**FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – TEA WITH THE  
HEAD/MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON – 3:15PM**

**MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – HOME SCHOOL  
LEARNING PARTNERSHIP & READING MEETING –  
2:30PM**

Accompanying this first edition of the newsletter you will see a list of diary dates for the year. We try, wherever possible, to plan well in advance, but there are some occasions when dates do need to change and these are often unavoidable. As a school we will try our utmost to give you plenty of advanced notice so that you can arrange to join in with our events, as we do love to see you all.

Tea with the Head is back again! On Friday 25th September, in conjunction with Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, I will be holding our first Tea with the Head in our Meadow. Please come along and share a drink and a cake and an informal chat. It is always a pleasant occasion and very well supported.

To finish, some very happy news. I would like to congratulate Mrs Rosier who is expecting her second child in February of next year. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her and her family all the very best throughout her pregnancy.

I do hope that you have a wonderful start to the year and look forward to the many exciting activities that we have planned for you over the coming months. Fingers crossed the good weather holds for even more time outside! **Ian Rockey**

## BIRTHDAYS



*Happy Birthday to these children who have celebrated their birthdays over the summer holidays.*

## GOING PAPERLESS

Our goal for this year is to reduce the amount of paper that we use and distribute to parents. So starting within the next couple of weeks, almost all correspondence will be sent out via email. This is very much in keeping with other schools, helping increase efficiency and it is also a great example to the children who we encourage to be environmentally friendly.

Your child will come home with their annual Data Collection Sheet shortly and we ask that when completing it, you ensure that you provide an up to date email address and also mobile contact number.

Copies of all letters will be found on the school website in the News & Events section and there will be some paper copies kept outside the school office.

We are very excited and look forward to your support in the coming weeks.

## MUSIC LESSONS

If you would like your child to learn the violin or cello, our new music teacher Mrs Charlotte Sloane Hill will be in school on Friday afternoons. Lessons will cost £7.50 for 15 minutes.

For more information, please contact the school office.

## TA and MDSA ROLE

We are currently advertising a Teaching Assistant and MDSA role. For more information, please look at our website on the Community Section, or ask at the school office.

## OUT AND ABOUT

### Bradford on Avon Rugby

Bradford on Avon Rugby Club is holding a fun day on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September between 10 -11:30am. It's a chance for you to have some fun and get a feel for the activities that the club provide.

For further information, please contact Marek on 0794 1545729

## BOA CYCLING FESTIVAL

**Bradford-on-Avon Cycling Festival 2015**  
Two days of cycling fun and excitement for everyone!  
Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th September

**Saturday**

- Bike Rides**  
Ride one of 2 routes on safe, quiet roads through the stunning local villages of Bradford on Avon  
Family ride 12 miles  
Challenge ride 25 miles
- Cycle Jumble**  
Cycle Tots and Cycle Skills for Children, Bike Workshops, Cycle Jumble Sale and Cycle Films...

**Sunday**

- Hill Climb**  
Are you strong enough to beat the mighty Masons Lane? Give it a try in the 'Bradford on Avon Hill Challenge'
- Cycle-Cross**  
Western league Cyclocross race (including Novice and children's races) Shoretrax circuit, Bike art and Moulton Bike experience

**Plus family entertainment across the whole weekend: Games, music, Bouncy castles, Face painting**  
For more information and to enter the events go to: [www.bradfordonavoncyclingfestival.co.uk](http://www.bradfordonavoncyclingfestival.co.uk)