



## Newsletter 1

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Happy New Year!

Welcome to a new school year, and a big thank you to the weather for leaving us in no doubt that this is the Autumn term!

However, drizzle and sleepy faces aside, it has been a fun and calm first week. The children have settled really well into their new classes and routines and it has been great to see and hear the happy buzz return to the school. If for any reason you feel your child isn't as happy as they could be, please do speak to their teacher, phase leader, Ms Flynn or myself a.s.a.p. Next week we will welcome our new Reception children and the family will be complete!

**Website...** I apologise if you tried to access the website over the holiday. Unfortunately, for reasons beyond our control, it required extensive repair work. Governor and parent Peter Baxter, manages the website and he has spent a huge amount of time and effort over the last few weeks to get it up and running again. It is with great thanks to Peter that we will now be able to update it with this year's information. Thank you for your patience.

**Parking restrictions...** Please be aware that there are new parking restrictions in place around the school and I am told by a neighbour that they are being heavily enforced. If you are able to walk or cycle all or part of the way to school, that would be ideal. If this isn't possible, please park legally and considerately. You may not be aware, but we also offer a 'drive by' pickup for Phase 2 children from the gate nearest the hall. The children wait there with a member of staff (usually me) and you simply pull up and in they jump.

That's it from me. Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman

**Club News.....**Clubs will start again on **Monday 11th September**. (Year 5/6 Netball starts on 18th September) Please see the attached timetable for club times and where they are held.

It is extremely important to let me know if your child is unable to attend a club. You can do this by filling in a pink slip, which can be found in the carousel, or e-mailing me direct on [asc@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:asc@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk). That way we will know that your child is safe and accounted for.

Unfortunately Years 4,5,& 6 Spanish Club has been cancelled due to low numbers.  
Ms Flood

**Dinner money for Years 3 – 6.....** Dinner money is an advance payment and should be made via ParentPay on the first Monday of each week or each Term (Payments can be made weekly, monthly or termly).  
The new cost of a meal is £2.60 per day/£13.00 per week.  
Please remember to check your ParentPay account on a regular basis to make sure your payments are up to date.  
Thank you.

**Library Update.....**We are pleased to advise the Library will re-open from Monday 11th September. The Library is open to parents and their children on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays after school until 4pm.

Best wishes from the Library Team.

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



## After School Care Club for new Reception

**children....**Please note that Reception children are welcome to join the After School Care Club from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, when they are attending school full time.  
Joanne Goldaniga

**Green letter box....**The green letter box in Reception can be used to drop off correspondence for the Office and helps avoid queues at Reception. We open the box daily. Please clearly mark your child's name and Class on any correspondence/ cheque payments. Please do not put cash in the letter box, this should be handed in at Reception.

**Be prepared!.....**We would be really grateful if you could remind your child/ren to try to ensure they bring everything to school that they will need. This will mean they are well prepared for the school day ahead and is also really helpful to the office, by reducing deliveries to the classrooms later in the day. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

**University of Bath Open Day.....**The University of Bath have asked us to advise you that their Open Day will be taking place on Saturday 16th September between 9.30 am and 4.00pm. It is likely that there will be increased traffic in the area on this day.

**King Edward's School Activity Morning for Year 6 pupils....** On Saturday 4th November King Edward's School will be holding an Activity Morning for Year 6 pupils thinking of applying for a place there in Year 7. To find out more or to reserve a place visit:  
[www.kesbath.com](http://www.kesbath.com)

## Coming up in September ....

5th – 8th EYFS home Visits  
11th - EYFS children begin  
12th -Parents' Meeting for Abernant  
13<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Homework briefing (Y1-6) 2.30 / 2.45pm  
14th -New Parents Social Eve 7-8pm  
15<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 to St Mark's  
25th - EYFS stay to lunch  
25th – PERFORM Drama YR and Phase 1  
26th - Foundation Stage Reading Evening 6pm-7pm  
29th - Harvest Festival in Church 9.45am

**Mathletic News.....** Welcome back to the new term. Over the summer there were lots of hard working mathematicians and a special mention must go to Lynden and Eva who achieved Gold Certificates. Wow! Well done to all these children who also received certificates this summer:

Isla  
Sophie (Silver!)  
Jasmine  
Sam  
Eva (Gold + Bronzes)  
Oscar (Silver!)  
Tommy (Silver!)  
Aila  
Charlotte (Silver!)  
Matilda (Silver!)  
Leo (Silver!)  
Becky  
Ka-El (Silver!)  
Jasper (Silver!)  
Babafemi (Silver x2!)  
Lynden (Gold!)  
Phoebe  
Freddie  
Cara  
Hunter  
Kalypso  
Harry  
Antonia  
Robin  
James (Silver!)  
Hunter  
Finn (Silver x2!)  
Jessica (Silver!)  
Toby (Silver!)  
Tutku (Silver!)  
Matilda  
Rhiannon  
Oscar  
Florrie  
Isabella  
Whilst results are being updated, Mathletics news will now be published every fortnight in the school newsletter. I wonder who will be next to see their name published?  
Mrs Foster

**Fireworks Safety Poster competition....**The children will be bringing home a Firework Competition Poster today. Please return entries to the school office by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. Thank you.