



Great Bedwyn CE Primary School Term 1 newsletter

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Dear Parents

This is the first newsletter of the new term and what a busy term it has been.

We have of course welcomed a whole new set of Reception children to the school which is always very exciting for us all. They have been getting to grips with the routines of the school day, getting to know all the adults who support them during the week and they have been enjoying spending time at break and lunch with their Year 6 buddies. The year six children take this responsibility very seriously and enjoy it immensely; it is so lovely to see and helps our new pupils to feel safe and settled in their new environment.



This term's values:

Compassion & Respect

Trip to the Isle of Wight

Year six were in school for just a few days before they headed off to the Isle of Wight to learn a whole new set of skills around seamanship as well as developing their skills of co-operation and resilience in the face of challenge. It was a fantastic week and we were blessed with some super weather. In addition to the picture below, there are many photographs from the trip available to see on the Class 6 page of the school website. *"it was really exciting and we learnt loads of new skills. I would recommend this trip to anyone"* – Florrie, Year 6.



The new library opens

This term we have also launched the opening of our new library. Feedback from children, teachers, parents and visitors has all been extremely positive and we feel so lucky to have such a fantastic resource which we hope will inspire children to read for many years to come. Thank you to all those who contributed to the library project but particularly to Mrs Burrett who has spent many an hour overseeing the designs, purchasing books and stacking the shelves. She has also launched a Library Club and these children are playing an important part in helping to keep the library 'ship-shape'.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday October 6

St John's Marlborough
Year 6 Open Day

Tuesday October 11

Swimming: Year 2

Wednesday October 12

Safeguarding training
for all staff

Tuesday October 18

Swimming: Year 2

Wednesday October 19

Roald Dahl Exhibition,
Cardiff – Years 2 & 3

Safeguarding training
for all staff

Thursday October 20

Roald Dahl Exhibition,
Cardiff – Years 4 & 5

Friday October 21

Harvest Festival service
in St Mary's Church

Last Day of Term 1

**Monday 24th – Friday 28th
October: Half term holiday
SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Monday 31st October:
TD day – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday November 1

Swimming: Year 2

Tuesday November 8

Swimming: Year 2

Wednesday November 9

Parents' evening

Thursday November 10

Parents' evening

Roald Dahl celebrations

Learning across the school this term has also had a literary theme with all classes celebrating Roald Dahl's birthday with a week of special activities and many classes are linking their topic to a Roald Dahl book. The dress up day in honour of Roald Dahl was so well supported with children and their teachers dressing up as many wonderful characters!

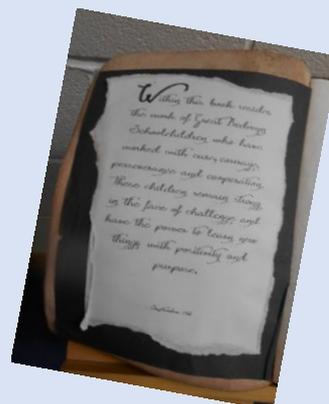


Continuing the literary theme, Class 5 and 6 were out last Friday taking part in a talk by author Abi Elphinstone as part of Marlborough literacy Festival. The children were enthralled by the presentation about Abi's life and how she acquires her inspiration for writing. Many children bought signed copies of her books and the school has also purchased some for the school library.

Reward systems in school

This term the staff have reviewed the rewards we have in school. We continue to reward pupils with house points but we also have Golden Leaf awards on a Monday to recognise children who have demonstrated kindness, perhaps lived out our other Christian values or shown particularly positive attitudes to their learning.

These leaves are being hung on a tree in the school reception foyer which Mrs de Pass has very kindly sourced and is in the process of getting it in position. In addition, on a Friday, we are celebrating work which has been the outcome of a great deal of effort and hard work and this is presented in the Golden Book which again is in the reception foyer of the school.



Tuesday November 15

Swimming: Year 2

Tuesday November 22

Swimming: Year 2

Thursday November 24

Flu vaccinations –
Years 1, 2 and 3

Tuesday November 29

Swimming: Year 2

Open Day for 2017/18
Reception Parents

Tuesday December 6

Christmas Production –
Years 1 and 2 (2pm)

Wednesday December 7

Christmas Production –
Years 1 and 2 (5pm)

Monday December 12

Pantomime visit – Aladdin

Wednesday December 14

Christmas Dinner

Celebration assembly

Thursday December 15

Christmas party day

Friday December 16

Carol Service in St Mary's
Church

Last day of Term 2

Monday 19th December –

Monday 2nd January:
Christmas holiday
SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday January 3 2017

Start of Term 3

Your school needs you!

School Governors

As you will be aware, the school has a Governing Body and we are currently recruiting for 2 posts for co-opted Governors; you may well have seen our adverts about this in local parish magazines. We are delighted to have had a positive response with a number of people coming forward from the local community keen to contribute to supporting the leadership of the school. We are going through an application process and hope to be able to announce the outcome by the end of November.

In the meantime, we have also sought nominations for a parent Governor. The closing date for nominations has now passed and there were no nominations received. This means the Governing Body can now appoint a Parent to serve as a Parent Governor. **If you are interested in finding out more please get in touch with Mrs Williams.**

Great Bedwyn School Association

Over the years, the Great Bedwyn School Association has impacted hugely on the school. Fundraising has enabled the school to develop its grounds, add additional classrooms, purchase the trim trail, build the gazebo and commission the library.

In addition to raising funds, many of the events organised provide extra opportunities for the children to have fun and enjoy their time in school. At the moment the GBSA is without a committee and is in need of members.

The school is very keen to support the GBSA and to work together with them for the good of the school community. If you would like to get involved and perhaps have a role on the committee then please contact Mrs Williams by 17th October. We are especially keen to have a Treasurer and Chairperson in post so that they can support the work of the class reps who are keen to organise fundraising events.



