



IMPORTANT DATES:

HALF-TERM

~ Monday 26th to Friday 30th
October

**IMPORTANT: CLOSING DATE
for Secondary School
applications ~ 31st October.**

TERM TWO BEGINS

~ Monday 2nd November

'Bath & Bristol, A tale of two cities' Learning Enquiry Launch

~ Monday 2nd November

Parliament Week ~ 1st to 7th
November

**School photographer in to
do sibling Photos** ~ 10th
November 1pm to 3pm

Children in Need ~ Friday
13th November

Friendship Week ~ Monday
16th to Friday 20th November

Odd Socks Day ~ Monday
16th November

SCOOTfit visiting ~
Wednesday 2nd December

Christmas Dates:

09/12/20 ~ Christmas Lunch

16/12/20 ~ Class Parties

DON'T FORGET

**PE Kits to be back in
school on a Monday
2nd. Thank you**

INSET days for 2020/2021
School closed for all pupils
Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Friday 12th February 2021
Friday 5th March 2021
Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parent and Carer

As we start the half-term break I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support. The staff and children have adapted to a new normal so well in school and you have supported us by following all the school and government guidance. The school has had to navigate uncharted waters and develop skills in areas we never would have thought of as schools opened more widely but your support definitely makes all the hard work worthwhile; alongside the smiling faces of some very happy children of course! Thank you!

We have continued to make sure that the children have had a range of curriculum enrichment opportunities this term through our '**Here We Are!**' Learning Enquiry. This has included the Science Explorer Dome and Skip2BeFit days. ScootFit could not take place on Wednesday due to the weather but has been rearranged for next term; fingers crossed for dry weather. We also have exciting opportunities organised for next term including author visits and workshops linked to our next Learning Enquiry.

In school today the staff have spent this morning focusing on our Phonics and Reading curriculum and the afternoon developing our History, Geography and Art curriculum in school. Mr Bogg is our History Curriculum Leader and over the next term we will be adding further information about our History Curriculum to our new website. The first day back next term is **a History themed day and staff across the school will be dressed up as significant historical or influential figures from Bath and Bristol. I wonder who you will spot!**

We are recommending lots of rest over the half-term. However, if you are feeling adventurous then Mr Bogg has created **an I-spy** Challenge trail for half-term linked to our Historical and Geographical **Learning Enquiry based on Bath and Bristol called "A Tale of Two Cities."** Can you visit as many of the locations as possible? We look forward to seeing your photographs, pictures or descriptions. Details attached to the Newsletter email and in the 'News' section of our website.

We are also sending out our first ever **SEND (Special, Educational, Needs and Disabilities)** Newsletter to parents today alongside the Learning Week. **Mrs Horn and Mr Bogg** lead on SEND across the school and have included in the first edition a wellbeing challenge and videos to explain ASC (Autistic Spectrum Condition) and EHCP (Educational, Health Care Plans) as well as a list of important dates. These newsletters will be sent out each half-term. If you have any concerns around SEND please talk to your child's teacher in the first instance and complete a parental concern form. These forms can be requested from the school office.

Mrs Parfitt message continued over

As a school we need your continued support to stay open next term but we have a remote learning plan should we need to close a Bubble. Should this happen we will move to Class DoJo and paper based learning. We have sent our **Remote Learning Questionnaire link home** today as well via email (also available on [our website under 'News'](#)) and would kindly ask that you complete this by **Wednesday 11th November** to support us with our plan.

Please continue to stay safe over half-term and help us to keep everyone safe and our school open next term. We would kindly ask that you continue to follow all the government guidance and if you or a member of the family are displaying symptoms please follow the guidance (Poster emailed with this newsletter) or ring 111 for advice. Please do not attend school if a member of your household is displaying symptoms and do not return until you have had a negative test result and the self-isolation period is complete. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Have a restful half-term, recharge those batteries and take care. School returns on **Monday 2nd November**

Kind regards

Claire Parfitt, Headteacher and Specialist Leader in Education.



YEAR SIX PARENTS ~ DON'T FORGET
deadline for Secondary School applications is **31st October**.
Don't be late!

RECEPTION 2021~ OPEN EVENTS



Are you, or do you know anyone, looking for a Reception place for September 2021? We are pleased to be able to offer Covid-19 compliant adult only, showarounds this year. Please wear Face coverings. Tours will be:

Saturday 7th November 2020 between 10am and 1pm (Tours at 10.00am, 10.45am, 11.30am, 12.15pm and 1.00pm)

Booking is essential. Please call 01225 832112 to book a suitable date and time.

Please pass this information to **everyone looking for a school place. Thank you Mrs Parfitt.**

School Fleeces ~ Red logo'd school fleeces are now available to purchase from Michael Hope (Our uniform provider).

<https://www.michaelhope.co.uk/products/school-shops/st-martin-s-garden-primary-school>

Thank you.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (Eligible by Benefit) ~ B&NES Council now have a **Free School Meals Eligibility Checking service** on the new Free School Meals web page on the B&NES website with a link to an online **benefit related free school meal application form** which can be found using the following link: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and navigate to  .

If you are claiming benefits you maybe entitled to Free School Meals (Eligible by Benefits) please apply to Free School meals by using either the link above, emailing freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk, calling 01225 394317 or completing an application form available at the school office. Thank you.

Remembrance Day- We are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and will be selling Poppies and Stationery on their behalf from **4th November to 11th November**. This year we will send home an envelope with details of the items that are available . Any donations can then be returned in the envelope. Thank you for your support with this.