



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you found the year group newsletters and curriculum maps useful and informative last week. If you would like to know more about the curriculum, please talk to your child's teacher or look at the Curriculum tab on our website.

### Information Evening for Parents/Carers

As you are already aware, there will be an information evening for parents and carers next Wednesday. There will be a talk for Year Six parents and carers at 6.00pm in the hall and this will be an opportunity to hear about the Year Six residential in particular. There will be a talk for Year Five parents and carers in one of the Year Five classrooms at 6.00pm. Year Four parents should arrive in time for their talk at 6.20pm in the classrooms and the talk for Year Three parents will be in the classrooms at 6.30pm. The talks should not last more than approximately 10 minutes, apart from the Year Six one which will be slightly longer. There will be an opportunity after the talks to chat to the teachers about how the children have settled in and to have a look at the resources your children use in their learning. Please access all classrooms via the main school entrance.

### Book Fair Award

Many parents from last year will recall that a fabulous group of Year Six children took part in the Year Six Scholastic Book Fair Takeover. During the month of March, the Year Six children presented an assembly, read and recommended books to their peers and even wrote and performed a song to inspire reading. The takeover was a huge success as we raised over £1000 during the Book Fair with the Year Sixes helping to run the fair after school. The children were inspirational with their enthusiasm and goal to inspire reading for pleasure throughout the school. Mrs Hanson entered the children into a competition and presented all that they had done and achieved. The exciting news came through yesterday that we had won out of all the schools who had entered across the UK. The school will be presented with £500 to spend on books and a trophy will be presented to the school in the coming weeks. Thank you to all of those involved – we are very proud of you. Our next Scholastic Book Fair will be after school on 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place next Thursday (26<sup>th</sup> September) at St. Mary's Church, starting at 1.45pm. All the children will be attending and parents and carers are very welcome to join us. In order to fit our 325 children in and parents etc, we remove most of the chairs and the children sit on the floor. There is room for adults to sit at the back and in the side aisles. If you can help to move the chairs, please meet me at the church at 12 noon. The theme of the service will be 'Sustainable Harvest' and we will be singing Harvest songs and performing poems and readings etc.

We traditionally ask children to bring in items of food that we then donate to local organisations.

Unfortunately these local organisations are limited in what they can receive from us and therefore request non-perishable food such as packets, tins etc, rather than fresh fruit and vegetables. If you can spare an item of food, please bring it to school on the day and your child should take it to their classroom as they go in after the bell. Thank you.



### BSA AGM

Our BSA AGM will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm in school. It is an opportunity for all parents, including new parents, to come along and hear more about the events the BSA have organised and to discuss plans for this coming year. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

### Climate Week.

Next week is Climate Week and we will be discussing it in school next and encouraging everyone to consider what they can do to help to preserve our planet. Our Harvest Festival theme is Sustainable Harvest which obviously fits in well next week. We will also be planting some new trees in the school grounds. I would also encourage families to consider walking to school next week, and beyond, in order to reduce the emissions caused by cars. If we all think carefully about the growing concerns of damage to our climate and planet, particularly encouraging the younger generation, we can make a difference.

### Year Six Residential

You will have read over the page that there is a meeting about the Year Six residential at the Information Evening next Wednesday at 6.00pm in the hall. Letters with additional key information will be distributed shortly. These letters include an explanation of the monthly payment system and the required deposit. It promises to be a wonderful trip in June and an experience the children will remember for the rest of their lives. Please ensure you have completed the slip indicating your intention for your child to take part in the residential by next Friday as we need to confirm numbers with PGL, the providers. If you would like more information about the trip or would like to discuss payments, please call in to see me or Sharon Bark.

### Our School Website

Our school website, [www.thebattschool.org.uk](http://www.thebattschool.org.uk) is regularly updated with news, photographs in the gallery section, newsletters etc. During the summer, one of the documents added was 'Successes of the Year 2018/19' within the 'Our School' tab, which highlights what went well for us last year in terms of sporting success, Music and the Arts, the curriculum, the school in the community and special events. We have also added the complete prospectus to the website and this has also been updated recently, including amendments to the Medical Matters section and the Curriculum.

I hope all our new children are setting in well. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Information Evening on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely

Chris Payne  
Headteacher

