

This term's Christian value is **THANKFULNESS**. We are thinking about remembering to thank people who help us, even when times are difficult, and counting your blessings.

*Always be thankful [1 Thessalonians 5.16]*

### **Congratulations to last week's Achievers!**

- Class 1 Bradley & Evie for writing such a lot on their own
- Class 2 Ember for effort when writing her story, following a story map
- Class 3 the whole of Class 3 for their excellent behaviour during their visit to the Roman Baths (see photos below)
- Class 4 Spencer for tackling maths challenges with enthusiasm
- Class 5 Logan for taking advice on board and making huge progress as a result
- Class 6 Leah for her kindness towards her buddy
- Others: Ellis - Cub of the Year  
Mariah & JJ for completing a 20 mile walk!!  
Congratulations to all who completed the Library Service summer challenge

### **Welcome to the new School Council!**

Every child has placed their vote, and there were some very close results - well done to all the candidates and congratulations to the year representatives:

- Y1 Oscar  
Y2 Jack  
Y3 Beth  
Y4 Logan  
Y5 Cicely  
Y6 Joshua (Chair)

Photo of the new Council coming soon...

### **School diary dates:**

#### **October**

- Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00 Nursery, Reception, Classes 1 & 2 Harvest festival  
2.45 Classes 3 - 6 Harvest festival
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 2.30 Class 5 assembly - parents welcome
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> **deadline for school photos orders to the office**
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> am. Reception - Y5 nasal flu vaccines (see details below)
- Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> & Weds 24<sup>th</sup> parent-teacher consultations
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> end of Term 1

#### **November**

- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> **start of Term 2**

Advance warning: final **INSET Day** date confirmed - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019.

To be clear:

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| INSET Day 2 | Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018   |
| INSET Day 3 | Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019   |
| INSET Day 4 | Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019  |
| INSET Day 5 | Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019 |

**Class 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Roman Baths last week, particularly the Great Bath, the scale model and the caldarium, tepidarium and frigidarium!**



### Oliver DVD

We now have DVDs of last term's performance available for only £5 - a super memento of an amazing production by the St. Mary's children.

Dare I say it, possibly even a fantastic Christmas present for family members...? 😊

Please return the reply slip at the bottom of this newsletter to ensure you get a copy.

Please pass on the word to any children who have since left as they were in Y6...

Many thanks to Peter & Geraldine Buchanan for all their hard work filming and producing the DVDs

### Football kit

We have an AMAZING squad of 28 budding football players at school who are committed to training and improving their skills on Tuesday evenings at the after school club. This year we have signed up to the Midsomer Norton Football League.

The children have asked me to put out a plea for any old (ish) football kit that you may have at home which we could put to good use; either for children who are yet to purchase their own or as 'spares'.

We NEED boots, shin pads and football socks.

If you have any at home please drop them into the office for Miss Lampert who is coordinating the club.

### Harvest festivals

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

9.00 Nursery, Reception, Classes 1 & 2

2.45 Classes 3 - 6

We are asking for donations for the Somer Valley foodbank, which supports a large number of families in our local area - please find a flyer with ideas attached.

Parents welcome! Thank you

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Please reserve me a DVD of the Oliver production.

Child's name:

## Notices & Reminders:

### FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5

#### Flu Vaccination Programme and Electronic Consent forms 2018/2019

Dear parents & carers,

#### **Nasal flu vaccination – Electronic consent**

Your child's nasal flu vaccination is now due and the date for this is scheduled with school – 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via the following link:**

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/?h=e8d387aace7137f1ac9126c1a746ca4cfa1843bff3c1e2690b487a4e5ffef195>

We would like to request that consent is provided as soon as possible as the link closes 5 days prior to the session in school. This link is secure and unique to your child's school. Full details and information to assist you in completing the consent is detailed on the portal including full FAQs, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination.

Many thanks for your cooperation

### **Free School Meals - Eligible by Benefit | All School Years**

**If you receive any of the benefits listed below, please register for Free School Meals - Eligible By Benefit (EBB). Registrations could attract Pupil Premium funding for school, £1,320 per Primary pupil.**

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- **Please contact the team at [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk) or call 01225 394317.**

Visit [www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to download and complete a form online



## **Job vacancy: handyman**

We are looking to find a new member of staff to join our hardworking team. Specifically, we need a handyman to work 1.00pm – 4.00pm on Fridays. Please get in touch with Kim in the school office if you think you may have the skills and would be interested to find out more...