



Saltford
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 4 • 3rd March 2022



WELCOME BACK to term four. We hope you had a lovely break and have enjoyed the first week back at school. We have hit the ground running with a busy week that has included our pancake races and celebrations of World Book Day. We have included a selection of photos at the end of this newsletter. There is a lot to look forward to also. This newsletter gives you a preview of all that will be happening this term. Newsletters will be back in the usual format next week, sent out each Thursday by email.

The travelling book fair is coming to school next week from Friday 11th March until Wednesday 16th March. All details are on the school website here. Children can use their £1 World Book Day tokens towards the cost of one book and payment methods have been made even easier than before.

Swimming pool/weather damage update: we had substantial damage to the school site including roofing (our swimming pool roof, liner and cover) covered areas, shed roofs and doors etc. on Friday 18th. Thank you very much for all the concerned messages and offers of support. I will keep you updated as to next steps and will discuss this further at our PTA meeting on Monday.

Conflict in Ukraine: many thanks to everyone who has already contributed to our collection for Unicef. We can still accept donations tomorrow and first thing on Monday morning. We understand that families may be affected in many ways by the current war in Ukraine. We have emailed all families with guidance about dealing with this sensitively with children, and what we are doing to support. This guidance is also on our website here.

The school website: the news page is up to date and includes guidance for parents regarding Covid-19 procedures at school. Elsewhere on the website there is lots of useful information. You can find our term dates calendar under the Office. Please see our communications poster here for a reminder of the many ways we can communicate with each other.

Punctuality: please support us by making sure your child arrives at school at the correct time – all children should be in the classroom at 8:50am. Arrival at 8:45am is recommended and please do space out at your pick up and drop off points. Please read this useful document that outlines pick up and drop off arrangements by year group. If you drive, do consider active travel by parking at The Crown in the morning and walking in.

Uniform: please send your child in full school uniform including footwear. A useful presentation showing our uniform requirements can be found on our website here.

Enjoy the rest of your week,
Mrs Sage.

News

COVID update for term 4: all parents were emailed on the first day of term with our revised COVID procedures, following changes to Government legislation and guidance over the holiday. Please **remember to phone the School Office as you would normally if your child is absent from school**. Parents are always notified directly of any changes to procedures, and our COVID guidance on the website news page is always up to date.

Access afternoons and consultation evenings: these will next take place on Mon 28th – Wed 30th March and Thu 31st March & Mon 4th April respectively. We will be in touch nearer the time with booking details as usual.

PTA film night for children: it will be lovely to see some entertaining events back in our social calendar. The first will be the film night for the children on Friday 25th March. Look out for more details on how to get tickets.

Summer fair: we are really looking forward to the return of the PTA summer fair in July and the PTA is already at work to ensure its success. Please offer help in whatever way you can. If you are interested in having a stall this year, please see how to apply later in this newsletter.

This term's focus

- Meetings for Year Four and Five parents – health education and camp arrangements
- Celebrating World Book Day followed by an author visit and the Book Fair at school.
- Travel plan events such as sustrans Big Walk and Wheel (formerly the Big Pedal) and bikeability training for Year 3 and 4
- Welcoming parents to afternoon access events to share their child's work followed by consultation evening meetings.

Continuing work on School Improvement Priorities

- Staff training on our new phonics & reading programme called Read Write Inc in FS/KS and Vipers in KS2.
- Working with curriculum leaders to develop their subject leadership roles and assessment in their subjects.
- Reviewing our schemes of work and medium-term planning in line with the Futura Curriculum. Please see more detail in this Futura Curriculum document.
- Keeping in touch via our weekly newsletters, our school website and tweeting about school life @SaltfordPrimary.

How you can get involved

PTA: the next PTA meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 7th March**. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME. To keep in touch and get involved [join the PTA Facebook group here](#). Please also continue to support PTA events such as the regular cake & uniform sales and book swaps as they have a direct impact on your child's school experience.

Volunteering: we love having volunteers in school and there are so many roles you could take. At the moment these are all subject to our COVID visitor protocols which include taking a lateral flow test.

- Volunteer to help on a regular basis in class.
 - Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden. Please call (01225 872185) or e-mail the school office (<mailto:contactus@salfordschool.org.uk>) if you can spare time to help all the children get the maximum benefit from this great resource.
 - Become a Library volunteer and support our team.
 - Volunteer at one-off events arranged by the PTA. It's fun and many hands always make light work!
- See more about [what it's like to be a volunteer here](#), including [this lovely account](#) from the point of view of one parent volunteer who wrote to us about her experience.

Shopping choices: when you are buying online, please remember to check out [The Giving Machine](#) for links to the sites you would be using anyway. You can earn commission for the school funds at no extra cost to yourself. Please see [our Fundraising information here](#) for more information.

Our governing body

The school's [governing body](#) is responsible for the strategic direction of the school and for holding the Headteacher to account for the academic progress of the pupils, to name just two areas. To find out what is covered in governors' meetings, please follow [this link to this year's meeting planner](#) with details for each term.

Parent Voice Group

With parent representatives from each class, **the Parent Voice Group (PVG)** is an important means of communication between school and families. See [the PVG section of our website here](#) to see how it works, who your representative is and how you could become part of it. You can see the minutes of each meeting [on the school website here](#).

Bullying was one of the items on the agenda at the last PVG meeting in February. We would like to make sure that all parents know how to raise a concern about bullying or related behaviour. Please always contact the school and flag this your concern with the class teacher and Mrs Sage. The procedures we then follow are detailed in [our Anti-Bullying Policy here](#).

This term's clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. The [clubs section](#) of our website provides full details of all the clubs we offer and the timetables they are running to.

Chuckles Before and After School Club: all our children are offered wrap around care provision by [Tiddlers Day Nursery](#). This is supervised before and after school care

Community news

[Our Community notices page](#) is regularly updated with information from outside organisations that we think families might find useful. This can range from support for families to school holiday clubs and seasonal activities. We also keep in touch with [Saltford Community Association](#) to pass on any news that might be of particular interest to families with school-age children.

Safe and pleasant travel

Last term a concerned neighbour was kind enough to send us a photo of a car on the school run that was parked up on the pavement, in a street near school. May we remind drivers that such parking poses a real hazard to those families who arrive on foot, by bike or by scooter, or with younger children in pushchairs. If the pavement is blocked, they are far more likely to be forced into the road where they clearly will be at risk at such busy times.

The fewer cars that are parked around school, the safer our children will be. Please leave plenty of time if you are driving to school so that you can find safe and suitable parking.

In school, we actively encourage safe travel. We aim for as many pupils and staff to travel on foot, by bike or by scooter as possible as part of this. See [safe travel info on our website](#) which includes our travel plan. Look out also for more news about how we will participate in the [Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel](#) beginning Monday 21st

March and bikeability training for years 3 and 4.

Thrive...

We are a Thrive school with a Thrive licensed practitioner (Mrs Gemma Godwin). Thrive is an intervention for pupils with additional emotional and mental health needs. We have access to Thrive online profiling and action-planning tool to equip adults with the knowledge, insights and resources needed to develop the relationships that help children to flourish and learn. In addition to the intervention, Thrive is approach used by all staff to support pupils and foster positive relationships. For more information about Thrive, see our parents' information leaflet. Thrive also offer a free online toolkit to parents with strategies and activities to support children's well-being. <https://www.thriveapproach.com/who-we-work-with/parents-carers/>.

On our school website we also have the following information to support the well-being of children and families: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/wellbeing and Signposting for pupils and families to appropriate support, agencies and professionals outside of school.

Would you like a stall at this year's summer fair?

The PTA are excited to be starting plans for the Summer Fair on Saturday 2nd July. If any parents would be interested in having a stall at this please contact Clare Harding who will be arranging this aspect of the day. Please email her at bishopclare1979@hotmail.co.uk. The fair will run from 2pm to 5pm.

Headteacher awards

KS1

Bumblebee: Audrey G for working really hard when writing her journal, considering her sounds and spaces

Butterfly: Vincent C for working really hard on writing in his journal. Really thinking about different sounds.

Apple: Annie H for working so well in class and for a massive improvement in her writing. Well done!

Pear: Parker M for trying so hard with your writing and finger spaces. You wrote a brilliant journal this week! Well done.

Palm: Jacob T for writing super instructions for a friendship potion.

Cherry: Niamh V for her amazing attitude to learning and working so hard at her maths work.

KS2

Lime: Orson H for explaining his problem-solving methods in maths so clearly.

Sycamore: Elliott S for super pronunciation in French!

Maple: Hudson R for his positive attitude to learning and for always trying is best in all subjects. Well done!

Willow: Elizabeth C for her super explanation about the UK climate in our Geography topic.

Elm: Fred E for demonstrating fantastic watercolour painting techniques.

Horse chestnut: Theo B for taking great pride in his handwriting and presentation to earn his pen licence. Well done Theo.

Ash: Tommy M for his good attitude towards his reading.

Oak: Mirella B for always doing her homework very promptly on seesaw. Mirella's homework is always done accurately and neatly.

Congratulations to...

- Zara H from Lime class for her medal from Baskervilles Gymnastics for front flips.
 - Rosie B from Palm class for her Baskervilles Gymnast of the day award.
- Summer-Louise K from Sycamore class who passed her primary ballet exam with bronze medal.



This week's house point winners are **Goldfinches** with 171 points



Key dates

All dates are on the [online calendar for parents here](#)

Monday 7th March: next PTA meeting via zoom 7:30pm. ALL WELCOME.

Friday 11th March: Year 4 cake sale, PTA uniform sale and book swap after school.

Friday 11th – Wednesday 16th March: travelling book fair at school.

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th March: Butterflies and Bumblebees visit Herschel Museum of Astronomy.

Monday 21st March: beginning of the Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel, including our travel survey.

Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd March: Y1 & 2 visit to Chepstow Castle.

Friday 25th March 6 – 8pm: PTA film night for children – details to be confirmed

Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th March: access afternoons.

Tuesday 29th March: Y6 Lifeskills Centre visit.

Thursday 31st March & Monday 4th April: consultation evenings via school cloud.

Friday 8th April: end of term 4.

Monday 25th April: beginning of term 5.

Please note that term 6 ends on **Thursday 21st July**. This is because the DfE has asked schools to adjust their term dates because of the extra bank holiday for the Queen's platinum jubilee falling in a school holiday. Term dates for this and the next academic year are on our website: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c March 7 2022

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Bath Central Library

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Tuesday	10.30 - 11.00 am	8 Mar
Thursday	12.00 - 12.30 pm	10, Mar

Art in the Library - Bath Artist Printmakers

Monday - Saturday 2 - 30 Mar

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Tuesday	9.30 - 10.00 am	8 Mar
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Midsomer Norton Library

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Wednesdays	10.30 - 11.00 am	9 Mar
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Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation and choose something new to read. You can do all this and more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

'Share a Memory'

We're asking for you to share your memories and photos of the Coronation, Jubilees and Royal visits in BaNES

Online or in Libraries 1 March - 18 April

Digital

Women's History Month
All Social Media

Free Wills Month
All Social Media

Food Waste Action Week
7-13 March
All Social Media

British Science Week
11-20 March
All Social Media

Unboxed Festival
March - October
All Social Media

Children's Book Review
12 March
Bathnes Libraries Blog

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@SaltfordsL

Pinterest
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Blog
bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

Pancake races and World Book Day

