

Newsletter – 9th September 2022

We held a minute's silence in assembly this morning, in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II.

The children sat very respectfully while we silently watched some photos of The Queen's long and memorable life.



Would you like to find out more about joining the PTA or being a governor at the school? Please let the office know.



We're proud to announce our Stars of the week:

- [Duckling](#): Arleigh and Edward
- [Dragonfly](#): Bing and Penny
- [Otter](#): Felix and Poppy
- [Kingfisher](#): Cherry and Kenzie

And our headteacher award winners are: Edward, Ruby, Poppy and Tyler

A message from Mr Barton



It's hard to believe that we have only had one week of term so far, but the school year has got off to a very good start. The children have been fantastic, getting used to their new routines, classes and year groups. Our new Reception children have settled in really well too and it's been great to see their Year 6 buddies playing with them and helping them at lunchtimes.

Parents will also know that we have a significant change ahead when Mrs Rawlinson leaves us later this autumn. As you know from the letter sent out yesterday, a number of things are in place to support continuity in Duckling class, but she will be very much missed when she does move on in due course. I should also let you know that our cook, Sarah Medcraft, has now left the catering company who supply our meals, Edwards and Ward. The new cook, Cheryl Phillips, has been supported by her area manager Jess Boulton and they too have done a great job of settling in.

I spoke to the children in assembly on Monday about a couple of specific things we would like to develop in school this year. One of these is developing better facilities in the playground. This will involve fundraising of course, and watch this space for more details about how you might be able to help, by joining or supporting our PTA.

The other improvement I mentioned was the re-introduction of an 'Eco-team'. Continuing the curriculum work we have done, we want to ensure that children learn about the local environment and how to protect it.



We would love to update this equipment this year.

With an Eco-team of children, we can build up better practices through the school in terms of things like energy saving and recycling. I'll be giving the children some more information about this on Monday and inviting them to join the Eco-team. Again, watch this space for further updates.

As a reminder for existing parents, and to let our new parents know: if you are looking for any information about what is going on in school, I'd recommend the 'Upcoming Events' section (below) which is updated in the newsletter every week. This links to any letters that have been sent out about events, so it should be a useful overview of what's coming up in the next 2 weeks, in the same part of the newsletter every Friday. You'll see below that it's a quiet start to term, but the events will build up! You can also keep an eye on Class Dojo, and click the class names at the top of this page to link through to the dedicated webpages for each class.

Our value of the term is Togetherness, and it's been great to be back together after the summer break. I hope that your children have really enjoyed their first week and that you have a very good weekend.

Warrick Barton

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Upcoming Events

Week beginning 12th September

| Monday 12 th | Tuesday 13 th | Wednesday 14 th | Thursday 15 th | Friday 16 th |
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| | | | Kingfisher swimming (Week 2 of 4) | |

Week beginning 19th September

| Monday 19 th | Tuesday 20 th | Wednesday 21 st | Thursday 22 nd | Friday 23 rd |
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| | | | Kingfisher swimming (Week 3 of 4) | |

After School Clubs

It's been great to see our new set of after school clubs up and running this week. We are especially grateful to our new club leaders, Natalie Pullen and Luke Howell. Both the film club with Natalie on Wednesday and the drumming club on Monday went down really well with the children. **There are still spaces on both clubs** if you would like your child to join them. The details of how to sign your child up are [here on the clubs letter](#) for this term.

Apologies to parents that there was a change of pick up location on Tuesday for the sports clubs. Because the weather will be a big factor in whether or not the children go to the field, we will send a text on a Tuesday lunchtime to let you know each week whether to pick up from the field or the school.

Useful links and reminders

As usual, we're leaving a couple of links that could be useful to you in our newsletter.

If you need to book or cancel a **breakfast club** place, please [click here](#), or look up Breakfast Club under the Parents tab of our website.

Amazon wish list. If you would like to support our school by buying any books from our Amazon Wish List, please [click here](#).

Absence reporting

If you know your child will need to be **absent for school**, such as for a music exam or dentist appointment, or if under exceptional circumstances you need to request authorised holiday in term time, please [click here](#). You can also find this form under the Parents tab of the website. Note that it should NOT be used for unplanned absence (illness).

In the case of illness, this is our usual reminder to please be specific when leaving a message or reporting absence due to illness to the office. Below is a list of things that do **NOT** require your child to be off from school.

- They are tired
- They have a cold / mild stomach ache
- They are feeling 'unwell' but with no specific symptoms / pain.

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- They are worried about something (but do let us know, so we can support them)

We hope this link provides some help as to when to keep your child at home and when not to: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Remember that if you need to notify us of any planned absence, please do this via our [online form here](#). Many thanks to all parents for working with us in ensuring that your child gets their full entitlement to their education by attending school as often as possible. If you do need to request a short absence for a term time holiday, be aware that this can only be granted in truly exceptional circumstances. Any such requests must be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance.

Although the vast majority of requests cannot result in authorised absence, we very much respect parents' honesty in telling us about any term time holidays.

Community News



Annual Duck Race

Will you be a lucky ducky? Family Fun Afternoon **SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2022** at **THE RISING SUN**.

Buy racing ducks online to join in the fun and support the local tennis courts - a village amenity.

The local tennis club is used by lots of local people and you can join or just simply hire a court to play.

Complete the form below and click 'submit' to be taken to payment page.* If you can't make it to Rising Sun on race day, we will let you know if you have won and send you your prize. *Remember to tick the UK flag/GBR at checkout.

1st Prize - £50, 2nd Prize - £25, 3rd Prize - £15

NOTE - duck numbers will be allocated to you and sent to you by email well before the race.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE FORM](#)

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c 12 September

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 13 September

Art in the Library - Kate Davies, Penny Ives, Nadine Wickenden

Monday - Saturday 2 August - 15 September

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 13 September
10.30 - 11.00 am

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am 12 September

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 14 September

Heritage Open Days: History of Midsomer Norton Library/Create a Mural

Monday - Saturday 9 - 17 September

Mobile Library

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

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

Digital All Social Media

NHS Better Health
August - September

Roald Dahl Day,
13 September

Children's Book Review
18 September
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Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) club

Good-quality food at a low price

Bright Start Children's Centre Services run a weekly **Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) club** at Keynsham Children's Centre, providing local families with good-quality food at a low cost, while also reducing food waste.

It costs just £1 a year for your family to become members.

Once you've joined, you can purchase a bag of tasty food items every week worth approx. £15 for just £3.50!

To become a member, you must live in Bath & North East Somerset and have a child aged 0 - 18.



Where and when

Keynsham Children's Centre
65 West View Road
Keynsham
BS31 2UE
Thursdays
1.00 – 3.00pm

Find out more

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Hayley_Smith@bathnes.gov.uk

 [BrightStartChildrensCentres](https://www.facebook.com/BrightStartChildrensCentres)
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