

Other news items

Autumn uniform

If the weather is hot, Summer uniform can be worn up until the October half term holiday next academic year.

BREAK UP FROM SCHOOL 21st July 2017 at 2.30pm.

INSET days 4/5th September 2017

School commences again on Wednesday 6th September 2017. Term dates can be found on the website.

The roots to grow,



The wings to fly.

Final thoughts...

If you have anything you would like to add that you think other parents ought to know about the school or village, please let me know either in person or by email:office@bradfordbbas.dors et.sch.uk before the 20th of each month.

Kind regards

Miss Emma Grunnill

Headteacher

Some pictures from our Spirituality day sharing assembly...



IN BRIEF:

- You should have received your child's school photograph via book bag. If you would like to order a copy, please make sure you respond by the deadline date. Thank you.
- Cluster schools' Year 5/6 Gateway concert this Wednesday at 6pm! Tickets available from school or on the door...

DIARY DATES—JUNE/ JULY

- 28th Year 5 and 6 to the Gateway all day and concert at 6pm
- 30th Cricket and rounders tournament at the Gryphon
- 3rd Year 6 - first aid training
- 5th Year 6 to Abbey School—writing project
- 6th PTA Swimming gala at Oxley
- 10th Year 6 to Barton Hall
- 13th Year 4/5 Sherborne area swimming gala
- 19th Poetry Slam
- 20th Leavers' disco 6pm
- 21st Leavers' service 1.30pm—school ends 2.30pm



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Church School inspection

We had our five yearly Church inspection on the 20th June. Lesley Turville (SIAMS manager for Oxfordshire—Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) ran the inspection. She looked at the Christian distinctiveness of the school, the leadership and management of the school, the effectiveness of RE and other areas of learning and the impact of collective worship. Lesley spoke to children, parents, staff and governors and was able to gain an accurate and excellent overview of the school.

I am unable at this time to inform you of the outcome as the report is still being written and verified however I can tell you that we are very happy with the judgements and I will share the report with you as soon as I can.

Our spiritual garden

Our spiritual garden is now finished and ready for the children to decorate and enjoy! Our garden was designed last year but put on hold due to building works. As the original site was bigger, it was carefully redesigned and landscaped by Rob Green and Original Landscapes and paid for from a legacy the school received some years ago from an ex Headteacher of Halstock Primary School, Mr Ted Mear. We wanted to use the money for something significant and sustainable for the school.

The official opening was held on a beautiful, sunny day on 14th June 2017 as part of our spirituality day worship on 'Following in Jesus' Footsteps'. Reverend John Summers blessed the space and told the children about the importance of reflection, tranquillity and peace. Pictures on our website.



Curriculum enrichment

As ever there has been a variety of visits taking place this term to enrich and extend the children's learning: Year 2 Cluster Schools' trip - Ryewater; Reception and Year 1—@Bristol; Year 3—Carymoor; Year 4 Cluster Schools trip—Leeson House; Year 2 and Year 5—Streetwise. Year 6 go to on their Cluster Schools 'residential to Barton Hall on the 10th July!

We believe that visits and trips are worthwhile learning experiences for the children and often provide activities/experiences we are unable to back at school. However we realise that there is a cost to you and we are very grateful for your continued support. Thanks to the staff for organising and running the trips as well as to parents who volunteer to help supervise on the day.

PTA Summer fair

Thanks to everyone who came to our summer fair whether it was in a volunteer capacity or as a visitor on the day. It was a great success and approximately £1400 was raised! Much of the success of the day should be credited to Leah Hughes and Kim Gurzynski (chair and vice chair of the PTA) who worked so hard to make it happen. Thank you.

Sports day

After the cancellation of both sports days last year (due to rain) we were keen to give the children the opportunity to race this year. After putting sensible precautions in place, we were happy that conditions were safe to proceed. Unfortunately I was unable to be there but I have had lots of positive feedback from parents, staff and governors who were present and I am glad that everyone enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to Yellows!



Swimming pool committee

A massive thank you to the newly formed swimming pool committee who have worked tirelessly to set up and maintain the pool this year. We really couldn't do it without you!



Welcome back!

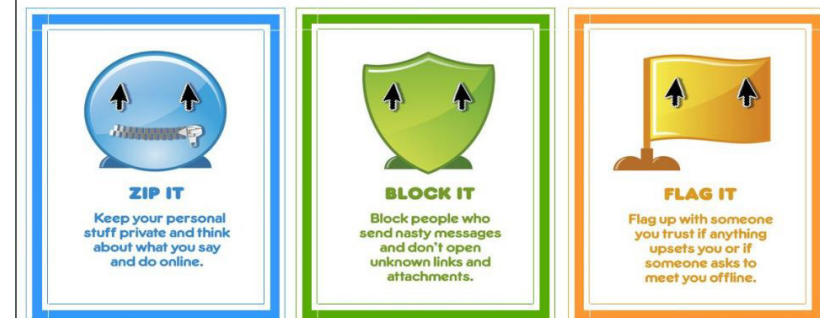
It was lovely to welcome back some ex St Mary's pupils when some of the Year 7 Gryphon students and Diane Tregale (Gryphon pastor) led an assembly last week on being unique and special. They then worked with Year 6 on transition and change.

We welcomed another ex pupil Connie Farrands into school this week on work experience and three ex pupils on Wednesday for the annual Gryphon volunteering day.

E-safety day

The Safer Schools and Communities' Team (Dorset Police) were in school on 22nd June to give the children their annual e-safety training update. The digital world moves at such a swift pace, it is vital that we all keep up to date with how to stay safe online.

Follow the code to stay safe online



Click Clever, Click Safe!

Summer disco

The Leavers' disco will take place on Thursday 20th July at 6pm-7.30pm in the school hall. As usual, a letter will come home nearer the time for you to complete and for your child to bring on the night. Please could we ask you to drop your children off quickly, unless you are helping by prior arrangement so that the hall does not become too congested; thank you. £1.50 per child and Year 6 will be free.

Brocklehurst

The Brocklehurst art Exhibition has been a tradition at St Mary's for many, many years, held to commemorate the life of a talented ex pupil who sadly died. Historically we have done it in the Summer term. However this year we have decided to move it to the Autumn term when we have a little more time and space to do it justice. More to follow next term...