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Dear Families and Friends of St Mary's

EASTER SERVICE - ST MARY'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL, 2PM

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Stephens is getting married at the end of next week and will return after the Easter break as **Mrs Humphries**. Congratulations!

Miss Stone leaves at the end of term to take up her new post in Bristol. We wish her every success in her new school and thank her for the commitment to the children in The Hive.

Mr Finlay, Assistant Headteacher, will become the class teacher for the Bees after Easter.

Mrs Brewer returns from maternity leave on **4th April** and there will be a handover of SENCo responsibilities between her and **Jon Stevenson** during the remainder of April. Jon's last official day with us will be Tuesday 25th April. We have really appreciated his expertise as SENCo and children have benefitted from his Thrive skills. On behalf of all children, staff and Governors, I would like to thank Jon for supporting St Mary's during Mrs Brewer's absence; and Batheaston School for enabling you to do this.

From 1st April your child will no longer be able to access Mathletics using their school account. We have been unable to afford to renew the subscription this year. If you wish to continue using Mathletics at home, you can subscribe as a family. Details are available on the Mathletics website.

TERM 5/6 EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!

Please make sure you note the dates for Summer Fair, Sports Day, Open Afternoon etc. in your diary.

All dates are listed on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter.

The Department for Education has launched a **public consultation exercise** about the future of the primary assessment system in England.

The consultation sets out wide-ranging proposals for improving the primary assessment system. These include consideration of the best starting point from which to measure pupils' progress, how to ensure the assessment system is proportionate, and how to improve end of key stage assessments.

A **parallel consultation**, also launched last week, is asking for views on the recommendations of the independent Rochford Review. The recommendations focus on the future of statutory assessment arrangements for pupils working below the standard of national curriculum tests at the end of key stages 1 and 2.

The DFE have produced a short **video** which introduces the main consultation themes.

All those with an interest in primary education are encouraged to engage with these consultation exercises and to share their opinions and insights. The consultation is open until 22 June 2017.

If you have any questions please contact the assessment policy team at **PrimaryAssessment.CONSULTATION@education.gov.uk** or the Rochford review team at **Rochford.Review@education.gov.uk**.

DIARY DATES 2016-2017

Monday 3 rd April	Rev Blewett leads Easter Collective Worship at St Mary's Church 2pm Cake Sale after school - please donate cakes in the morning; then come along and buy some cake after school and help support the chickens!
Tuesday 4 th April	MUFTI Day for Team Campbell Cup Winners (all other children in uniform please)
Friday 7 th April	Term 4 ends at 3.15pm
Monday 24 th April	Term 5 begins
Thursday 18 th May	PERI Concert - for families of children who learn individual instruments in school
Friday 26 th May	Term 5 ends
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day 5 - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	First day Term 6 for pupils
Thursday 8 th June	New Parents Induction Evening (provisional)
Thursday 15 th June	SAMBA Workshops
Friday 16 th June	SAMBA Workshops, Procession and Summer Fair
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Monday 3 rd July	Sports Day (Reserve)
Friday 14 th July	Term 6 AWARDS, Family Picnic and Open Afternoon
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' Service Last Day of Term 6 - school closes 2pm.

TERM DATES 2017-2018

	INSET DAYS	Start for pupils	Finish for pupils
Term 1	Friday 1 st September	Monday 4 th September	Friday 20 th October
Term 2	Tuesday 31 st October	Wednesday 1 st November	Friday 15 th December
Term 3	Three Further INSET Days yet to be set	Tuesday 2 nd January '18	Friday 9 th February '18
Term 4		Monday 19 th February '18	Friday 23 rd March '18
Term 5		Monday 9 th April '18	Friday 25 th May 2017
Term 6		Monday 4 th June	Tuesday 24 th July

Please note these differ very slightly from the dates on the B&NES website as we will have a slightly longer October break.

A note about safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils please contact the school to speak to **Miss Alice Brown** (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or **Mrs Brewer/Mrs Heather Stephens** (Deputy DSLs). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.