

MORE FOR YOU.....

South Bath Schools working together 'enabling primary children in Bath to reach their potential'

Combe Down CofE Primary
Freshford CofE Primary
Moorlands Infant
Moorlands Junior
Oldfield Park Infant
Oldfield Park Junior
St Andrew's CofE Primary
St Martin's Garden Primary
St Michael's CofE Junior
Southdown Infant
Southdown Junior
Widcombe CofE Junior

South Bath Schools
Extending School
Provision

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Dear Parents/Carers

WOW!! Is it really Easter already? – I have only just put the Christmas Tree away! The life of a school is a fast paced one and schools in the 21st Century work hard not only to educate your children but to help them to become good citizens and to participate positively in their community. My role as Extended Services Co-ordinator is to help my schools work with each other to benefit the communities they serve. As a cluster of schools we are planning to get some events underway that will involve school pupils and older members of the community, working together to share ideas and experiences. Look out for more information later in the year. But if you have a community project that would benefit from some 'pupil input' please contact me, on the email above, or through your own school's Head Teacher.

Thank you

Cindy Harris, Extended Services Co-ordinator.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED VOLUNTARY WORK?

Age Concern are looking for volunteers for their Befriending Service to help alleviate the sense of loneliness felt by many older people. By offering regular contact, volunteers can make a positive impact on an older person's life. If you are reliable, patient and able to commit to 1 -2 hours per week/fortnight please contact the Home Services Team on 01225 462641.

Mentoring Plus are looking for volunteer mentors to help young people at risk of offending. Offering consistency, reliability and empathy, mentors develop trusting relationships with children that can help build their confidence and self-esteem. In return, Mentoring Plus offers a full training programme, out of pocket expenses and a uniquely rewarding experience. For more information contact 01225 429694 or visit www.mentoringplus.net.

Timebank Plus offer various groups, events and activities to the local community including free art classes, Cinema Club (companionship for going to the cinema), cookery classes, decorating/DIY/Gardening. If you would like to get involved, contact 01225 442813 or timebankplus@googlemail.com.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WORK?

The Community Learning Service gives FREE information and advice on work, training and learning. They can help with application forms, CVs, interview techniques and college courses. Contact Lara or Lynda on 01225 396599.

Job Centre Plus have Advisers who can give information on work, training and benefits. Advisers are available on Tuesdays at the Childrens' Centre at St Martin's Garden Primary School and on Fridays at First Steps in Twerton or call 0800 783 9870 for more information.

For information on all types of family related topics, parent support advice and up to date information on child care in your area contact the Family Information Service, FREE on 0800 073 1214 or logon to www.ibigdatabase.org.uk.

*** KEEP THIS SHEET IN A SAFE PLACE ~ YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU, FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER MAY NEED THIS INFORMATION ***

SUMMER IS COMING ~ PUT THOSE PSPs and DSs AWAY and GO OUT AND PLAY!!!

As the lighter evenings and warmer weather approach the children are going to want to go out and play. Some parents have concerns about their child's safety when playing out. Playing freely is an essential part of every child's development and it helps build confidence and allows children to assess and manage their own risks. (You remember climbing trees and making mud pies – don't you?) To help children play in a 'safer' way.....

PLAY RANGERS work all around Bath, running regular FREE activities in parks and open spaces. For more details on where and when they meet, contact Bath Area Play Project on 01225 832479.

PLAYGROUNDS are all over the B&NES area and B&NES Council has just undertaken to update a lot of the playgrounds and equipment.

For more information on where your local playground is visit the B&NES website and search 'playgrounds'.

Free School Meals = Free laptop computer and internet access.

If you are claiming Free School Meals your family may be entitled to a FREE laptop computer and internet access through the Government's HOME ACCESS scheme. Phone 0333 200 1004 for more details on how the scheme works.

I am sure you have all seen the adverts on the television and heard them on the radio BUT have you actually visited the website? DIRECTGOV is the governments website which has information on, or links to, all sorts of help and advice. There is an excellent section for parents which has information on all types of issues.

Check out this website. www.direct.gov.uk

F O R T H C O M I N G E V E N T S

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HEALTHY LIVING WEEK on 27th May ~ 3rd June 2010. There are various activities taking place, all over Bath, during this week including events at Twerton Market and Bath City Farm. Watch local press for further details.

BATH INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL on 26th May – 6th June 2010. Twelve days celebrating the world's best jazz, classical, folk and world music. For tickets phone 01225 463362 or visit www.bathmusicfest.org.uk for more details.

FREE FAMILY SPORTS DAY on Saturday 5th June 2010 at Bath Recreation Ground: 10am - 2pm. There will be various activities taking place on the day including Sports Festivals (U11 and U16), Girls Football (World Cup theme), Tag Rugby, Sports Demonstrations, Cycle Skills Challenge, Climbing Wall, Obstacle course for children, Rowing and cycling challenges, 'Try It' activities and lots more!! There will be special appearances by Paralympics Team GB athletes. For more information visit the B&NES website and search for 'family fun day' or phone the Active Leisure Team on 01225 396429.