

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 Infant
Widcombe CofE Junior

South Bath Schools
Extending School
Provision

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to issue seven of our Extended Services cluster newsletter. I would like to welcome all the pupils, parents and staff from **Widcombe Infant School** who have recently joined our cluster of schools.

For the benefit of the Parents at Widcombe Infant and any parents who are new to our cluster, this newsletter is produced once a term to provide you with information about events taking place in Bath that may benefit your family.

The 13 schools, listed above, are working together to provide more opportunities for parents, children and the local community beyond the school day (called Extended Services). The government is encouraging schools to work together to provide or tell parents about high quality childcare, out of hours activities/learning, parenting support, referral to specialist support services and community access to school facilities.

I use this newsletter to spread the news about all the good, interesting and helpful things that are going on in our area so that everyone can get involved. If you have any event that you would like to share, please contact me or your Head Teacher.

Thank you

Cindy Harris, Extended Services Co-ordinator.

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For this newsletter we will give you details of where you can go to get information

~ **Do you need a Childminder, Nursery Place or Holiday club or would you like to become a Childminder?** ~ Contact the Family Information Service, FREE on 0800 073 1214

~ **For information on health, learning, skills and work, money, sports, family support and lots, lots more** ~ log onto www.1bigdatabase.org.uk.

~**Calling all young Dads!** ~ There is an information website just for you www.young-fathers.org.uk

~ **Need information on money issues or family support?**

~ Citizens advice bureau - www.bathcab.org.uk

~ Southside family project – 01225 331243 (now covers the whole Bath area).

~ **Do you want somewhere safe for the children to play?**

~ Contact the Bath Area Play Project (BAPP) on 01225 832479 who have Play Rangers in this area as well as holiday playschemes. They also run the TURTLE toy library, where you can borrow toys for up to two weeks.

~ Contact Percy Community Centre 01225 423014 they have a whole range of activities whatever your age.

BECAUSE CHILDREN DON'T COME WITH INSTRUCTIONS!

The Family Information Service have 'Triple P' (Positive Parenting Program) information sheets for parents. These useful information sheets give advice on dealing with all sorts of childhood issues from bedwetting to tantrums to night terrors and eating problems. The information sheets cover issues from babies to teens and have advice on lots of different subjects. They are **FREE** and available from the Family Information Service on FREEPHONE 0800 073 1214 or email fis@bathnes.gov.uk.

Free School Meals = Free laptop computer and internet access.

If your children are eligible for 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.

**** STOP PRESS ** ~ 'INSPIRING ENGINEERS' GREENPOWER GOBLIN KIT CAR PROJECT.**

You may remember, in issue five, I told you about the Goblin Kit Car after-school project that some of our Year 5 & 6 pupils are going to be working on from September 2010.

I had already secured funding for three schools to be involved in this exciting, ambitious project. I can now announce that I have received further funding from the BIG LOTTERY FUND to buy two more cars. Therefore five schools will be involved in building, designing and then racing their own electric powered cars (Freshford Primary, Oldfield Park Junior, St Andrews Primary, St Martins Garden Primary and Southdown Junior).

This is an exciting project for primary school pupils to participate in and we are going to require the support of parents as well as local businesses and members of the community. If you, or anyone you know, think they can help support this project for one of our schools, please contact me on the telephone number overleaf. For more information on the cars we will be building please go to www.greenpower.co.uk. Thank you.

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

** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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, 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.