

Battledown Centre for Children & Families



Dear Parents and Carers,

Blink and another term has gone!!!! Hopefully the bad weather is behind us and we will start to see some signs of Spring and warmer days.

This term the children have had a fun time celebrating festivals. We had a special assembly with Amber, a former pupil, who came in to school to talk about Indian festivals and brought some dresses and saris to show the children. It has been really lovely to see everyone enjoying the different celebrations and the baby photos you've sent in are so fantastic!



I am excited about the Student Council and having the children being able to have a voice in school. It is a very exciting addition to the school and I look forward to taking on board their ideas. **Don't forget school finishes on Thursday!**

Happy half term everyone, have fun making memories. See you on the 27th.

Nikki



We will soon be in touch about relaunching the Battledown Friends Group and drumming up support for future fundraising events. Watch this space!

Allergy Aware School



NO NUTS! Please check contents of lunch boxes.

SAND
ACADEMIES TRUST

NAME:

NAME:

NAME:

Please label all clothing and personal items sent into school

If your child is unwell, don't forget to call in or message the team on Class Dojo before 9am to report any absences.



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RED NOSE DAY

Comic Relief's Red Nose

Day takes place on **Friday, 17 March**. Voluntary donations are welcome for wearing red.

Hellos

Tyrion-Jacob - Badgers

Sam Hodson - Rabbits
Class Teacher

Sue Birch - Learning
Partner

Ellie Brown - Learning
Partner

Goodbyes

We sadly bid a fond farewell to **Reina**, who is moving to Beijing later this year with her family.



Clarissa is also leaving us at the end of term and moving on to a new position. We will miss you both, all the very best!

Baby News



We are delighted to announce that **Leah**, our Assistant Head, is expecting her first baby in June.

We currently have **vacancies** for a cleaner and midday supervisor. If you are interested in finding out more, please visit SAND Academies Trust's website for further details and to apply - www.sandmat.uk/vacancies/



TERM DATES 2022-2023

Term 4: Mon 27 Feb - Fri 31 Mar 2023

Term 5: Mon 17 Apr - Fri 26 May 2023

Bank Holiday: Mon, 1 May 2023

Bank Holiday: Mon, 8 May 2023

Term 6: Mon 5 Jun - Fri 21 Jul 2023

Inset: Mon, 24 & Tue, 25 Jul 2023

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Inset: Mon, 4 & Tue, 5 Sep 2023

Term 1: Wed, 6 Sep - Fri, 27 Oct 2023

Term 2: Mon, 6 Nov - Fri, 22 Dec 2023

Term 3: Mon 8 Jan - Thu, 8 Feb 2024

Inset: Fri, 9 Feb 2024

Term 4: Mon 19 Feb - Fri, 22 Mar 2024*

*Inset: Wed, 6 Mar 2024

Term 5: Mon 8 Apr - Fri, 24 May 2024*

*Bank Holiday: Mon, 6 May 2024

*Inset: Tue, 7 May 2024

Term 6: Mon 3 Jun - Fri, 19 Jul 2024

Inset: Mon, 22 Jul 2024

Student Council

Congratulations to the following pupils who will represent their class at the Student Council for the rest of the school year:

Rabbits: **Luke**

Owls: **Jasmine**

Badgers: **Lola**

Hedgehogs: **Lucas**

Woodpeckers: **Albert**

Squirrels: **Eden**

Otters: **Jasper**

Foxes: **Zac**

THANK YOU!

Sainsburys Oakley for their large donation of dried pasta for arts & crafts.
Harthurstfield Park Social Club for their generous donation of £1,419.
We also received a very kind gift of £1,000 from an anonymous donor.

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Meet Sam Hodson



Hello, I'm Sam, Rabbits Class Teacher. I've taught in both mainstream and more recently SEN schools. I look forward to getting to know the children and their families and making their time at school a positive and memorable experience.

Do you have any spare seeds, plants or seedlings for our school allotment? We'd love some if you do. Thanks.



Cattle Country

SAND Academy Trust are very pleased to once again be offering our annual day out for all pupils to Cattle Country in Berkeley on **Wednesday, 17 May.**



More details will follow in due course, but if you haven't yet returned your consent form, please do so ASAP! For more information on the venue, please visit: www.cattlecountry.co.uk

LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD NEWS

We are pleased to welcome Amy Williams as the newly-elected Parent Governor on Battledown's Local Advisory Board (LAB).



Ali Holtom, Learning Partner in Hedgehogs Class, also joins the LAB as a Staff Governor.

For more information on the LAB, please visit: www.battledown.org.uk/governors

Meet Sally Bradley



Hi, I'm Sally, the new Family Worker Assistant here at Battledown. I work part-time with Sarah Bell supporting families by helping with admin, completing charity funding applications and communicating with parents and carers.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all at school events and INFOCUS meetings for parents and carers. I can be contacted via school reception if you need help with anything or have any questions or queries.

My son, Anthony, attended Battledown when he was small and he had wonderful support, as our family did at the beginning of our journey.

My original background was as a registered adult nurse and I worked in many different nursing roles for almost 30 years. I was also part of the team at Battledown for about 11 years. I supported lots of children and I also organised stay and play sessions for new families.

I'm very excited to be back in this new role and I'm looking forward to meeting you all or having a chat on the phone.

INFOCUS - Wed, 1 March

The next INFOCUS session will be at the **Chamwell Centre** in Gloucester. Timetable permitting, we'll have a look around their extensive facilities which include the Pied Piper Playground, a hydrotherapy pool, an interactive climbing wall and soft play. Refreshments will be available to purchase in the Community Café.

Visit their website for more information: www.chamwellcentre.org.uk

