

## **Bathford Primary School.**

This last year has been another busy year for our village school. For the first time, the school was able to open a seventh class. This means that every year group is taught in a separate class. The teachers and governors believe that the academic standards will continue to improve and will be enhanced by this development.

The number of children attending school has reached a new high this year with over 150 children. Our expectation is that this number is sustainable and may even marginally increase.

Once again last years National Standards Academic Tests again put Bathford School among the top schools nationally.

Children at the school have been very successful in various sport, music and dance festivals this year. Opportunities for the children to mix with and sometimes compete against other children within B&NES schools are very healthy and helps the older children prepare for life in secondary schools.

The governors and parents are always very grateful to the commitment of the teaching and support staff, lead by Mrs Grebby.

For several years the school has been working towards having a new school hall and replacing the two outside classrooms.

The school is planning to build two classrooms this year. We hope to occupy them in October 2007. Initially the old prefabricated classrooms will remain.

We are still working with the Local Education Authority to build the school hall. Our planning application includes the hall and we hope that the LEA will be in a financial position to start the hall soon after. It will be at that point that the huts will be demolished.

We have brought the plans along this evening and would be very happy to answer any questions.

In addition, when we have received planning permission and obtained building quotations, we will be holding an open evening at the school to discuss the project in greater detail.

In order to build the classrooms, the school is funding the project without central / LEA funding, i.e. entirely independently with the continued support of the local community.

As well as having purpose built facilities for the children to learn, we believe that when the school buildings have been updated, the school will look much more modern and be in keeping with the surroundings.

We hope the Parish Council will be able to support the school in seeking planning permission. If anyone would like more information, members of the governing body would be very pleased to meet and discuss any details.

If any parishioners would like to discuss the plans or anything to do with the school, then the Governors would be happy to hear from you.

On behalf of Bathford Primary School Governing Body