



Bampton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

How time flies when you are enjoying yourself - the last two weeks have simply whizzed by and it is hard to believe that we are already a month into term.

In the last newsletter, I commented on the endless rain and since then, we seem to have had nothing but cold and ice. I would like to express my deep gratitude to all the staff for going the extra mile, gritting, salting and making sure that all the children could come to school safely during the icy weather. Thank you too to the children for being so patient with the consequent restrictions on their movements.

Attendance monitoring has begun and I am delighted that we have several children who have 100% attendance - this is definitely to be celebrated!

Every lunchtime we run a Quiet Club for children to play games, draw or do any homework that they haven't been able to complete at home. Homework is set each week for children to consolidate learning they have done in class and teachers take time and care to ensure the work is pitched correctly. We know that it isn't always possible to complete homework at home so the children are invited to come to Quiet Club to do so and they will get support if they need it.

I am delighted to inform you that we have been successful in recruiting for one of the Teaching Assistant posts that we have advertised and as soon as all checks and references have been confirmed, we will be delighted to welcome them onto the Bampton staff team. We still have a SEN Teaching Assistant post outstanding so if you feel this would be something that you would like to know more about, please do come and speak to me.

Next Wednesday 1st February, is the first of the strike days for teachers who are members of the NEU teachers union. As things currently stand, the school will be open as usual on that day.

The Ofsted report has now been published and a separate letter, along with the report, has gone out to you regarding this from Neil Moir and Rachael Sharpe.

Well done to the Youth Speaks Teams who took part in the first leg of the competition today! All three teams were very impressive and the judges decided to send all of them through to the final which will be on Saturday 4th February at Park Hotel in Barnstaple. Many thanks to Mrs Davey and Mr McCutcheon for supporting the teams.

I wish you all a very happy and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

Head Teacher

Calendar of events for the next two weeks

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Commencing 30.1.23	KS1 Film Club with Mrs Benjafield KS2 Sports Club	Yr 3/4 Handball Tournament, Tiverton Learning Community	KS1 Lego Club with Miss Johnstone	Tag Rugby with Mr. McCutcheon Woodland Club with Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Newman	
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Plea for donations! If you have any of the following items that you no longer need and would like to donate to the school, we would be extremely grateful. Items include bean bags, cushions, battery fairy lights and small world toys (small figures, animals, cars etc), anything 'sensory' - tactile or visual, and Lego!

DIARY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 - 23

11 th – 19 th February	HALF TERM
21st February	Science: Space Dome in school
23 rd February	Parent Forum
28th February	Yr 5/6 Boys Tag Rugby Tournament, Tiverton Learning Community (TBC)
2 nd March	World Book Day
21st March	KS1 Multi Skills Tournament, Tiverton Learning Community (TBC)
23rd March	Science day - Connections. This will be linked with Roald Dahl.
24th March	Cinema trip year 1-6
w/c 27 th March	Parent Consultation Week
31 st March	Easter Church Service
1 st – 16 th April	Easter Holiday
19 th April	Parent Forum
1 st May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 8 th May	KS2 SATS week
18 th May	Fox Class trip to Paignton Zoo
20th May	Exmoor Challenge
27 th May – 4 th June	HALF TERM
13 th June	Parent Forum
4 th July	Sports Day
5 th July	Back-up Sports Day
14 th July	Non-pupil day
19 th July	KS2 Performance
21 st July	Leavers Assembly
21 st July	Last day of term

Here are all the learning, activities and events that has been happening in school over the past week:

C360 Cornerstones Curriculum

Hedgehog Class

Academic.....In literacy we have been reading our new text 'The High Street' by Alice Melvin. The children have wowed us with their writing about what is sold in each shop, using a range of descriptive vocabulary. Reception have also impressed us with their letter formation and sounding out in phonics. In science we enjoyed identifying deciduous and evergreen trees and spotting signs of winter in our school grounds.

Community.....In PSHE we have been thinking about similarities and differences between us in our classroom. The children then made links to how there are difference and similarities between all people and how we must treat everyone in our school and wider community with kindness and respect.

Character Education.....The children have applied creativity and motivation to use new resources in our mark making/writing areas to produce lots of wonderful pictures and writing.

Innovation.....Reception have been making pages for their own class book about seasons.

Squirrel Class

Academic.....in literacy we have been using our focus text Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit along with film and audio clips and the archaeological record to write a description of Pompeii before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In maths we have been learning about money, what different denominations we can use to make a pound as well as adding together prices and giving change.

Community.....Squirrel class are looking forward to performing their first music piece in Collective Worship playing the glockenspiel to family and friends.

Character Education.....Squirrel class have shown determination and resilience as we learn to play the Glockenspiel in music and recall the names of food in French.

Innovation..... Squirrel class enjoyed learning about the different types of rock that make up planet Earth and showed great creativity and innovation in the playground, creating Mount Vesuvius out of frozen mud.

Fox Class

Academic..... In English, we have been learning about formal and informal styles of writing that are used each day to communicate. The children are also learning how to be persuasive when writing a letter. In Science we have been completing more experiments to understand States of Matter.



Community..... We have been discussing how we can help one another and celebrate our achievements outside of school. Examples of this have been: reading a book to a younger sibling, winning a trophy in majorettes and giving a relative/carer a hug to show how appreciated they are.

Character Education..... Fox class have demonstrated the character virtues of curiosity and courtesy. This has been shown in their desire to learn about our topics in class and showing politeness in what they say and do.

Innovation..... Fox class have been very innovative making their own water cycle model to

understand the process fully. These are all attached to the classroom windows, so that we can see the water cycle in action.



Stag Class

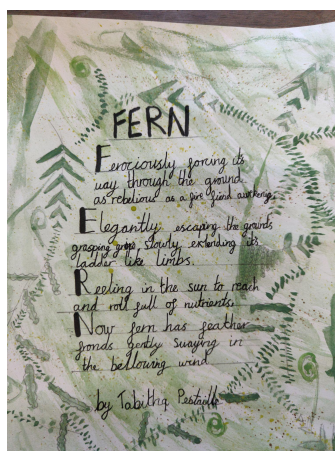
Academic..... In English, Stag class have been mastering the use of relative pronouns, relative clauses and parenthesis in order to create their own version of a Classics unfolded. In maths, Y6 have been working hard on ratio and proportion and in science we have been looking at animal life cycles.

Community..... A group of year 6 children have been busy preparing for the Rotary Club Youth Speaks Preliminary final. They have shown courage to volunteer and great maturity with their level of performance. They can all be proud of themselves for representing the school.



Character Education..... Stag class have been showing the character virtues of courage and courtesy. There has been fierce competition for house points and many Stags have been commended for their politeness and helpfulness.

Innovation..... Stag children have created wonderful poems in the style of the Lost Words by Robert Macfarlane. They combined artwork and poetry and we are going to create a class book so that others can also enjoy.



Inspiring Changemakers

Our Inspiring Learners these past two weeks are:

Maria in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating our school value of **Joy** and the character virtue of **resilience**. Maria shows such a love for learning and it has been lovely to hear her saying "I love maths". She has also applied resilience to overcome challenging questions in maths.

Sasha in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating our school value of **Aiming High** and the character virtues of **motivation** and **determination**. Sasha has been working so hard on all areas of her learning and is becoming a much more confident and independent learner. She has especially impressed us with her rapid recall of number facts.

Annabelle in Squirrel Class

For demonstrating our character virtues of **curiosity** and **determination**.

We have chosen Annabelle for outstanding effort in all her learning. Not only does Annabelle contribute to class discussions and shares ideas with the class, she always continues her learning at home independent to the homework set. Annabelle has gone above and beyond to produce drawing and writing about our topic work at home which we have added to our working walls and is an inspiration to everyone.

Michael in Squirrel Class

For demonstrating our character virtues of **resilience** and **determination**.

We have chosen Michael this week as he has shown such determination in his learning. He has been reading every day in school and coming in early to read with Miss Johnstone and we have noticed lovely progress in his confidence and fluency. We have also been impressed with his ideas and vocabulary in literacy which he has recorded on his Chromebook this week. Also, in maths you have shown great confidence, putting your hand up to answer questions and believing in yourself that you can do it!

Jonah in Fox Class

For demonstrating our character virtues of **Generosity** and **Creativity**. Jonah demonstrated generosity in assembly by offering his younger brother the opportunity to light the candles in Collective Worship. He also wrote a fantastic and imaginative piece about our class book, Leon and the Place Between. It was a pleasure to mark.

Well done Jonah!

Robyn in Fox Class

For demonstrating our school values of **Critical thinking** and **Motivation**

Robyn, you have demonstrated critical thinking in every lesson as you ask superb questions and are determined to conquer any challenge. You also show great motivation to improve your understanding and be ready for each lesson.

Well done Robyn, you are a pleasure to teach!

Hollie in Stag Class

Hollie has shown courage to volunteer for the Youth Speaks competition and this has had a positive impact on her learning in class. Hollie is also very friendly and helpful. Well done Hollie!

Paige in Stag Class

Paige has been a star this week, continuing to come into school and work hard even though she hasn't been feeling 100%. I am also delighted that she is taking part in Youth Speaks and it is lovely to see the journey Paige has been on since I first taught her in year 1. Well done Paige!

Well done Everybody!

Message from the School Office

Just a polite reminder for parents and carers to ensure that all jumpers have their children's names in please and ensure your child hasn't accidentally picked up someone else's jumper. Some parents have mislaid some jumpers.

Thank you.

Please call / message the office **by 2pm** if you wish to change arrangements regarding the collection of children that day. Giving the office and teachers this additional time will help to ensure a smooth transition at the end of the day.

SEND / Safeguarding Updates

Social Media

[Click here](#) to read information on how to **keep your children safe** using social media

Devices and Technology

[Click here](#) to read information on how to **keep your children safe** using devices and technology

Family Support

Click [here](#) for information about [Family Support](#) from Devon County Council