



Bampton Church of England Primary School Newsletter 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably, we have already reached Spring half term and what a half term it's been!

Last weekend, the Youth Speaks teams went to Barnstaple for the semi-finals of the competition. It was a very tense and nail biting morning, but the children all did brilliantly well, demonstrating such courage and confidence that we couldn't fail but be very proud of every one of them. Sadly, we didn't get through to the finals in Bodmin but the children were an absolute credit to the school and to Mr McCutcheon and Mrs Davey and parents who supported them.

I have been delighted to welcome two of our Governors to school in the last week. Rev'd Kevin Chandra spent a morning with me looking at books, talking to children and observing lessons. We were very impressed with how well the children were able to articulate their knowledge and their understanding of what they are learning and I was incredibly proud of the creative, nurturing and dedicated support that was evident from staff in every classroom.

Mrs Brooker is our Safeguarding Governor and she was very thorough in her investigations into how we are ensuring the well being of all our cohort. Her visit came in the same week as our External Safeguarding Audit which looked in great depth into all our safeguarding procedures including attendance. Visits such as these, ensure that our reports and actions are appropriate, our site secure and staff and children have an understanding of what staying safe looks like.

Mrs Brooker and Rev'd Chandra, also attended our LSC meeting where I reported on the progress made in our School Improvement Plan and which gave me the opportunity to explain the main items that I would like to focus our efforts on.

I have run a second attendance monitoring and am delighted that persistent absenteeism (anyone under 95%) has reduced by almost half. This is very encouraging and will make a very positive impact on the children's learning and attainment. Thank you for being so understanding of the importance of this.

As you are aware, we have had a full time SEND Teaching Assistant position advertised since September and have not been able to recruit. We have now decided to channel the funds that were available for that role, into a Fixed Term teacher role. This will give us the opportunity to have an additional fully qualified teacher on the staff team to support SEND needs across the school. Interviews will take place on 22nd February.

Many thanks to parents who have come forward as volunteers for clubs, reading, trips and other activities. If you would be interested in volunteering in school, we still need a few more, please do ask in the Office for a volunteer form or look on our website <https://alumnismat.org/download/volunteering-application-form/>. We still require reading support in school and will need Lifeguards (with specific training) for the pool once that is being used again.

I am delighted that Primary Sports providers will be coming into school on a Tuesday to enthuse our children with a variety of sports including a lunch time Orienteering Club and an after school Club. The After School Club will be parent paid directly to them and will be for KS2 in the first instance, I just need to firm up what sport they will be providing for the club and will let you know as soon as possible.

After half term, I will be adding posts to our Facebook Page which has been out of use for some time. Marlene has been double checking all the photo consents for me and there are a few anomalies. If you have changed your thoughts on allowing or not allowing your child's pictures to be used on social media or on our website for marketing purposes, please do let Emma or Marlene know. Once our Facebook page is up and running again, please do share our news - it is always good to show off what our children have been so successful in.

Finally, I would like to invite you to a **Parent Power day on Saturday 25th from 9.30am - 1.30pm** to help us revive some of the parts of the grounds that need a little resuscitation. Jobs will include:

Clearing leaves, rebuilding the greenhouse and the fruit cage, cleaning up the Minion and Basketball hoops, cutting back some of the overhanging branches from trees over the playground, rebuilding the raised beds and securing the posts in the outdoor classroom to name but a few! You will be amply rewarded with cups of tea and coffee and bacon baps. If you are able to come along and help - even if it isn't for the whole morning, please do let me know.

I wish you all a very happy and relaxing half term break.

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

Head Teacher

Calendar of events for the next two weeks

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Commencing 20.2.23	KS1 Film Club with Mrs Benjafield KS1 Sports Club	Space Dome KS2 Sports Club	KS1 Lego Club with Miss Johnstone	Parent Forum Cuppa Club with Mr. McCutcheon Woodland Club with Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Newman	
Week Commencing 27.2.23	KS1 Film Club with Mrs Benjafield KS1 Sports Club	KS2 Sports Club Yr 5/6 Boys Tag Rugby Tournament, Tiverton Learning Community	KS1 Lego Club with Miss Johnstone	World Book Day Cuppa Club with Mr. McCutcheon Woodland Club with Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Newman	

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

21st February	Space Dome in school
22nd February	Emerald Seddon Q&A with Fox class
7th March	Visit from The Bookery - Reading for Pleasure
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 day 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

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This term, our topic has been "Farm to Fork", and we have been learning about farming life. We have had a different focus farm animal each week and have enjoyed making, building and learning about how and where each different group of animals live and what they produce for us to then eat

Next term our topic is Animal Safari. We will be looking at different animals around the world learning about their habitats.

Hedgehog Class

Academic..... We have been really enjoying our maths learning. Reception have been learning about circles and triangles whilst Year 1 have been working on addition and subtraction. We have also produced some fantastic caption writing and story writing in literacy. In science we have been finding out about seasonal changes in animals.

Community..... Hedgehog class have loved helping to tidy up our outdoor area and doing some gardening, helping to make it an inviting space for us all to use.

Character Education..... Our classroom has had a move around and the children have shown curiosity and motivation when exploring each area to engage with different learning challenges.

Innovation..... We have been working out how we can recreate pictures using shapes.

Squirrel Class

Academic..... in literacy we have completed our big diary write describing life and events leading up to the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. I have been really impressed with the children's spellings in the last couple of weeks with the majority of children beating their previous scores and also lots getting 10 out of 10 correct. Well done. In maths we have moved onto multiplication and have been using the multiplication symbol to record our grouping of objects.

Community..... Squirrel class visited Barnhaven care home to share their volcano poetry and play board and card games with the residents this week.

Character Education..... Squirrel class have shown creativity in their ammonite work all term and have produced a series of drawings, clay sculptures and lino prints.

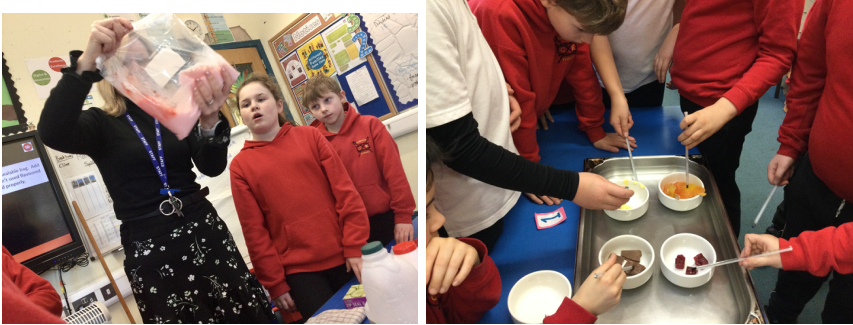


Innovation..... Squirrel class enjoyed learning about mosaics and used great skill and care to

produce their own mosaic picture after looking at the mosaics of animals in Pompeii.

Fox Class

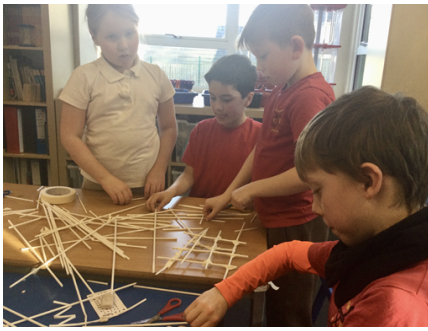
Academic..... Fox class have been writing amazing letters to parents, relatives and family friends, inviting them into class to speak about their job/hobby. The letters have been so persuasive that we have already had three replies back - two days after the letters were sent out! In Science, we have been melting different substances and then made ice cream. In Music, we are learning how to sing Mamma Mia and play instruments at the same time. It's been very busy!



Community..... have been writing letters to invite members of our school community to come into class.

Character Education..... Fox class have demonstrated the character virtue of determination for having a positive attitude to keep going with understanding all work.

Innovation..... Fox class have been using their design skills to build a bridge, out of art straws, which will hold a weight.



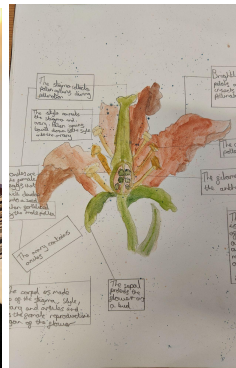
Stag Class

Academic..... In Maths, Stag class have been really enjoying learning about fractions and algebra. In topic we have been learning about plant lifecycles in our own artistic way.

Community..... A group of year 6 children showed tremendous courage to participate in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks challenge area final in Barnstable. The children were amazing and can take pride in their performance.

Character Education..... Stag class have been leading the school with paper and card recycling, providing a bin for each class and making sure the playground stays tidy.

Innovation..... Stag children have been working hard on a new classroom display. They have managed to reuse materials from around the school to showcase their fantastic learning.



Inspiring Changemakers

Our Inspiring Learners these past two weeks are:

Fox in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating our school value of **Aiming High** and the character virtue of **motivation**. Fox has been showing excellent listening on the carpet and has been motivated to ask for help with his learning when he needs it.

William H in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating our school value of **Aiming High** and the character virtues of **motivation** and **confidence**. William has been working extra hard in lessons and particularly impressed me with his confidence to stand up in front of the class and explain his maths.

Martha in Squirrel Class

For demonstrating our character virtues of **motivation** and **creativity**.

We were blown away by the quality of Martha's writing in literacy. We have been writing a diary entry of life in Pompeii and after reading through Martha's work we were so impressed with the progression she has made in Year 2. The vocabulary and grammar she has used in her final piece demonstrates a great understanding of our topic and ability to write with feeling and expression.

Sylvie in Squirrel Class

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

We have chosen Sylvie as you have grown in confidence with your maths this week and it has been so lovely to see you sat up straight, arm stretched right up, bursting to answer our multiplication questions with a big smile on your face.

Great work Sylvie!

Rosie in Fox Class

For demonstrating our character virtues of **resourcefulness** and **helpfulness**. Rosie has demonstrated resourcefulness in every lesson as she is determined to conquer any challenge and improve each piece of work that she completes. Rosie also shows great helpfulness to everyone in the class, including myself.

Well done Rosie and thank you for your super effort, everyday.

Harry in Fox Class

For demonstrating our school values of **determination** and **courage** Harry has demonstrated determination in reading as he reads everyday at home and in school. He has made super progress and is a brilliant role model to others. Harry also shows great courage in every lesson as he will try new things and give everything his best effort.

Well done Harry.

Eben Grant in Stag Class

Eben has been really enjoying our topic, based on farming and plants. He brought in an impressive poem that he had written at home which was beautifully illustrated. Eben also performed remarkably well at the Youth Speaks challenge, stepping in at the very last minute for a child who was ill. Well done Eben!

Bethany in Stag Class

Bethany has been an inspiration this week, working incredibly hard, especially in maths. Bethany has had her hand up to answer questions and produced quality work. I hope this enthusiasm for learning continues. Well done Bethany!-----

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