



Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been delighted by the very positive response to the class changes I wrote to you about on Wednesday. We will be having a mini-move-up-day this afternoon to support the transition of some children for Monday morning. If you have any worries or queries, please do get in touch with me.

As a result of the class changes, we will be delaying the phonics and Decision Spelling workshops until the beginning of next term in the week beginning 24th April.

Since the last newsletter we have had a wonderful World Book Day (lots of photos of the brilliant costumes on our Facebook page) and I was so impressed by the variety of costumes and books and the evident pleasure that the children have when reading. Our book swap was very successful and Mr McCutcheon (AKA Fantastic Mr Fox) regularly toured the school with his 'reading bell' so we could Drop Everything And Read – including in the Dinner Hall! As an addendum to the WBD, we were delighted to welcome The Bookery, a book shop in Crediton, who shared their top titles with the children and read extracts to whet their reading appetites. The Bookery have visited a number of schools over the last week and have read to 3000 children, but commented on how particularly engaged and engaging our Bampton pupils were.



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning: 13th March 2023

Monday: KS1 Film Club with Mrs Benjafield

KS1 Sports Club

Tuesday: KS2 Sports Club

Wednesday: KS1 Lego Club with Miss Johnstone

Thursday: Cuppa Club with Mr. McCutcheon

Woodland Club with Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Newman

Week Beginning: 20th March 2023

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On World Book Day, Fox Class visited Castle Grove and read to the residents there. It was lovely to get out and about in the village although as we were all dressed in our costumes, I expect some members of the public were rather surprised by the troupe of characters meandering through the streets! Many thanks to Castle Grove for a lovely visit. We are looking forward to inviting some of the residents in for our Community Lunch on Thursday 21st March.

Fox Class's fabulous writing skills so impressed Seddon's Estate Agents that not only are their wonderful Shrek Swamp sales adverts all displayed in Seddon's window, but can also be found on Right Move!

Last week we took our Yr 5/6 boys to a Tag Rugby Tournament at THS, and they had a brilliant time, honing their skills and competing with other schools in the area. The postponed Girls Tag Rugby has now been moved to 28th March. Next week, we will be taking KS1 children for a Multi-skills event at the Sports Hall at THS. Mr Jared, has also organised a Football competition against Bolham Primary School to take place here on 21st March. He will have to make the very difficult decision of who will play in the team, but anyone who isn't picked will be very welcome to come and cheer our team on!

This week the children have been doing their end of term tests and every one of them has approached these in a very sensible and mature way. Yr 2 and Yr 6 practised for their SATs tests next term so that they are well prepared for these.

Each Newsletter I write, I am amazed by how much we have fitted into a fortnight, and what a wide variety of activities the children have taken part in. I am so proud of the children and very grateful the staff who make all these things happen!

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to the next action packed fortnight!

Best wishes,

Lully Newman
Headteacher.

DIARY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 - 23

20 th March	Roald Dahl Science Day
21 st March	KS1 Multi Skills Tournament, Tiverton High School
21 st March	Football Match 3.45pm – Bolham Primary School
22 nd March	Meet the teacher – Fox and Squirrel Classes
23 rd March	Community Lunch
24 th March	Film day
w/c 27 th March	Parent Consultation Week
28 th March	Yr 5/6 Girls Tag Rugby
30 th March	PTFA Easter Trail
1 st – 16 th April	Easter Holiday
19 th April	Parent Forum
19 th April	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 2
24 th – 28 th April	Phonics and Decision Spelling workshops
26 th April	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 3
29 th April	Exmoor Challenge - Tarr Steps walk
1 st May	May Bank Holiday
3 rd May	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 4
8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
9 th - 12 th May	KS2 SATS week
15 th - 20 th May	Phonics and spelling workshop 9.00am to 9.30am
18 th May	Fox Class trip to Paignton Zoo
19 th May	KS2 visit to Northcott theatre - David Walliams Demon Dentist
19 th May	PTFA School Bingo at Riverside Hall
20 th May	Exmoor Challenge
26 th May	PTFA Kings and Queens School Disc
27 th May – 4 th June	HALF TERM
13 th June	Parent Forum
21 st June	Shark Sleepover - Yrs 2-6
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

NB: You can now check the school website for the most up to date school diary dates.

Here are the learning, activities and events that have been happening in school over the past fortnight.

Our Character Education Focus Virtues this term

Courage

Helpfulness

Resourcefulness

Cooperation

C360 Cornerstones Curriculum

Academic

Fieldmice Class have been using the book 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson. From this book the children have been using the animals to re-tell the story to each other. They have been making use of jungle animal cutters in playdoh and they have made their own pair of binoculars to spot the animals hidden around our room

Hedgehog Class have been a delight to teach this week. The year 1 children have re-written the story of What the Ladybird Heard and have been learning all about 3d shapes, how to sort them and what their properties are. The Reception children have been using their addition skills to learn number bonds to 5,6 and 7 and the importance of 0 as a number. They have also been practising their writing skills and ensuring their phonics are fully embedded for reading and writing fluency.

Squirrel Class have worked extremely hard during assessment week and have shown great maturity and respect for each other as they maintained a calm and quiet learning environment. In Music we used the skills we had learnt previously to play our glockenspiels to a new reggae inspired song. In Art we have been studying the work of L.S Lowry as part of our unit on figure drawing and produced some wonderful cityscapes full of people in the same style.

Fox Class have shown excellent motivation and resilience when completing their NFER assessments this week and should be very proud of how hard they have worked. The children have also worked on poetry techniques, understanding perimeter of rectilinear shapes and learning the rules of Handball. Another busy week!

Stag class children have been working hard during assessment week, showing excellent focus and determination. Year 6 children have been enjoying cuppa club after school, working hard to prepare for SATs (as well as eating lots of biscuits!).

Community

Hedgehog Class have loved working with Fox class on their special dance this week! They were also very attentive when our visitors came into school. They have also been extremely helpful to me this week, showing me where things are, and what the routines are!

Squirrel Class really enjoyed reading with Stag class on World Book Day and listened carefully and politely to visitors from the Bookery.

Fox Class have visited the residents of Castle Grove and shared stories. The children went dressed in their World Book Day costumes and very much enjoyed chatting about their books. Fox class also visited Seddons Estate Agents to see their amazing adverts for selling Shrek's swamp. Everyone was very proud of their work and we are hugely grateful to Emerald Seddon for her time, kindness and giving all of the class an Easter Egg to thank them for their excellent writing!

Stag Class Year 5 and 6 boys represented our school at a Tag Rugby tournament at Tiverton High School. They represented our school superbly, winning most of their matches. It was lovely to see everyone take part fully. We also had a visit from The Bookery, who shared some of their favourite books with us.

Character Education

Hedgehog Class have made a tremendous effort to keep their classroom tidy – making sure every area is ready for the next lesson and enjoying their learning environment.

Squirrel Class have shown **creativity** this week in their art and music. They have also shown **compassion** and been very welcoming to new friends who have joined our class.

Fox Class have been discussing the virtue of **kindness**. To reflect this, everyone made a card for a member of the class, explaining all of the great attributes that each child has and why we are glad to be their friend.

Stag Class enjoyed showing their leadership skills during World Book Day. Year 6 children organised the whole school book swap, and key stage 2 children showed great responsibility when reading to key stage 1 children later in the day.

Innovation

Hedgehog Class have made some wonderful models out of knex, lego and cut and stick – to make robots which has really captured their imagination.

Squirrel Class have been very enthusiastic about TTRockstars and Numbots and have been logging on frequently to support their learning in maths.

Fox Class have been using their Chromebooks to create games on Scratch. They have also created super examples of metaphors and similes and learnt a new dance routine.

Stag Class have been coming up with innovative ways of timetabling the new table tennis table and how to limit the number of children looking at the chickens so as not to frighten them.

Inspiring Changemakers

Our **Inspiring Learners** over the last two weeks are:

Walter in Hedgehog Class



For demonstrating the school value of Aiming High and the character virtue of **Determination**. We have noticed how motivated and determined Walter is to do his best in all his work in class and have been very impressed with the progress he has made in his writing and in his independence.

James in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating the character virtue of **resilience**. James sometimes finds coming into school a little bit tricky but he always rallies and then makes the most of his day, showing us how keen he is to learn and to do his best. What a superstar!

Elis in Squirrel Class



For demonstrating our character virtue of **resilience**. Elis has settled into Squirrel Class very quickly this week. We have noticed how respectful he is to everyone and how he has adapted so well to change. A great start Elis!

Lucas in Squirrel Class

For demonstrating our character virtues of caring and determination. We have recognised how hard Lucas has worked in his maths, listening carefully and becoming much more independent using manipulatives to help him answer maths problems. He has also been very kind, caring and welcoming to new members of Squirrel class

Archie in Fox Class



For demonstrating our school values of **Determination** and **Courage**. Archie, has demonstrated determination in writing, as he makes sure that he includes super vocabulary in every piece of written work. He is making good progress and is a brilliant role model to others. Archie also shows great courage in every lesson as he will try new things and he give everything his best effort.

Well done Archie!

Patrick in Fox Class

For demonstrating our school values of **Curiosity** and **Friendliness**. Patrick, has demonstrated curiosity in every lesson as he joins in discussions and asks great questions to develop his understanding. He also shows friendliness to everyone and supports his table group very well.

Well done Patrick and thank you for your super effort!



Tommy in Stag Class

For demonstrating our school value of **Aiming High** and **motivation**. Tommy has been showing increasing confidence in class, answering lots of questions and sharing his reasoning.

Sophie in Stag Class

Sophie has had a fantastic week, show a very mature attitude during assessments, whilst also being a caring big sister at home. Well done Sophie!

Well done Everybody!



Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.



EASTER CRICKET CAMP AT HEATHCOAT CRICKET CLUB



£30
per day
09:00 - 15:00
Boys & Girls
Aged 5 - 16
NO EXPERIENCE
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& Dylan Penberthy:

- Tuesday 11th April
- Wednesday 12th April
- Friday 14th April

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The PTFA is made up of parents, carers, teachers, and friends of Bampton School with a shared interest in raising funds for equipment, resources, and activities to enhance the children's learning experience.

We meet monthly to discuss how we as a school community can develop and improve school facilities and students' opportunities, through planning fundraising events such as Bingo events, the Christmas Community Evening, Easter Extravaganza etc.

We welcome new and old members and are hoping for more support in the coming months. If you can help in any way, or would like more information on the work we do then please contact bamptonptfa@gmail.com or look out for meeting dates on the school website, posters around the school or for notes in your child's book bag.