



## Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably, this is the last newsletter of the term and what a term it has been! I would like to thank you all for the wonderfully warm welcome you have given to me to the Bampton family. Your support is very much appreciated.

Next term, Marlene Prestcott, one of our wonderful administrators, will sadly be leaving us and I would like to thank her for her tremendously hard work and dedication. Some of Marlene's hours will be taken up by Emma Larcombe and we will be recruiting for those that Emma can't fill. We wish Marlene all the best for the future and very much hope that this is not 'goodbye' but rather 'arrivaderci'!

More happily, I am delighted that we have recruited Gabbie Chant as our new teacher to support SEND provision. Gabbie will begin teaching with us next term to allow teachers time with children who require some additional support in their learning.

In the last few weeks we have taken part in a variety of sports events which have been great fun. Some of the children from Key Stage One went to Tiverton High School this week, for a Multiskills event on Tuesday and they all came back absolutely buzzing. On Thursday, we had a great football match against Bolham Primary School at home. With true sportsmanship, the children agreed that it was the taking part that mattered and everyone had a thoroughly good time. Many thanks to Mr Jared for organising the match. We are looking forward



### Dates for your diary

**Week Beginning: 27th 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

### Easter Holidays

**Week Beginning: 17th April 2023**

**Monday:** KS1 Film Club with Mrs Benjafield

KS2 Sports Club - Cricket

**Tuesday:** KS1 Sports Club - Tennis

**Wednesday:** KS1 Lego Club with Miss Johnstone

**Thursday:** Cuppa Club with Mr. McCutcheon

Woodland Club with Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Newman

to welcoming Bolham to Bampton again next term for a swimming gala!

You have all received a form to fill in regarding your child's ability to swim. Please could you return this form as soon as possible. This is in anticipation of our swimming lessons next term which we hope to begin on the first Tuesday of term. All children will need to bring in their swimming costumes, a towel and a bag to put their wet things in, each Tuesday.

We have also enjoyed a variety of science activities to mark Science week which culminated in a visit from Ruth from Sciencedipity. Ruth commented on how engaged the children were and how much she enjoyed her visit. The theme for this year's Science week was 'connections' and among the connections that our budding scientists made, was a literacy link to World Book Day and Roald Dahl's George's Marvellous Medicine – cross curricular learning at it's best!

As you know, we are now offering a range of lunchtime and after school clubs that are run by staff and volunteers. I would like to thank all those who give up their time to support this enrichment which is so evidently enjoyed by all those who take part. As well as our sports clubs (next term Cricket and Tennis), we have Wensley Woods Club, Lego Club, Cuppa Club, Quiet Club, and Film Club. In addition to these, there are clubs available for children to join in Bampton through the Church – Singing Club on a Thursday (please see the flier below) and Bell Ringing Club (TBC). Mrs Grant has been coming in to teach Piano each week and I am delighted that Mrs Lewis will be starting Ukulele and Recorder lessons after Easter – she still has a couple of places available if you are interested – please contact her direct. With all this wonderful music going on, we are planning a Children's Talent Show in the second half of next term.

It was wonderful to host the first Community Lunch of the term on Thursday. We were delighted to welcome members of the community to share our delicious, cooked-on-site school lunch with us. The children were brilliant hosts and our visitors were full of praise for their excellent behaviour. We are all looking forward to inviting them again next term. Many thanks to Bridget Midgely for organising this.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) learning is very important to us at Bampton School, particularly post pandemic, and all KS1 and KS2 children have taken part in our NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies, as well as our PSHE film day today focussing on emotional wellbeing. We try to ensure that all the children have an opportunity to ask questions and to follow up their learning with us, but if there is anything that your child is worried about, or that you would like to know more about, please do ask at the first opportunity.

Next week is our final week of the term. Children and staff have worked very hard this term and I am very proud of what we have achieved. Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday evening next week, so if you haven't already signed up, please do book a slot. I will be meeting with parents in Hedgehog class.

Also next week, we will be seeing which house has won the most points and inviting their parents in for a Winning House Tea party on Thursday at 3.00pm. Many thanks to Mrs Boucher for baking cupcakes for the children to decorate for this. We would also like to welcome all parents into our Open Afternoon on Friday at 1.30 before our Easter Service which will bring us to the end of term.

After the great success of our last Parent Power day, I would like to book in another date for early next term. We would be delighted to receive the same level of support as last time on Saturday 22nd April from 9.30 to 1.00pm.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter, and a restful school holiday break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes,

Lully Newman  
Headteacher.

## DIARY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 - 23

w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Week
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 5/6 Girls Tag Rugby
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Writer's Tea Party
30 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Easter Trail
	Winning House Party 3.00pm
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Open Afternoon – to share children's work 1.30 – 2.30pm
	Easter Church Service – venue TBC 2.30 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Forum
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 2
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Open Morning for prospective parents -9.30 – 12.00
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parent Power day 2 - 9.30 – 1.00
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 3
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Exmoor Challenge - Tarr Steps walk
1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 4
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
15 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Phonics and spelling workshop 9.00am to 9.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Fox Class trip to Paignton Zoo
19 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 visit to Northcott theatre - David Walliams Demon Dentist
19 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA School Bingo at Riverside Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Exmoor Challenge
26 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Kings and Queens School Disc
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June	HALF TERM
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Forum
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Shark Sleepover - Yrs 2-6
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Back-up Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-pupil day
19 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> 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.** Our focus story for the next two weeks is Superworm by Julia Donaldson. As a group we have found and started our own wormery and we find it exciting to check their growing burrows each morning! We have also been using the book to learn about rhyming and describing words. Additionally, we have been using the book as inspiration to use magnifying glasses and discover worms and bugs in their natural habitat.

**Hedgehog Class** have been thoroughly brilliant over the last couple of weeks. They have enjoyed learning What the Ladybird Heard and the superpowers that SuperWorm has, and linking that to finding out all about mini-beasts and the natural world. In maths, they have been practising their number sequencing up to 20 as well as their number formation.

**Squirrel Class.** In maths this week Year 2 have been practising our 5 times tables, arithmetic and reasoning skills as we get closer to SATS. Year 1 have been measuring using objects such as counting cubes and then rulers to record the length of familiar resources in cms. In literacy we have been learning about acrostic poems and have started to draft our own versions ready for the Easter service next week.

**Fox Class** have been amazing again this week. They have written super character descriptions from our film unit, 'The DreamGiver', where they included expanded noun phrases, adjectives, similes and prepositions. In Maths, the new topic is Fractions and Fox class have had a practical start to the unit using Cuisenaire rods, Bar models and Part-Whole models.

**Stag class** have been studying the story 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. They have enjoyed identifying the features of a Gothic Fantasy and can't wait to write their own version! Stag class have also enjoyed learning about the Solar System and sharing that with the rest of the school.

# Community

**Hedgehog Class** enjoyed their Sciencedipity work and welcoming Ruth to Bampton.

**Squirrel Class.** Some of Squirrel class were lucky to have the chance to compete in a multiskills event at Tiverton High School earlier in the week. They were praised for their excellent behaviour and for being a credit to the school, well done.

**Fox Class** have welcomed our new year 3 children. It has been great to see everyone getting to know each other and supporting one another both inside and outside of the classroom. Well done to everyone for showing kindness and generosity.

**Stag Class** Year 5/6 footballers played a match against Bolham. The boys and girls showed many character virtues in what was a close match. Stag class members also welcomed members of the community to lunch this week, serving our guests with maturity and friendliness.

## Character Education

**Hedgehog Class** have been demonstrating great character virtues of kindness, respect and enthusiasm in their learning about minibeasts.

**Squirrel class** have shown fantastic resilience and have coped really well with the class changes. Year 2 have modelled classroom expectations beautifully and shared skills such as learning to play the glockenspiel in music.

**Fox Class** have shown **respect** for our environment and the mini-beasts that live within the school grounds. Our Science topic on Living things and their habitats, has shown how we are all connected. On our mini-beast hunt, we found a variety of different creatures and everyone studied them with great care.

**Stag Class** have been looking at where the food we eat comes from and the impact on the environment. We have been using **critical thinking** skills to find a way of making our food more sustainable.

# Innovation

**Hedgehog Class** made some Marvellous Medicine!

**Squirrel class** have been using Ed Shed to support their spelling and maths learning this week.

**Fox Class** have had a fantastic experience with the Sciencedipity workshop. They created 'George's Marvellous Medicine', great slime and a super reaction with Mentos and Diet Coke. Everyone was very engaged!

**Stag Class** have been using their Chromebooks to explore ways of presenting their learning. They have particularly impressive in maths, using tables and graphs to represent their findings to an area and volume investigation.

## Inspiring Changemakers

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

### **Ned in Hedgehog Class**



For demonstrating the character virtue of **Determination** to improve all his learning and be the best he can. He has also been a super kind friend to one of his peers when they hurt themselves on the playground, so also for the character virtue of **Kindness!** Well done Ned!

### **Winter in Hedgehog Class**

For demonstrating the character virtue of **resilience**. There have been a lot of changes in Hedgehog class recently, and Winter has not let that overcome him but has managed brilliantly to engage with his learning. Super proud of you Winter!

### **Maggie in Squirrel Class**



For demonstrating our character virtues of **curiosity** and **cooperation**. Maggie could be our inspiring learner every week, there is not one day where she does not apply herself and strive to do the best she can. Maggie has made fantastic progress this year so far. She always contributes with great enthusiasm, applies her learning outside the classroom and completes everything with a smile and can-do attitude.

### **Maria in Squirrel Class**

For demonstrating our character virtue of **respect** and **resilience**. We have been very impressed with how Maria has adapted so quickly into Squirrel class. In literacy she has made some fantastic observations and contributed to both our whole class discussions and to our class shared poem. She also listens carefully and is able to follow instructions and put 100% effort into our art and music sessions this week



### **Toby in Fox Class**

For demonstrating our school values of resourcefulness and courage. Toby, has demonstrated resourcefulness in every lesson, as he is always focused on planning, organising and making decisions with an end goal in mind. He shows great courage to always be the best that he can and actively asks how his work can be improved.



Well done Toby, you are a super role model!

### **Elizabeth in Fox Class**

For demonstrating our school values of resourcefulness and kindness. Elizabeth, has demonstrated resourcefulness in every lesson as she is keen to find a solution to all problems. She also shows kindness to others by including everyone at playtime and being a friendly member of the class. This is a super character virtue.

Well done Elizabeth.

### **Bobby in Stag Class**

For demonstrating our school value of **Aiming High** and **motivation**. Bobby has settled into life in Stag class with ease and he has shown an excellent attitude to learning. We are very lucky to have you Bobby, Well done!



### **Ryan in Stag Class**

Ryan has shown a completely different attitude in class this week, really trying his best with all of his learning. I have been particularly impressed with your attitude in maths, putting your hand much more than usual. Well done Ryan, keep it up!

# **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.



# PTFA Easter Cake Sale Thursday 30th March 3.30pm



If you would like to donate  
a cake, please bring to  
school in the morning on  
30th March



## PTFA EASTER EGG HUNT

During school on Thursday 30th March, the children will be taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt and fun Easter activities

Suggested Donation £1

Guess the weight of the cake and guess how many eggs in the jar suggested donation for entry 50p winner takes home the cake / eggs!

# BAMPTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR

FREE ADMISSION

THURSDAYS 4.15pm-4.45pm term time



## St. Michael & All Angels Church Bampton

Singing and activities in a friendly afterschool group.

Ages 4-7 welcome to join the choir.

Younger siblings encouraged to watch and welcome to join in if they are able to.

**CONTACT: Julia Johnson [hukeleymissioncommunity@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hukeleymissioncommunity@yahoo.co.uk)**



A showcase of some of our best young musicians

# CROWN JEWELS

**SATURDAY 6 MAY**

**Tiverton Pannier Market**

- Part of Tiverton Farmers Market Coronation Special
- Open to all aspiring musicians, including solo singers, bands, piano players and instrumentalists
- 10 to 30 minutes of performance time
- Interested – or know someone who might be? Call Jim Bray 07815 791191 or e-mail him at [jbray@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:jbray@middevon.gov.uk)



# TIVERTON PANNIER MARKET

Use any suitable material

All entries will be displayed at the market



Lots of prizes on offer!

Open to people of all ages and abilities

## THE BIG CORONATION BAKE-OFF AND MAKE-OFF



- Bake a cake or make something linked to the coronation, the King or the Royal Family
- Bring entries to the market office by 2pm on Friday 5 May



Any queries? Call Jim Bray on 07815 791191 or e-mail him at [jbray@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:jbray@middevon.gov.uk)