



Bampton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable half term break. It has been lovely to hear the children's news about what they got up to.

This week has been incredibly busy and the children have stepped straight back into their learning with great enthusiasm. I have been in and out of classes and have been particularly impressed by the children's focus, their engagement and their determination to stretch themselves. They have demonstrated great pride in their work and I have really enjoyed looking through their books and talking to them about their learning. We are very lucky in this school to have such first rate teachers and it is this kind of expertise that really inspires children to do their very best.

We are delighted to welcome Vicky Hulston-Kemp onto the staff team for the rest of this term and all of next. Mrs Kemp is working in Hedgehog Class and is already proving to be an excellent recruit!

We also welcomed Mr Jared to school this week. In addition to Miss Howe on a Monday, Mr Jared will be teaching PE to every class each Tuesday. Miss Howe is teaching Dance and Mr Jared will be teaching Handball to Squirrels and Foxes, and Tag Rugby to Stags. Fieldmice and Hedgehogs will be learning Multi-skills. These sports link into the Tournaments that Tiverton High School are running this term. Next term, Mr Jared will be teaching swimming.

As you know, we had converted the TA hours that had been outstanding since September, into funding a full time teacher for a term to release class teachers to support children who need a little extra help. Unfortunately, we were not successful in recruiting anyone so the position is still open. If there is anyone you know who has taken a break from teaching but might be interested in putting a step back on the ladder of their teaching career, this would be a brilliant opportunity for them to build their skills and confidence. The application is still on our website, so do please pass it on! <https://alumnismat.org/download/teacher-application-form/> equally, if anyone would like to volunteer in school to listen

to children reading, or supporting trips etc please do get in touch.

<https://alumnismat.org/download/volunteering-application-form/>

Lent has now begun and we celebrated Shrove Tuesday by having an inter-house pancake race which was a lot of fun! Prizes were awarded to the team who completed their run and pancake flipping first, as well as the team who used the least pancakes.

As well as the pancake races, we were also very excited by the Space Dome where all the children had the opportunity to learn about the stars, the milky way and our own night sky. Many thanks to Mrs Benjafield for organising this. She also invited Ms Seddon from the Estate Agents to come and talk to the children in Fox class about what makes a really good persuasive advertisement. They are now going to be making their own so do look out for them in Seddon's window! We had a lovely email from Ms Seddon, saying how impressed she was with the children.

Thanks too to Stephen Froome, who spent the day teaching the children in Stag Class all about willow weaving.

I am really looking forward to seeing some of you on Saturday morning for our Parent Power day. Please do let us know if you are able to come so that we can make sure we have plenty of bacon baps to go round! Any tools, shovels, brooms etc would be most useful! Many thanks again for being so supportive of this.

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

Head Teacher

Calendar of events for the next two weeks

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Commencing 27.2.23	KS1 Film Club with Mrs Benjafield KS1 Sports Club	KS2 Sports Club THS Tournament -TAG Rugby boys yr 5/6	KS1 Lego Club with Miss Johnstone	World Book Day Fox Class visit to Castle Grove Cuppa Club with Mr. McCutcheon Woodland Club with Mrs	

				Fairchild and Mrs Newman	
Week Commencing 6.3.23	KS1 Film Club with Mrs Benjafield KS1 Sports Club	KS2 Sports Club Visit from The Bookery	KS1 Lego Club with Miss Johnstone	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

2nd March	World Book Day
10th March	Killerton Cross Country KS2
13th - 17th March	Phonics and Spelling open mornings 9.00 to 9.30am
20th March	Roald Dahl Science Day
21st March	KS1 Multi Skills Tournament, Tiverton Learning Community (TBC)
24th March	Film day
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
19th April	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 2
26th April	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 3
29th April	Exmoor Challenge - Tarr Steps walk
1 st May	May Bank Holiday
3rd May	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 4
8th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
9th - 12th May	KS2 SATS week
15th - 20th May	Phonics and spelling workshop 9.00am to 9.30am
18 th May	Fox Class trip to Paignton Zoo
19th May	KS2 visit to Northcott theatre - David Walliams Demon Dentist
20th May	Exmoor Challenge
27 th May – 4 th June	HALF TERM
13 th June	Parent Forum
21st 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 all the learning, activities and events that has been happening in school over the past week:

C360 Cornerstones Curriculum

FIELDMICE

Our new focus this half term is “Animal Safari”. We are taking this opportunity to learn about different animals around the world, their habitats and their differences and similarities. Fieldmice will also be looking and learning about positional language and focusing on hiding and finding animals in, behind, under and over objects. One of our big aims over this half term is to work on our outside area together, to make it more inviting and play friendly for everyone!

Hedgehog Class

Academic.....Hedgehog class have been working on practising important writing skills to help them to develop their independent writing. They have wowed us with their motivation and produced lots of wonderful writing to be very proud of. In maths the children have been working on number recognition, number bonds and partitioning, including playing a new number recognition game which they really enjoyed.

Community.....Hedgehog Class enjoyed taking part in pancake races this week and taking part

in the event with children from across the school in their houses.

Character Education..... Hedgehog Class enjoyed planting seeds with Mrs Pagett this week. We look forward to taking care of our plants and watching them grow.

Innovation..... Hedgehog Class loved experiencing the space dome this week. They were fascinated by the scientific information about space that Mr Barber shared with them.

Squirrel Class

Academic..... in maths this week we have been working on multiplication and division by grouping and sharing objects. We used lots of manipulatives to complete our tasks and it was great to see so many children moving onto the extension work. In literacy we have been looking at the features of a non-chronological report and will now build our geography knowledge in our topic work to complete our next big write.

Community..... Squirrel class enjoyed taking part in their first house event on Tuesday lunchtime, joining children from the other classes to compete in pancake races. They were very supportive of each other and enjoyed cheering their house on.

Character Education..... Squirrel class have shown critical thinking skills in our learning all this week inspired by our Decision Spelling work. They have enjoyed spotting words ending in 'tion' in all aspects of the curriculum and adding them to our word wall. Some particularly impressive words we have used all week are 'deposition', 'multiplication' and 'destination'.

Innovation..... Squirrel class enjoyed using force metres in Science and measured different pull and push forces.

Fox Class

Academic..... Fox class have been writing amazing estate agent style adverts for Shrek's swamp. We were very lucky to have a visit from Emerald Seddon, who answered many questions about how to write the most persuasive advertisement. When we have completed this work, a selection will be displayed in Seddons Estate Agents in Bampton! We also have had an incredible experience in the Space Dome this week, which was a presentation about the Earth and Space. What a great first week!



Community..... we have returned to school as a very positive team - well done to Fox class! Everyone is supporting one another and celebrating all achievements.

Character Education..... Fox class have demonstrated the character virtue of friendliness for encouraging others to join in with games on the playground and welcoming all visitors into the classroom.

Innovation..... Fox class have been using their innovative skills to create an advert for selling Shrek's swamp and Hansel and Gretel's house. Also, Fox class have written great fact files about mountains.

Stag Class

Academic..... In English, Stag class have been looking at a modernised version of the Three

Little Pigs, which accuses the pigs of insurance fraud, and leads to a social media frenzy about the hike in mortgage interest rates! We have used conjunctive adverbs to compare and contrast the stories and characters and are building to writing an official police report! Year 6



students also attended cuppa club, beginning their journey towards SATs.

Community..... Stag class welcomed Stephen Froome into our class from the local community. He taught us about the work he does, which includes stabilising river banks in an environmentally friendly way, and that fitted well into our topic of how modern farming



techniques are bad for the environment.

Character Education..... Year 6 students worked with Stephen to learn a new skill. They trimmed and weaved willow, helping to maintain our beautiful willow dome on the field.

Innovation..... Stag children have been looking at different farming techniques and are devising a plan to balance the good and bad for the environment.

Inspiring Changemakers

Our Inspiring Learners these past two weeks are:

Sidney in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating our school value of **Aiming High** and the character virtue of **confidence**. Sidney, we have really noticed how much more confident you are becoming with your learning. We have been particularly impressed with the progress you have made with your writing.

Dexter in Squirrel Class

For demonstrating our character virtues of **confidence** and **determination**
We have chosen Dexter this week for having such a positive attitude in school, joining in with his maths learning and working well with his partner in literacy.

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.

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.

Corey Wright in Stag Class

Corey has been a star right back from the start of the year. He is always highly motivated and works quickly, producing fantastic high quality work. Well done Corey, keep it up!

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