



Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school the Summer term. I hope you all had a restful and very enjoyable holiday. The children have come back refreshed and ready to learn, which is wonderful.

On Tuesday, I was absolutely delighted that every class had their swimming lessons in our very own pool. Being able to swim is a key life skill and I am very grateful to all concerned for ensuring that the pool was ready to use right from the start of term. Swimming lessons will take place every Tuesday with Mr Jarad and children will need to bring a costume, towel and bag for wet things, each week.

It was lovely to welcome some new parents to our New Starters Open Morning on Thursday. I had some really lovely feedback not just about what a beautiful school we have, but also how well the children behaved, how engaged they were with their learning and how friendly everyone was – not that I am at all surprised!

This term we have a rigorous teaching and learning monitoring programme in place, with every teacher taking the lead in different subject areas. We will also be focussing on our curriculum development in order to ensure it is engaging and exciting while being bespoke for Bampton.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible **tomorrow morning at 9.30 for our second Parent Power day!** If you are able to come, please could you let us know for catering purposes! Many thanks to the PTA for supporting this once again!

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

Headteacher.



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning: 24th April 2023

Monday: KS1 Film Club with Mrs Benjafield

KS2 Sports Club

Tuesday: KS1/KS2 Sports Club- Tennis

Wednesday: KS1 Lego Club with Miss Johnstone

Thursday: Cuppa Club with Mr. McCutcheon

Woodland Club with Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Newman

Week Beginning: 1st May 2023

Monday: May Bank Holiday

Tuesday: KS1/KS2 Sports Club – Tennis

Wednesday: KS1 Lego Club with Miss Johnstone

Thursday: Cupppa Club with Mr. McCutcheon

Woodland Club with Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Newman

26 th April	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 3
29 th April	Exmoor Challenge - Tarr Steps walk
1 st May	May Bank Holiday
2 nd May	Yr3/Yr4 THS Cricket
3 rd May	Exmoor Challenge - practice walk 4
4 th May	Coronation lunch party
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
15 th May	Yr 5/Yr6 Quintessence - Plough theatre in Torrington
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
23 rd May	Y5-6 Girls THS Tag Rugby Festival
24 th May	Wilcombe Wobbler
26 th May	PTFA Kings and Queens School Disco
27 th May – 4 th June	HALF TERM
13 th June	Parent Forum
20 th June	Yr5/Yr6 THS Mixed Cricket
21 st June	Shark Sleepover - Yrs 2-6
27 th June	Yr3-Yr4 THS Athletics-skills Festival
28 th -30 th June	Stag residential
4 th July	Sports Day
5 th July	Back-up Sports Day
13 th July	School reports
14 th July	Non-pupil day
17 th -18 th July	Parents evenings
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.

Parents and Carers Resources

Mental health and Wellbeing link <https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/>

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

Our Character Education Focus Virtues this term

Respect

Friendliness

Reflection

Confidence

C360 Cornerstones Curriculum

Academic

Fieldmice Class Our topic for this half term is Rainbows. We are going to have a focus colour, following the colours of the rainbow, each week and immerse ourselves in that colour in every possible way!

This week we have been exploring all things RED - red lego, red jelly, red fruits, red colouring and also red cars and trucks. Our book for the next two weeks is called "How do you make a rainbow?" by Caroline Crowe and we will be reading it daily and structuring our learning from it.

Hedgehog Class have come back to school with such enthusiasm for learning once again this term. They have been really engaged with their new text, 'Noah's Ark'. They have been acting out and learning the story in literacy and learning to count in 2s to help them count the animals. They also decided to construct their own ark in our outdoor area during play time.

Squirrel Class Year 2 have worked on lots of skills this week to support them with their SATS. We have read about Glaciers and Arctic animals and used these non-fiction texts to develop our vocabulary, skimming and scanning the text and rephrasing the answers to comprehension questions. In maths we have been working on fractions, using paper shapes to find halves and quarters as well as looking at equal and unequal groups. Year 1 have been learning the 2 and 10 times tables using manipulatives and reciting numbers in sequence. In Literacy they have started looking at the book *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies and making predictions about the text from the cover and first sentence.

Fox Class have been very scientific this week. They have created and written super flow diagrams to classify a variety of different animals. In English, we have started a new unit called *The Catch*. Fox class have been superb with explaining, in their own words, what singular and plural pronouns are as well as creating their own definition and examples of inference.

Stag class have been working hard this week on their new topic 'Groundbreaking Greeks'. We have looked at timelines and artefacts as well as paper themed art. Year 6 children have been working hard to prepare for SATs which are coming up in a few week's time.

Community

Hedgehog Class loved their first swimming session in our school pool this week and can't wait for the next one.

Squirrel Class enjoyed making use of the school swimming pool this week and have really supported each other with their learning.

Fox Class have been superb at teaching Squirrel and Hedgehog different dance routines. They have shown kindness and patience to every child. We hope that you have enjoyed watching the collaborations during the Friday assembly.

Stag Class Year 6 children enjoyed a nine mile walk to Skilgate and back as part of our preparation for the Exmoor Challenge. The children showed fantastic determination to get through the walk and we look forward to the next one which is 13 miles!

Character Education

Hedgehog Class have demonstrated the character virtue of courage when trying new foods whilst learning about healthy eating this week.

Squirrel class have shown resilience with their learning this week after a long Easter break. They have shown respectfulness and friendliness to Mrs Chant who has been supporting our class throughout the week.

Fox Class have shown **empathy** this week with super discussions in R.E. They have also shown **courage** with the exciting start of swimming lessons in our school pool.

Stag Class had a great time swimming in the pool on Tuesday. Mr. Jarad was very impressed with the skill level on show and the class showed super patience, despite the number of children involved.

Innovation

Hedgehog Class experimented with colour mixing using food colouring and shaving foam, exploring what new colours could be made.

Squirrel class have been learning about technology in Science and have enjoyed finding the innovative technology we use in our classroom every day such as pencils, pencil sharpeners, whiteboards, computers and glue!

Fox Class have been working collaboratively to create the STEM LEGO kits that were very generously purchased by the PTFA. The designs have encouraged great discussions and ideas of future creations.

Stag Class have been learning about data modelling in computing. They are learning about using spreadsheets in a way that could be useful in real life situations.

Inspiring Changemakers

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



Edith in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating the character virtues of **Motivation** and being **Caring**. Edith always strives to do her best in every task, putting 100% effort into all of her learning. She has also been very caring towards her friends as well as the younger children in Fieldmice at play times this week.



Maria S in Squirrel Class

For demonstrating our character virtue of **resilience** and **friendliness**.

We have been very impressed with how Maria has managed coming into a new school having not attended a school before. Maria has enjoyed joining in with art and music and made new friends that hopefully she will remember when she returns to the Ukraine. Well done Maria and good luck for the future.

Cassie in Fox Class



For demonstrating our school values of **critical thinking** and **friendliness**.

Cassie, you have demonstrated critical thinking in every lesson, as you are keen to find a solution to all problems and develop your understanding. You also show friendliness to others by including everyone in class discussions and being a kind friend on the playground.

You are a great role model.

Well done Cassie.



Alfie in Stag Class

Alfie showed fantastic determination and motivation during the Exmoor Challenge practise walk. He was so fast at the front that I struggled to keep up with him. Alfie has seen that it is always worth having a go, and I'm sure he will do just as well at the next one. Well done Alfie!

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.





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.