

Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 16th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our last newsletter, I wanted to detail all the various activities that children and staff at Bampton had been involved in over the previous two weeks. As a result, you received more of a book than a newsletter – there was so much to report!

With the aim of trying to keep the newsletter shorter and sharper, this week, I was going to bullet point the many and various events and simply ask you to contemplate how wide and varied the opportunities for children and staff at our wonderful school have been over the last couple of weeks, but even that took me to over several pages for my part of the newsletter. It really is incredible how much we manage to cram into every moment of our school life. I will try to summarise instead:

Academic Cornerstone:

Staff have undertaken training in a variety of curricula areas. Children have taken internal and statutory assessments. Staff have collaborated with other MAT staff to develop our curriculum ready for rolling out next year. Roy Blatchford, renowned educational advisor and published author, visited school as part of our school improvement programme. He toured the school, spoke to staff and interviewed children. He was very impressed with the children, how engaged they clearly are with their learning, and how they were able to articulate this – very well done to them!



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning: 19th June 2023

- Monday:** Sports Club with Premier Sports
KS1 Swimming with Miss Johnstone and Mrs Benjafield
- Tuesday:** Summer Sports Club with Premier Sports
- Wednesday:** Craft Club with Miss Lancelles
- Thursday:** Woodland Club with Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Newman

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Character Cornerstone:

Children have surpassed themselves in their sporting prowess -3 teams on Exmoor Challenge, Girls Tag Rugby, Wilcombe Wobbler, Swimming Gala!

Mrs Bolton (Alumnis Character Lead) has visited and assessed our Character progress and was very pleased with the progress she saw since her last visit.

Community Cornerstone:

Stag Class lunched in the Community Hall and enjoyed sharing conversations and experiences with members of the community.

The RNLI visited school to talk to the children about staying safe in all waters – rivers, lakes and the sea.

Externally delivered Anti-Racist assembly focusing in the Windrush Story.

Parent Suggestions

Please do put your suggestions for school improvement into our improvement jar – so far we have had one improvement suggestion, to hold holiday clubs at school. I have meetings with our sports providers next week and will keep you updated! Parent Forum was postponed this week so please do contact your class reps if you would like to raise something through them for the next meeting, or would like to join the forum.

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Miss Johnstone has undertaken the first part of her Dyslexia training in order to informally assess children for dyslexia. The second part will take place next term.

PTA

What amazing support we have from the PTA – always innovating ways to raise money for school. They organized a wonderful evening of Bingo, an amazing disco for the children and have designed and funded a lasting memorial to Josie Wensley, who we fondly remembered last week in our Wensley Woods afternoon, which will be on display in school.

Swimming

Not satisfied with teaching in the classroom during the term time, Miss Johnstone spent all her half term holiday in a swimming pool gaining her STA swimming teacher qualification. She will now be able to lead swimming in the school and has already started with her after school KS1 club. Unfortunately, we have had a few glitches recently with the pool but hopefully all will be up and running again today in time for her lunchtime swim club.

Music and Talent

I am continually impressed with the musical skills of the children taking instrumental lessons at school and am delighted that some of them will be sharing their prowess by performing in our Collective Worship on Monday 10th July. In addition to this, we will be holding a Bampton's Got Talent competition later in the term, open to all children in the school. School Council members will judge the entrants and whittle these down for a final talent show performed in front of the whole school – there will be prizes!!

The school is moving forward at such a pace and I am so proud of the hard work of all the staff and the fantastic achievements of the children. Another hugely successful few weeks!

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

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/>

Well done to the Times Table Rock Stars winners!



Stag class	Highest score	Alex
Stag class	Amazing effort	John
Fox class	Highest score	Tyler
Fox class	Amazing effort	Jamie
Squirrel class	Highest score	Jasmyn
Squirrel class	Amazing effort	Rose

Here are this week's Times Table Rockstars, Superstars! We would like everyone to celebrate our top scorers and those who have made amazing efforts. All staff have been so impressed with children's enthusiasm and determination to improve their times tables knowledge. If your child's name is mentioned in the newsletter, then there is a 3 house point reward! Your child has a Times Table Rockstar login, which can be used at home too. Good luck everyone!

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

Our Character Education Focus Virtues this term

Reflection

Friendliness

Respect

Confidence

C360 Cornerstones Curriculum

Academic Community Character Innovation

**These are the four cornerstones of our curriculum.
Each week the children practise virtues that
underpin these cornerstones.**

Fieldmice Class. We have all enjoyed playing outside this past week and exploring our topic of "Under the Sea" using the water trays and appropriately designed tuff trays. As you are all aware, the weather is extremely hot, so we have taken this opportunity to discuss sun safety with the children - wearing a hat, having sunscreen on and drinking lots of water. Please ensure that your child arrives in school with sunscreen on, a hat and a water bottle - we remind them throughout the day to have a big drink!

For the next two weeks, our focus book is "Sharing a Shell" by Julia Donaldson. This book continues our topic learning, whilst also focusing on sharing and respect - the virtue that the whole school is expanding upon at the moment.

Hedgehog Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of curiosity and creativity which link with the Academic and Character cornerstones. The children have been really enjoying our new curriculum topic, 'On the beach'. They have been learning about different sea creatures and writing fact files. They have also used pastels to create some amazing pictures of puffins, linking to our new story 'Puffin Peter'. In maths we have been recapping numbers to 20 and adding more.

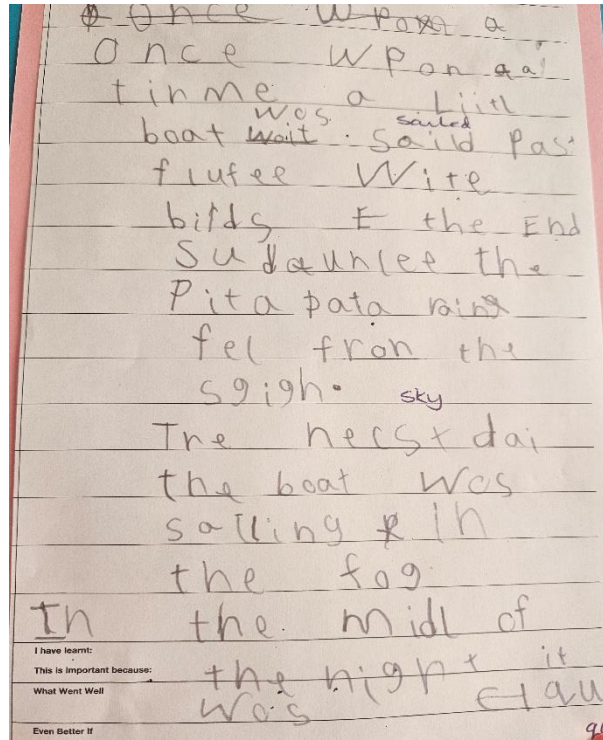
Squirrel Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of resilience in the writing this week as we have written up stories for our portfolios based on the film Little Boat. We have also been writing persuasive letters based on the focus text The Day the Crayons Quit. In Maths we have learning about time using analogue clocks. In our topic work we have focussed on tourism, what it is to be a tourist and what we would do as tourists in a coastal town.

Fox Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of courage and curiosity, which links with the Academic and Character cornerstones. They have achieved this by working incredibly hard to complete their NFER assessment tests to the very best of their ability. Year 4 have also completed their Government Multiplication times table check, which allows them only 6 second to answer the question. They all were brilliant! As a class, we have started to plan our non-chronological reports about animals in the Amazon Rainforest (which links to our Geography topic). I cannot wait for the class to present these in Celebration assembly!

Stag Class have had another busy couple of weeks! We have welcomed in the R.N.L.I. for an informative talk to help keep us all safe in the water this summer. We also welcomed in Ekulah who delivered an assembly on Windrush and racism. It was very interesting and children were left wanting to know more. From a sporting perspective, Stag children were involved in a swimming gala against Bolham School. The children represented Bampton with pride. Year 6 children enjoyed a delicious lunch with members of the community at St. Michael's community hall. Many thanks to Edward Tanner and Peggy Reed for inviting us and also to John from the Toucan for providing the food. Academically, year 5 children have been completing their NFER assessments and in science, Stag children have been doing some very practical experiments which has ignited their curiosity!

Writer of the week

Each week we choose a wonderful writer of the week and these children certainly deserve this recognition. Our latest writer of the week are Ellen and Kodi. Well done Ellen and Kodi!



A handwriting practice sheet titled "Bubble Writing - Handwriting scaffold". At the top, the letters "Aa" are written in a large, red, bubbly font. Below this, there are four rows of words written in cursive, with the first word of each row in red: "accident", "actual", "address", "after", and "again". Each word is repeated three times in a row. The "Bubble Writing" logo is in the top right, and the copyright notice "©Steve Phillips 2022" is in the bottom right.

Our Vision is for all children to become Inspiring Changemakers

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

Fox in Hedgehog Class



For demonstrating the character virtues of **motivation and confidence**. Fox has blown us away with his amazing sounding out and blending during writing and reading sessions. He has made so much progress over the last few weeks and is becoming a much more confident learner.

Destiny in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating the character virtues of **friendliness and motivation**. Destiny has been such a kind friend to others in the class when they have been sad. She has also been doing some amazing independent writing, using lots of digraphs that we have learned.

Jasmyn in Squirrel Class



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

Jasmyn as she has worked so hard in Maths this week and remained focussed, even though she missed a day due to an appointment and had to sit a SATS paper on her own. Jasmyn has made outstanding progress in Maths this year, applying everything she has learnt across all areas demonstrating great understanding and skills.

Gully in Squirrel Class

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

Gully has worked very hard all week in Literacy writing for an extensive amount of time with increased confidence. He has produced his first piece of portfolio work retelling the story of The Little Boat that he should be very proud of as we are proud of him too.

Cassie, Jonah and Saskia in Fox class

For demonstrating our school values of **critical thinking** and **friendliness**. Cassie has demonstrated critical thinking in every lesson, as she is keen to find a solution to all problems and develop her understanding. She also shows friendliness to others by including everyone in class discussions and being a kind friend on the playground.



Cassie is a great role model.

For demonstrating our school values of **curiosity** and **courage**. Jonah has demonstrated curiosity in every lesson, as he is keen to ask questions to develop his understanding. He also shows courage by trying his hardest to solve problems, and use a variety of different vocabulary and grammatical features. I am very proud of him!

For demonstrating our school values of determination and **courage**. Saskia has demonstrated **determination**, as she is always keen to ask questions and progress her learning. She has shown great courage with learning her times tables and improving her recall speed. Everyone in Fox class is very proud of Saskia.



Ryan in Stag Class

Ryan, I have been so impressed with your recent reading assessment. You have improved over a year in reading age in just a few months. Well done and keep it up!

Sophie in Stag Class

Sophie, I have been so impressed with the way you have returned to school this week. You were super organised and focused when doing work in the library. I wish everyone had the same attitude as you! Well done.

Well done Everybody!

Bampton Players Present:

WIND in the **WILLOWS**



20th- 22nd JULY at 7pm all tickets £8
and Sat matinee at 2pm £5 for kids
Tickets from Bampton Fresh

This will be an OPEN AIR production
in the yard at Sherwood, Bampton, off West St.
Seat provided. Please bring a picnic & drinks.
No parking available. No umbrellas please!

PREMIER EDUCATION SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

£21.00
all day

9.30am
-
3.30pm

Monday 24th to Friday 28th July
Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August
Monday 7th - Friday 11th August
& Monday 14th August
Venue: Wilcombe Primary School. EX16 4AL

MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAYS



What we will be up too:

Summer Games- Capture The Flag, Cricket, Dartmoor 3 Ball, Rounders, Athletics, Soft Archery & more; these are just a few of the summer games we will be playing!

Dodgeball- Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

Nerf Games- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!



Other activities :

Gymnastics- Children will get to express movement and their strength through our gym sessions!

Arts and crafts- A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax! A time to meet new friends.

Football- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in team to play a 5-aside games.



Hot school lunch provided and please bring your own soft drinks! Please wear sports/casual clothes.

Childcare vouchers accepted!

How to book:

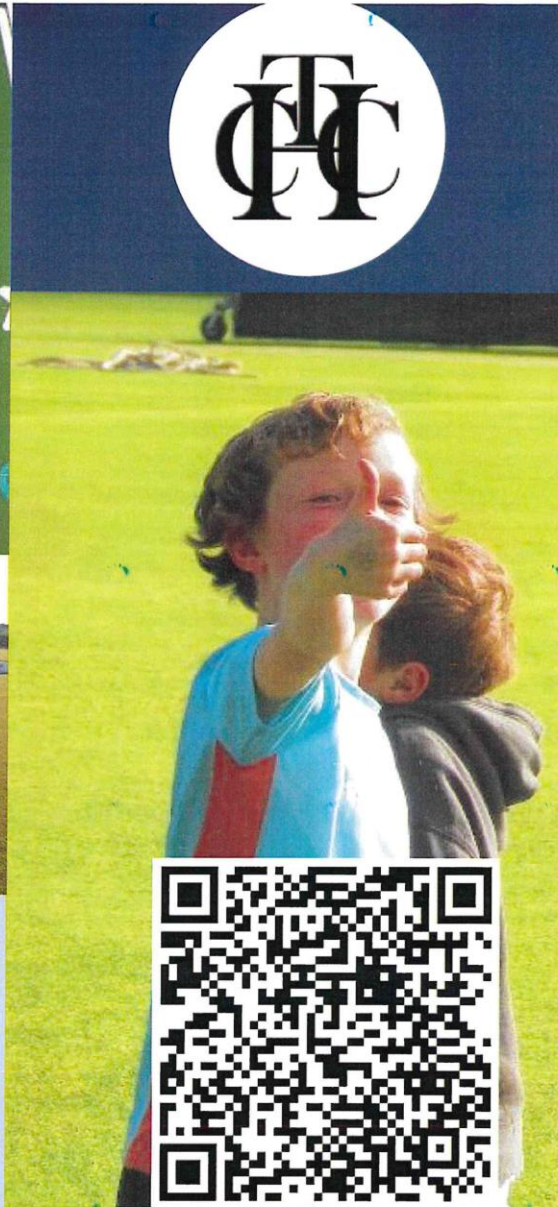
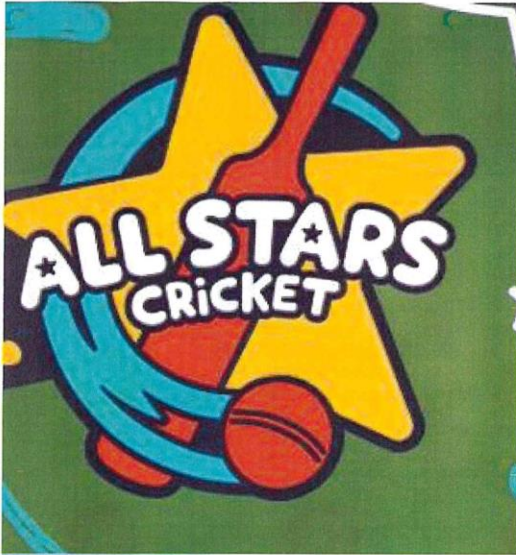
Online- www.premier-education.com
Call Andrew- 07776 108281



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Ever wondered what Cricket is all about?

This year we will be running 3 taster sessions on Friday 30th June, 7th & 14th July. Pick a Friday to try for free.

Start time 1745 for 45 minutes. Be ready to run around, throw some balls, whack some balls & have some cricket fun. If you are interested you **must book** your place by scanning the QR code and completing registration. Places are limited.

Heathcoat Cricket Club, Knightshayes, Bolham, Tiverton, EX16 7RQ



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.



