



## Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last newsletter was on the Coronation Weekend - a wonderful weekend of celebration and an opportunity to focus on service. Our children took part in the Big Help Out and were hugely enthusiastic. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Kenny for donating the Coronation mugs to each of the children - what a lovely keepsake!

### SATS

I am so very proud I am of the children (and staff) in years 6 and 2, who have been working their socks off for their SATs tests. As you will have seen in the press, the KS2 tests were very tricky but because our children were so well prepared, they remained very calm and took all the tests in their stride. A massive WELL DONE! to them all!

### Sports

We are so excited by our upcoming sporting events! The culmination of so much training and anticipation will be tomorrow's Exmoor Challenge event and I would like to pre-empt that by congratulating the teams (and staff) for their determination, resilience and their courage - for taking part in a very challenging but equally rewarding competition - we wish them all the best of luck!

Next week we have the much postponed Yr 5/6 girls Tag Rugby at THS and the Wilcombe Wobbler the following day. After half term, we have our Swimming Gala with Bolham Primary School and towards the end of term, our Sports Day, to which all parents and carers are warmly invited to.



### Dates for your diary

#### **Week Beginning: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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:** Woodland Club with Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Newman

#### **Week Beginning: 5<sup>th</sup> 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



## Our Vision and Values

I have been asking staff and children what they feel makes our school special and which of the 27 Alumnis character virtues, they feel particularly describe our school. The Alumnis Vision is 'Inspiring Changemakers' and the Values are Believe, Belong, Become which are underpinned by the 27 character virtues linked to the 4 Cornerstones of our curriculum. We have come up with a motto which we feel well reflects our Christian foundation and are Bampton children, while still linked to the MAT vision, and would like your thoughts please. The motto proposed is 'Curiosity, Courage and Compassion makes us Inspiring Changemakers'.

## Training and SEND

This half of term, staff have been training to deliver our phonics programme, Read Write Inc, with fidelity. This is a programme that has successfully supported children to overcome barriers to reading. It is a rigorous programme that demands a change to the reading material that the younger children bring home.

We encourage all children to take home a book to share with parents for pleasure. Phonetically decodable books, will be practised in school and then sent home so that by the time the children are familiar with the sounds and can decode successfully, reading to you will simply be to show off and to develop their expression and understanding! Parents have also had training in this programme; thank you to all those who attended the training on Monday and who have been in to see Phonics in Action in the classrooms through the week. Those of you who were unable to attend will be able to access the links to the training videos.

We have also undertaken training in Accelerated Reader for the children in KS2. We are gradually working our way towards embedding Accelerated Reader books into our library - this is a slow process and if anyone is able to spend a couple of hours logging books into the AR system, we would much appreciate it! AR is another brilliant reading programme that offers children support with their comprehension skills, while allowing teachers to track how often a child is reading the book, what variety of genre they are choosing and when they are ready to move on to the next level.

As well as this we have had lots of sharing good practice with other schools in Alumnis - I have been to see St Helens in Abbotsham, Mr M has hosted School Improvement Leads from Burlescombe and St Helens and next week, Miss Johnstone will be joining other Geography Subject Leads across the

MAT, to plan our exciting new curriculum! Mrs Benjafield has also begun her work with the Jurassic Maths Hub to support maths across other primary schools.

I am also very grateful to Miss Johnstone who will be spending most of her half term training as a Swimming teacher, so that we can extend the provision we offer in our pool.

### Enrichment

This week has been epic in terms of children's trips out, and I would like to thank all parents for supporting this part of their curriculum and staff for planning and organising the trips so well.

On Monday, children in Yr 5/6 had an amazing opportunity to join other schools across the Alumnis MAT, to see the incredible production of Quintessence at the Plough Theatre, Torrington. On Thursday, Fox Class had an inspiring visit to Paignton Zoo as part of their Rainforest Topic and today, all children from Yr 1 to Yr 4 have been to the Northcott Theatre to see a production of David Walliams' Demon Dentist! Next half of term we have our Shark Sleepover at the Plymouth Aquarium and the Stag class residential with a variety of exciting trips planned each day.

### Clubs

Please do sign your children up for the clubs next half term. You will be able to book your child (ren) onto these clubs from next week. We will send out an email when they are all set up online. Our Monday Sports Club was very undersubscribed this half term and it would be a great shame to have to cancel due to low numbers. The plan for next half term will be as follows 3.30 - 4.30:

Monday - Sports Club, all key stages - Premier Sports

- Swimming Club KS1 Maximum 12 children only - Mrs Benjafield and Miss Johnstone

Tuesday - Summer Sports Club - all key stages - Primary Sports

Wednesday - Craft Club all key stages, maximum 12 children only – Miss Lancelles

Thursday – Woodland Club, Mrs Fairchild (thank you Mrs Fairchild) and Mrs Newman

Lunch Time Quiet Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays - board games, colouring, lego, guinea-pig handling and an opportunity to catch up on any outstanding homework!

#### Parent Suggestions

Thank you for adding your suggestions to our school improvement box in the entrance hall. This week the suggestion is for a Holiday Club activity at school. I will look at seeing how we can provide this through our Sports Providers or other activities and will keep you updated! Not forgotten, is our plan for wrap-around care which I am still looking into.

If any parents are a whizz at form-filling, I would be very grateful for some support with finding grants and filling in the applications to raise money to restore the Amphitheatre. Please let me know if this would be something you could help with.

#### Community

It was lovely to welcome the Town Council to visit the school on Thursday. We were able to discuss lots of ways that the school can take part in community events as well as some ideas about how we can invite community members into school.

#### Facebook

Please follow us on Facebook - this is a great way to share and celebrate the various activities we take part in

<https://www.facebook.com/BamptonSCH>

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Mrs L Newman

19 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA School Bingo at Riverside Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Exmoor Challenge
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y5-6 Girls THS Tag Rugby Festival
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Wilcombe Wobbler
26 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Kings and Queens School Disco
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June	HALF TERM
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Forum
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr5/Yr6 THS Mixed Cricket
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Shark Sleepover - Yrs 2-6
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr3-Yr4 THS Athletics-skills Festival
28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> June	Stag residential
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Back-up Sports Day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-pupil day
17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents evenings
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.

## 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!**



<b>Stag class</b>	<b>Highest score</b>	<b>Tommy</b>
<b>Stag class</b>	<b>Amazing effort</b>	<b>John</b>
<b>Fox class</b>	<b>Highest score</b>	<b>Robyn</b>
<b>Fox class</b>	<b>Amazing effort</b>	<b>Jasmine</b>
<b>Squirrel class</b>	<b>Highest score</b>	<b>Rose</b>
<b>Squirrel class</b>	<b>Amazing effort</b>	<b>Autumn</b>

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.** This week has been our penultimate week on our topic of Rainbows, where the focus has been on the colour blue. Next week, we finish discovering the rainbow and our focus will be the colour Violet. We plan to try plums, paint, build and spend as much time as possible outside enjoying our beautiful grounds. Please make sure your child comes to school with sun cream already on, a water bottle and with a named sun hat.

**Hedgehog Class** have demonstrated the Character virtues of determination, creativity and motivation which link with the Academic and Character cornerstones. The children have produced some amazing writing all about themselves as well as retelling the story of Elmer. They have also worked hard in their swimming sessions and are improving and have more and more fun each week. In maths they have enjoyed investigating capacity using water and different sized containers as well as building numbers beyond 10 using Numicon.

**Squirrel Class** have demonstrated the Character virtues of creativity this week as they have explored the work of artist Yayoi Kusama. We have explored pattern and colour and created our own flower heads based on her sculptures. Year 2 have worked very hard completing their SATS this week and very much deserve a restful weekend. In literacy we have been identifying command, question and exclamation sentences and using adjectives to describe scene from the short film Little Boat.



**Fox Class** have demonstrated the Character virtues of curiosity and compassion, which link with the academic and community cornerstones. They have achieved this by participating in the 'Big Help out', where each member of the class tidied an area of the school swimming pool. They have binned broken toys, tidied the floats and organised the toys. Well done to everyone for helping out! Fox class have also asked great questions on our trip to Paignton Zoo. Their curiosity to learn about the different animals was superb!

**Stag Class** Year 6 children completed their SATs papers last week. They were a credit to the school, showing a fantastic attitude and every child did their best. In literacy we have been completing a narrative based on the short film Alma. It has been a tough challenge, mixing 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> person perspectives in the same piece. However, the children have produced some of their best writing ever! On Monday, Stag class went to see a show in the Plough theatre, Torrington. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and it was a lovely treat after SATs.



## Writer of the week

Each week we choose a wonderful writer of the week and these children certainly deserve this recognition. Here are the writers from the last three weeks. Well done to Fennick, Violet and Alfie.

Date: 17/09 '23 LO: I am learning to write a third person dual narrative starting with a first person account of events.

Skippings down a small street after she ate her breakfast at 9:37 am as she went down the cold, old and snowy street she saw for a chalk board. She put her name on the chalk board at her name was Alva. After she wrote her name she heard old gears clicking and scratching together a look a like doll appeared in a window she ran up to the window in excitement she looked down at herself to see if it had all of the features of herself and sure enough it did. She ran to the door she tried to open it but it was secured and she shut she stomped for soot on the ground I heard she had an idea she picked up the snow made a snowball and she flung her through it out at the door and tried to clear the snow but she heard the door creak open and rushed inside. She saw that doll and her face glowed up as she was about to grab the doll she stood on a different doll she was on its side & the doll was on a bike she put it on its wheels and it came out to the door. The door closed. The doll on the bike was banging on the door, as if Alva listened up for body to surprise the doll was gone. She looked around the table with no luck she reached her head up and looked down but something caught her eye it was the doll. Her face glowed with happiness she ran up to the doll on stood on the snow and climbed up to the doll she bit one of her mittens off to grab the doll she climbed until she could grab its face. As it was hand made connection with the doll's face the AT the next thing you know Alva is the doll. She had some visions of herself when she was younger and poor poor to she could only be two sounds! Sound was her breathing he hearing and the other sound

I have learnt:  
This is important because:  
What Went Well:

The ship is wet  
but the golden  
pirate crew sit  
all they sit all  
the whorer was all  
swept seat up they met  
alright.  
or right.

The golden ship its  
pearls wet and  
soggy but the  
pirate crew mopping  
it up.

I have learnt:  
This is important because:  
What Went Well:

I chased after it, I ran across the soft, spongy grass. I tripped over old, mossy logs but then the fox stopped by the entrance of a bush full of brambles the size of my palm. The South American fox sweetly, slowly crept through the dense, spiky bush. I didn't want to go through the bush. I looked back at my village and felt a blow of bewilderment hit me. Should I go through? I asked myself, yes. I crept through the bush hoping that the fox hadn't gone too far.

The rapid, red fox ran into a mossy, old log. I jumped over a bush and landed on the fox. The fluffy, red South American fox managed to go through my arms. He bounced onto a high ledge and ran up the mountain...

## Our Vision is for all children to become Inspiring Changemakers

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

### **William in Hedgehog Class**



For demonstrating the character virtues of **resilience and courtesy**. William has shown such resilience since breaking his arm, adapting to doing things with his left arm with no fuss and still producing fantastic work. He has also been using fantastic manners.

### **Freya in Hedgehog Class**

For demonstrating the character virtues of **resilience and determination**. Freya has been doing so much independent writing this week in class, making lots of signs for our role play area. She has also demonstrated a brilliant attitude in our swimming sessions.

### **Year 2 in Squirrel Class**



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

This week all of Year 2 have shown incredible resilience and confidence as they completed their SATS. All the adults who supported the tests were really impressed with their listening and maturity, following instructions carefully, keeping calm and trying their best. Well done to all of you, we are extremely proud of each and every one of you.



### **Max Morgan in Fox class**

For demonstrating our school values of **curiosity** and **confidence**. Max, demonstrates curiosity in every lesson, as he is always keen to ask questions and add great ideas to class discussions. Max shows great confidence when speaking in front of the class and in Celebration Assembly. Well done Max, you are a star!

### **Kodi Keating-Knight in Fox class**

For demonstrating our school values of **determination** and **friendliness**. Kodi, has demonstrated determination in every lesson, as he always tries his hardest and writes great sentences. He shows friendliness to everyone and offers help to all children and adults. Kodi's effort to help keep the school tidy is admirable. Well done Kodi, you are a star!



### **Holly in Stag Class**

Despite being a little nervous about SATs, Holly was cool, calm and collected throughout the week. We are all very proud of your efforts Holly. You can do it!

### **Orla in Stag Class**

Orla produced a fantastic piece of writing this week, full of figurative language, tension and suspense, and also mixing up 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> person perspective. Well done Orla!

# **Well done Everybody!**



# WOODWIND CONCERT

**Saturday 27th May 6:30pm**  
**All Saints' Church, Dulverton**



Featuring a wonderfully varied programme of woodwind solos, duets and ensembles.

Come and see flute, clarinet, saxophone and some really huge recorders!



No formal entry fee, donations to the Church clock fund greatly appreciated.

**Doors open from 6.00pm**

# HALF TERM CRICKET CAMP AT HEATHCOAT CRICKET CLUB



**£30**

**per day**

**Boys & Girls**

**Aged 5 - 16**

**NO EXPERIENCE  
NECESSARY**



**With Level 2 Coach Liam Lewis  
& Dylan Penberthy:**

**- Tuesday 30th May**

**8:30-14:30**

**- Wednesday 31st May**

**9:00-15:00**

**- Thursday 1st June**

**9:00-15:00**

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## 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.



