



Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 5th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As usual there seems to be so much news to share with you this week!

We had another super successful Parent Power weekend – very many thanks to all of you who were able to come and help. It was a wonderful way to feel part of our community, improve the school and have fun, all at the same time! We still need to get the roof on the new shed, so if anyone has a couple of hours available after school, we would very much appreciate it.

Our Exmoor Challenge teams had brilliant practise sessions on Saturday and on Wednesday – many thanks to the staff (and dogs) and parents who were able to support these practise days. The pupils showed the resilience, confidence and capability that Bampton children are well known for, which is why they are role models for the rest of the school and the wider community.

This week, I had a wonderfully positive Parent Forum Meeting. Some representatives of the Parent Forum would like to step down as their children are moving on to secondary school, so we need new volunteers to keep the Forum working. Please do get in touch if you would be interested. Your current forum members are:

Carly Ware – Fox Class

Sara Platt – Squirrel Class



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning: 8th May 2023

Monday: Bank Holiday

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: 15th 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: Cupppa Club with Mr. McCutcheon
Woodland Club with Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Newman

Jo Crittenden (standing down) Stag Class

(Previous members, Mel Standford and Gabbie Chant are now members of staff).

We decided on a slightly new format to ensure inclusivity of all parents while still maintaining a core group. We decided to put an 'ideas box' in the entrance hall for all parents to post their brilliant ideas about how the school can move forward. These positive initiatives will be processed regularly, published anonymously in our newsletter then entered into the Agenda for a meeting at the beginning of every term. All parents will be welcome to attend these meetings, or to feed back to their Parent Forum members to bring up at the meeting. However, I would urge that anyone with a particular concern does not wait until the next Forum meeting but does please come and speak to either me or the Class Forum rep as soon as possible.

Many congratulations to Mrs Benjafield who has been successful in her application and interview to join the Primary Mastery Maths Specialist Programme in September 2023. This is a Maths programme that will run alongside her teaching commitments at Bampton COE Primary School. The programme is run by the Jurassic Maths Hub over two years. It provides an opportunity to develop understanding the Five Big Ideas of teaching for mastery in depth, and to focus on the specialist subject knowledge required to design lessons that unfold the maths for all children.

We would like to call out to any parents, grandparents or community members who feel that they would be able to offer a couple of hours per week to help in school as a volunteer – either on the trips and visits or in school in the swimming pool or reading with the children. Please ask Emma for a form if you would be interested.

Regarding trips, it is vitally important to get your SOE3 forms back to school asap please. We are unable to take any children off site without this form and chasing up on the morning of any trip can be tricky. Children in KS2 are going on a number of trips this term – theatre, sports, residentials – and I am keeping an eye open for further enrichment opportunities for the younger children in school.

Now our swimming pool is up and running again, we would like to maximise its use by enabling most children to swim more than once

per week starting next week with a Learn to Swim Week. We will rota the classes for Wednesday to Friday next week, but all children need to bring their swimming things in as usual on Tuesday please. We will also be running an after school swimming club led by Mrs Benjafield, Mrs Chant and Miss Johnstone – more information to follow.

To celebrate the Coronation this weekend, we had planned to have our lunch outside for a treat, unfortunately that wasn't possible, but the children spent some time taking part in the Big Help Out that King Charles has requested. Later in the term the PTA will also be organising a 'Kings and Queens' disco at school. Many thanks to the PTFA for their hard work and ingenious efforts to raise money for our school.

Next week, we see the beginning of assessments weeks and we wish all our wonderful children the very best of luck in their tests.

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

Head teacher

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/>

Well done to the Times Table Rock Stars winners!



Stag class	Highest score	Corey
Stag class	Amazing effort	Orla
Fox class	Highest score	Tyler
Fox class	Amazing effort	Harry
Squirrel class	Highest score	Autumn
Squirrel class	Amazing effort	Rico

This week, we are launching 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 have been continuing their investigating about rainbows. This week our focus has been on the colour yellow, and next week everything will be green! We will be manipulating green play doh, colouring green items and trying different green foods. Another of our focuses will be the number four - what the number looks like, how it is formed and what groups of four items are. Our book for this week, and next week, is called "The Colourful Coronation". It explains to us about King Charles III Coronation and the different colours of the rainbow as he goes on his journey to Westminster Abbey, also meeting people who help us along the way.

We are all enjoying the newly revamped outside area (Thankyou!!). I hope that you have noticed all the different activities and challenges that are now available, fingers crossed for more sunny weather!

Hedgehog Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of motivation, creativity and cooperation which link with the Academic and Character cornerstones by listening carefully when learning new routines in phonics and working together to support each other's learning through partner work in reading sessions. They have also produced some fantastic writing about King Charles as well as drawing portraits of him.

Squirrel Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of curiosity and compassion which link with the academic and community cornerstones. In our new topic we have been learning how to

read maps and identify human and physical geographical features using a key. We also compared the coastal town of Whitby to Bampton using maps to find similarities and differences. In Literacy Year 1s have been developing their writing based on the story The Storm Whale, thinking about adjectives to describe the emotions we might feel if we found a whale on a beach. Year 2s have been working hard on skills for SATS which will begin after Year 6 SATS.

Fox Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of confidence and friendliness, which links with the Academic and Community cornerstones. They have achieved this by developing their understanding of Money and Fractions in Maths. Through using 'Talk Tokens', when problem solving with a partner, Fox class have had superb discussions and used amazing, technical vocabulary. Also, two members of Fox class have embraced our community cornerstone with great enthusiasm as they are now writing, and distributing, a school newspaper each week.

Stag Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of curiosity and critical thinking which link with the Innovation cornerstone by investigating how to separate a mixture of materials and whether substances are soluble or insoluble. Year 6 children have been showing motivation in their final preparations for SATs next week.

Our Vision is for all children to become Inspiring Changemakers

Our Inspiring Learners over the last two weeks are:

Victoria in Hedgehog Class



For demonstrating the character virtue of **resilience**. We are really proud of how much more resilience Victoria shows towards challenges now. She has also impressed us with her amazing independent writing this week.

Mabel in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating the character virtues of **confidence and curiosity**. Mabel has shown such enthusiasm towards our learning about King Charles' coronation this week. She has been really confident to share her ideas during class discussions too.



Sasha in Squirrel Class

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

We have been very impressed with Sasha's contributions in maths this week and her fluency of her reading. Sasha always puts her hand up and has a go and as a result her English language is improving all the time. Fantastic effort Sasha



Victoria Caddy in Fox class

For demonstrating our school values of confidence and friendliness. Victoria, has demonstrated confidence in every lesson, as she is keen to explain to the class how she has solved a problem. She also shows friendliness to others by including everyone in class discussions and being a kind friend on the playground. Well done Victoria!



Tabitha and Eben in Stag Class

Tabitha and Eben took part in the Exmoor Challenge practise walk, despite only being in year 5. They displayed the virtues of determination, resilience and compassion. Well done both of you!

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



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.