



Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am really looking forward to our Parent Power day tomorrow. If you are able to spare a couple of hours in the morning, please do let me know so I can ensure there are enough bacon baps!

Please do come and join us at The Quarryman Rest at 8pm on the 27th September for our PTFA AGM. We desperately need new members.

Staff at school have been very busy with professional training over the last couple of weeks. We are working very closely with the Jurassic Maths Hub and are taking part in the Mastering Number programme they run across the region. We also had our Phonics Audit by the Ilsham English Hub to ensure that our new scheme Read Write Inc, is being delivered with fidelity. We are already seeing the results of this which is very exciting. Parents in Key Stage 1 will be able to access films explaining the scheme so you can support your children with their reading at home.

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will read their books several times in school before they bring them home to show off their skills to you but all children are encouraged to bring home a book to share with you for pleasure, and to promote a love of reading.

I have really enjoyed listening in on lessons this week. The way the children are engaging in their learning is fantastic and the progress that many have shown in a very short time this term is commendable. We are so lucky to have a very talented and dedicated team of teachers and support staff and



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning: 25th September 2023

Monday: KS2 Target Sports

Tuesday: KS1 Swimming Club Miss Johnstone

Wednesday: KS2 Italian Club with Mrs Newman

Thursday: KS2 Art Club with Laura Grant

Friday: No clubs

Week Beginning: 2nd October 2023

Monday: KS2 Target Sports

Tuesday: KS1 Swimming Club Miss Johnstone

Wednesday: KS2 Italian Club with Mrs Newman

Thursday: KS2 Art Club with Laura Grant

Friday: No Clubs

I was so proud to show some potential new parents round today - the energy and excitement in the classrooms was tangible - well done everyone!

As the weather changes please can all children bring in a pair of welly boots or change of shoes on a Friday for Forest School.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

Dates for your diary

23 rd September 2023	Parent Power day
27 th September 2023	PTFA AGM 8pm The Quarrymans Rest
5 th October 2023	KS1 Trip to Tiverton Museum
5 th October 2023	Yr5 / Yr6 Mixed Tennis THS
13 th October 2023	School Photos
17 th October 2023	Open Afternoon 1.30pm- 3pm
19 th October 2023	Yr3 /Yr4 Mixed Handball THS
20 th October 2023	Inset Day
23 rd -27 th October 2023	Half Term
26 th October 2023	Bampton Fair
9 th November 2023	Yr5 /Yr6 Girls Football Friendly THS
17 th November 2023	Children In Need
25 th November	Tiverton Lantern Parade
Week Beginning 4 th December	Christmas performances
7 th December 2023	Yr1/Yr2 Multi-Skills THS
Week Beginning 11 th December 2023	Parents Evenings
18 th -29 th December 2023	Christmas Holiday
2 nd January 2024	Inset Day
7 th March 2024	World Book day
8 th – 17 th March 2024	Science Week
17 th March 2024	Sports relief
29 th March – 12 April 2024	Easter Holidays
4 th May 2024	Exmoor Challenge
24 th May 2024	Inset Day

27 th -31 st May 2024	Half Term
25 th July 2024	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly

Well done to the Times Table Rock Stars winners!



Stag class	Highest score	Robyn
Stag class	Amazing effort	Millie
Fox class	Highest score	Jack
Fox class	Amazing effort	Max
Squirrel class	Highest score	Not yet started
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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 half term

Citizenship

Respect

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 are enjoying being back and exploring our learning with Hedgehog Class. Field Mice have had a fantastic time investigating different bugs and their environments up in Wensley Wood - wellies and coats have been needed!!

Our learning at the moment is focusing on "All About Me" and it has been very interesting to find out about how our bodies work and what the different bones are called.

Hedgehog Class have had a fantastic start to the new year and settled in so quickly! In our topic Me, Myself and I, we have been learning about ourselves, including body part names, how to keep healthy and emotions. In phonics we have already learned 10 sounds and are beginning to blend sounds into words. We also enjoyed a visit by Mrs. Pestaille who taught us how to keep our teeth healthy.

Squirrel Class have worked so hard over the last couple of weeks showing the character virtues of **curiosity** and **motivation**. In Literacy we have been learning the story Beegu and writing with adjectives to describe Beegu's appearance and how she is feeling when she is lost. In maths we were very excited to receive some new equipment to help us with our learning – ask your child what they can tell you about using a Rekenrek!

Fox Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of **confidence** and **curiosity**. This has been seen in abundance, when we went to London to tour the Houses of Parliament and the Natural History Museum. The children asked great questions to develop their knowledge of British values, including democracy and the Rule of Law. It was an absolute pleasure to take them.

Fox class have settled in well to the start of the new term and I am very excited for the year ahead.

Stag Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of **curiosity** and **critical thinking** in their Science work, investigating how we see objects and how light travels. They have made periscopes to explore reflection and created optical illusions to demonstrate refraction. On the KS2 trip to London, they were extremely engaged throughout our tour of the Houses of Parliament and the Natural History Museum, and I was very proud of their enthusiasm for learning and their exemplary behaviour throughout.

Our Vision is for all children to become Inspiring Changemakers

Our Inspiring Learners over the last two weeks are:

Jesse in Hedgehog Class



For demonstrating the character virtue of **motivation and curiosity**. Jesse has been a star in Hedgehog Class with his inquisitive mind in maths and super oracy skills to explain his learning. He is also very determined to keep the classroom tidy! Well done Jesse.

Isla in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating the character virtue of **confidence**. Isla has really grown in confidence this week, particularly in maths. I was very proud of the fact that she was able to explain her learning to another adult. Well done Isla!



Bobby in Squirrel Class

For demonstrating our character virtue of motivation.

We have been very impressed with how Bobby has listened to feedback in phonics and handwriting this week and has carefully been working on letter formation and stamina for writing.



Michael in Fox Class

For showing the character virtue of confidence on our trip to London. Michael asked amazing questions to all adults on the trip and to staff at the Natural History Museum.



Rupert in Stag Class

For demonstrating motivation and resilience on the KS2 trip to London. Rupert's behaviour was a credit to the school, and he really made the most of his time at the Natural History Museum, showing intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm. Well done Rupert, we are proud of you.

Toby in Stag Class

For demonstrating curiosity and resourcefulness in all aspects of his learning, all the time. Toby always gives his absolute best in every lesson, whether it's coming up with stunning examples of figurative language in English, or explaining his understanding of concepts with accurate scientific language in Science. His attitude to learning is a joy to witness.

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.