



Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Community

I would like to start by thanking all those parents who gave up their time so generously for our Parent Power day! Chopping trees and hedges, sweeping leaves, painting the Minion and weeding the Nursery playground and all the other jobs you did, it has made a tremendous difference to the look and feel of the school. Many thanks to Mrs Kemp for cooking the bacon and making the teas too!

Later in the week we had the AGM for the PTFA (Parent, Teacher, Friends Association) and we now have new officers and lots of ideas for fundraising this year. The next meeting is on Monday 9th if anyone would like to join.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the PTFA for all their hard work which supports our children so well. A particular thank you to all the outgoing officers Mel Standford, Caroline Vigurs, Clare Cottrell and Jo Crittenden for the commitment to running the PTFA which funds so many resources for us.

Thank you too to Anna Edwards for stepping into the Chair's role, Ed and Rebecca Froggett as Treasurers, Charlotte Stevens as Vice Chair and Rebecca Smith as Secretary.

Last year the PTFA paid for:

Christmas Fair, Disco, Shed, various resources on teachers requests, Easter activities, Josie Wensley Award, Bingo, Year 6 frames and year



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning: 9th 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

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books. Without their tremendous support, these would not have been possible. Thank you PTFA!

Academic

Over the last couple of weeks, staff have been doing lots of training in Read Write Inc phonics, Reading for Pleasure and Maths Mastery, as well as going out to other schools to support curriculum development across the MAT. This is a fantastic way to support CPD and wonderfully demonstrates the determination of all our staff to ensure we can deliver the best education possible to our children.

Character

Mrs Bolton, Character Lead for Alumnis, has visited Bampton a few times to see how we are putting our Character Virtues into action! She came last week again and was very complimentary about how the children are able to live out their virtues and can articulate how they are doing this. Teaching of the character virtues promotes good conduct, high expectations and confidence in all our children. Do please ask them about the character virtues - I think you will be very impressed with how well they understand themselves and others.

Innovation

This week we have had two trips out which have been very exciting! Ten of the children in Stag Class attended a Tennis Skills day at THS along with children from other primary schools in the area. Our children showed great determination and cooperation to get the most out of the visit. It was a great morning and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On the same day, Squirrel Class visited Tiverton Museum where the children were able to explore a range of toys from days gone by. Miss Johnstone reported on return, that she was super-proud of all the children for the way they behaved and the curiosity they showed throughout the day.

Our School Council has achieved their first goal in the battle against plastic! Their action plan has been approved by Plastic Free Schools and the next objective is to form a 'trash mob' and do a litter pick to tally and categorise the type of plastic found in our rubbish. So inspired were Hedgehog and Fieldmice, that they also did a litter pick around the grounds - well done everyone!

Best wishes

Lully Newman

Attendance

Please see below the attendance percentages for each class, calculated from the beginning of term up to and including 6th October 2023.

Hedgehog Class 87.65%

Squirrel Class 90.8%

Fox Class 95.2%

Stag Class 89.8%

Reminder to Year 6 Parents and Carers

Please make sure you remember to apply for your child's Secondary School place by the **31st October 2023**. The easiest way for these families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

Music Lessons

Miss Lewis has space for one more individual or paired music lesson. Instruments offered are recorder, ukulele or violin from year 2 upward and flute or clarinet from year 4 upward. Please email Miss Lewis directly for further info arwen@eastacre.co.uk

After School Clubs

We will be emailing out the list of clubs for the next half of term very soon but please see advert in this newsletter for After school gymnastics which will be running on Friday's after school. This club will be need to be booked through Premier. Any questions please ask at the school office.

Parent workshops

Please see below the parent workshop dates. We have planned a variety of parent workshops to help you understand how your child / children can learn and are being taught.

Please do attend as many as you can as this will benefit your child / children and how they learn at home.

Monday 30th October

1.30pm - 2.00pm Supporting Children's mental wellbeing - Hannah Gleeson

2.10pm - 2.40pm Keeping children safe online - Hannah Gleeson

2.50pm - 3.20pm Fun memory and listening game for all ages - Mrs Davey and Mrs Stanford

Tuesday 31st October

1.30pm - 2.00pm Reading for pleasure - Mrs Chant

2.10pm - 2.40pm Active children and families - Mrs Johnstone

2.50pm - 3.20pm Oracy Skills - Mrs Newman

Wednesday 1st November

1.30pm - 2.00pm Maths - Mrs Benjafield

2.10pm - 2.40pm Science - Mrs Benjafield

2.50pm - 3.20pm Phonics - Mr McCutcheon

Thursday 2nd November

1.30pm - 2.00pm Supporting Home Learning - Mrs Chant

2.10pm - 2.40pm Finger Gym for fine motor development - Mrs Grabke and Miss Atherton

2.50pm - 3.20pm Key Stage 2 reading - Mr McCutcheon

Dates for your diary

13 th October 2023	School Photos
17 th October 2023	Open Afternoon 1.30pm- 3pm
19 th October 2023	Yr3 /Yr4 Mixed Handball THS
19 th October 2023	Harvest Festival in Church 2pm
20 th October 2023	Inset Day
23 rd -27 th October 2023	Half Term
26 th October 2023	Bampton Fair
30 th October -2 nd November 2023	Parent workshops
9 th November 2023	Yr5 /Yr6 Girls Football Friendly THS
17 th November 2023	Children In Need
21 st November 2023	Flu Vaccination
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 , 26 th , 27 th June 2024	Year 6 THS Transition days
25 th July 2024	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly

Well done to the Times Table Rock Stars winners!



Stag class	Highest score	Tommy
Stag class	Amazing effort	Archie
Fox class	Highest score	Ella
Fox class	Amazing effort	Cassie

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. The Field Mice have been very busy the last two weeks. We have spent a great deal of time making the most of the weather and spending our time outside where we have been collecting natural materials to count with, making insects out of clay and painting them, and exploring our beautiful grounds. Our story focus has been "People who help us" and we have been learning about the roles of Police Officers, Dentists and Doctors and the roles that they have in our society.

Hedgehog Class have demonstrated the Character virtue of *citizenship* when doing a litter pick linked to our R.E topic 'How to look after God's world'. We have been learning the three rules of counting: count each number once, count the numbers in order and the last number we count is the total. We have been counting 1s out and decorating them. We have performed an experiment to see how teeth are effected when there is a hole in the enamel and in PSHE we have been discussing people who are special to us.

Squirrel Class demonstrated *respect* and *curiosity* this week, especially at the Tiverton Museum. All of the adults who accompanied Squirrel class on the trip were very proud of the children's behaviour and impressed with how they moved around the museum and listened carefully to the staff running the workshops. We loved seeing toys from the past and playing with some of them, it was the perfect conclusion to our 'What is History?' topic. The children were able to

demonstrate their knowledge of what toys were made of in different eras. The staff commented how carefully every child handled the objects and were able to put them into the correct era. In literacy we have started a new focus text 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. We will be using this to write instructions next week. In maths we have become very confident using Rekenreks and are partitioning numbers to 10.

Fox Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of **motivation** and **courage**. Last week, we had our CEO and Director of Education visit and spend time with the class. The children were incredible with how well they explained their learning and engaged all adults in conversation. I was very proud of them!

As a class, they love to move and dance, and last week they highlighted their courage by performing in our Celebration assembly. It was a very energetic performance, and it was so lovely to see how well they work together as a team.

Stag Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of **creativity** and **curiosity** while participating in two very different and exciting live events. Last week, we were given a fascinating talk by the wonderful children's author Katherine Rundell, who told us where she gets her ideas for her amazing stories. We were able to submit questions, and Rosie's question was the first she answered! This week, we took part in a live STEMfest workshop run by the National Marine Aquarium, during which we learned about Charles Darwin's voyage on HMS Beagle, and how he formed his theory of evolution. We produced a scientific drawing of a spiny starfish, and even created our own animals in an exciting evolution game!

Our Vision is for all children to become Inspiring Changemakers

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



Eleanor in Hedgehog Class

For showing a really mature attitude when saying goodbye to her mother in the morning and for sharing her Bampton Bantams

Kylie in Hedgehog Class

For showing the character virtue of **citizenship** by helping tidying up the paints and for making amazing progress in her phonics.

Ron in Squirrel Class

For showing the character virtue of **confidence**. We have been really impressed with how Ron has been listening carefully to instructions and working hard on his handwriting. He has also shown great confidence in maths using a Rekenrek.



James in Squirrel Class

For demonstrating our character virtues of **gratitude** and **confidence**. James has worked so hard in phonics over the last two weeks, he can read sounds and words with increased speed and has grown in confidence with his writing and letter formation. He showed great gratitude throughout our trip to the museum and it was lovely to hear him reflect on the bus that it had been the best day of his life.

Brayden in Fox Class

Brayden has demonstrated the character virtue of **curiosity**. Every day, he tries his very best in each lesson, asks great questions and is curious to develop his knowledge.



Martha in Fox Class

Martha has demonstrated the character virtue of **friendliness** and volunteering. Martha is a kind and thoughtful friend who volunteers to help others, complete extra work and to read aloud in class.

Rosie in Stag Class

For demonstrating **motivation** in all her work in school. Rosie is always engaged in lessons, offering insightful ideas. I was so proud when Rosie's thoughtful question was selected to be answered by the author Katherine Rundell. Well done, Rosie!



Millie in Stag Class

For demonstrating **critical thinking** in her History work this week. Millie came up with some brilliant observations in our source work studying the prehistoric Ishango bone, and shared her ideas with confidence and huge enthusiasm. A historian in the making!

Well done Everybody!

Donations Please



As part of our Harvest festival this year we are collecting donations for CHAT. CHAT is a local charity that supports people throughout Mid Devon. They had a foodbank at their main office in Tiverton, which is open between 9.30 and 12.00 noon Monday – Friday. We would like to support this local charity by collecting for their foodbank. If you would like to donation please send in non-perishable items to school by Thursday 19th October. Please see list of items below which CHAT are in need of.

Foodbank

- Long-life Milk
- Squash
- Sugar
- Tea
- Coffee
- Tinned Pies/Meat
- Tinned Chilli/Curry
- Tinned Fruit/Vegetables
- Tinned Beans and Sausages
- Soup
- Custard/Rice Pudding
- Jam/Marmalade
- Biscuits



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.





This is just about the coolest thing you can do for your children.

They'll love keeping active, having fun and learning new skills with us before school, lunch time and after school clubs!

The NHS requires children to have 60 minutes of physical activity per day to stay healthy. With Premier, they can do this by taking part in a range of sports, clubs and wellbeing activities!

Benefits for your child:

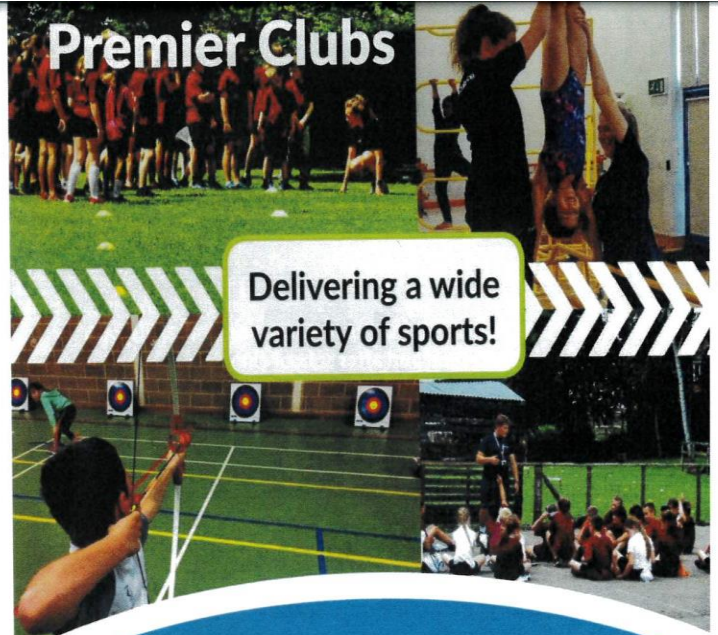
- ✿ Try new activities and make new friends
- ✿ Learn transferable skills for the future
- ✿ Stay focused & alert for their lessons
- ✿ Develop confidence, creativity and self-esteem

Most importantly, they'll have so much fun!

All of our Activity Professionals maintain links to local clubs and associations, giving children a route to develop and diversify their skills. Identifying the stars of the future can enable them to get the right support and encouragement at an early age.

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PREMIER EDUCATION OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

9.30am-
3:30pm

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th October 2023
Venue: Bampton Primary School, EX16 9NW

MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAYS



What we will be up too:

Multi-Activity- Capture The Flag, Tag Rugby, Dartmoor 3 Ball, Basketball/Netball, Soft Archery Taekwondo & Halloween themed games; these are just a few of the games we will be playing!

Jodgeball- 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 teams to play a 5-aside games.

Please bring a packed lunch and soft drinks! Please wear sports/casual clothes.

Childcare vouchers accepted!

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