



Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final letter of this half term seems to have come around very quickly! What a lot we have packed into 7 weeks!

As part of the Alumnis People's Strategy, staff have been working across the MAT in subject teams, pathway teams and within their phase roles. As well as this we have been joined by external professionals from other schools and agencies to improve our own professional development. It's not just the children who are learning!

This week alone we have welcomed in a specialist advisor from the English Hub who is supporting us with our new phonics programme Read Write Inc, invited parents in for our Open Afternoon (it was lovely to see those parents who were able to attend), had a wonderful Dogs Trust day, visited THS with the yr 3/4 handball teams, had our Character Education Quality Mark + visit from the Jubilee Centre in Birmingham, joined together for our Harvest Festival in the church, invited Devon Schools Library Service in to audit our library books and taken part in whole staff reading training. Phew!!!

Our Harvest Service in the church was a wonderful end to the half term and I would like to thank you all for your kind donations to our food collection for CHAT and for coming to support the children.

During half term, some of the children will be inviting you to join them at 2.00pm in their country dance at Bampton Fair. Please note this will be a community dance rather than a performance!! Many thanks to the PTFA who have organised a plethora of fun activities for the children to take part in. We will be situated in the square all day and would love to see you.



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning: 30th October 2023

Monday: KS2 Tag Rugby
Tuesday: KS2 Recorder with Mr McCutcheon
Wednesday: R, KS1 & KS2 Eco club with Mrs Newman
Thursday: KS2 Art Club with Laura Grant
Year 6 Cuppa Club with Mrs Chant
Friday: Gymnastic club, Premier Sports

Week Beginning: 6th November 2023

Monday: KS2 Tag Rugby
Tuesday: KS2 Recorder club with Mr McCutcheon
Wednesday: R, KS1 & KS2 Eco Club with Mrs Newman
Thursday: KS2 Art Club with Laura Grant
Year 6 Cuppa Club with Mrs Chant
Friday: Gymnastics Club Premier Sports

I would like to wish you all a very happy and restful half term and thank you, as always for your continued and valuable support of our wonderful school.

Best wishes

Mrs L Newman

Attendance

Please see below the attendance percentages for each class, calculated from the beginning of term up to and including 19th October 2023.

Hedgehog Class 93.4%

Squirrel Class 92.4%

Fox Class 95.5%

Stag Class 91.1%

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/admissiononline 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.

After School Clubs

The After School Clubs for the next half of term are all on the Parent App now for you to book. The clubs will be:

Monday KS2 Tag Rugby

Tuesday KS2 Recorder group with Mr McCutcheon

Wednesday R, KS1 & KS2 Eco Club with Mrs Newman

Thursday KS2 Art Club with Laura Grant and Year 6 Cuppa Club with Mrs Chant

Friday Gymnastic Club run and bookings taken directly through Premier Sports

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

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
11 th – 14 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	Tyler
Stag class	Amazing effort	Harry
Fox class	Highest score	Brayden
Fox class	Amazing effort	Maggie

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 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 have discovered cinnamon scented play-doh, collected, sorted and explored different coloured leaves and thoroughly enjoyed our PE sessions.

We collected leaves in our school grounds and then have used the leaves to help us count, to make pictures with and to make our hats for the harvest service where we worked together with Hedgehog class to recite a poem called The Nut Tree.

Hedgehog Class Hedgehog class were inspiring speakers this week when they all took part in reciting the poem 'Nut Tree' in church as part of our whole school Harvest Festival celebrations. Continuing our autumn and harvest theme we showed resourcefulness using the apples from the local area to make our own apple crumble which we enjoyed taking home and sharing with our families. In maths we have been comparing more and fewer and using a range of objects and manipulatives to demonstrate our understanding.

Squirrel Class demonstrated **respect** and **curiosity** this week, when we had a visit from Emily from The Dog's Trust. We enjoyed learning how to stay safe around dogs and made poster to show what we had learned. In Science we demonstrated **critical thinking** as we conducted our first experiment to test the absorbency of materials. In Maths we have been recording our learning using base tens and tallying to deepen our understanding of place value. We have also made huge progress in our reading and writing and are taking home our Read, Write, Inc books and book bag books for the first time. Well done everyone.

Fox Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of **respect** and **curiosity**. My dog, Phoebe, has been in class, as she is a registered Pets As Therapy dog. Fox class have shown great respect, with understanding how to treat a dog, and they have all had a lovely chat with Phoebe about many things in their lives. In Science, Fox class have shown **curiosity**, as they have been learning about plants. We all completed a great hunt in the school grounds for different seeds and discussed how they had been dispersed. I hope that all of Fox class have a fantastic half term and thank you so much for your hard work and perseverance.

Stag Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of **citizenship** and **confidence** in participating in the wonderful Dogs Trust workshop this week. Through role play and discussion, we learned how to behave around dogs in a way that makes the dogs feel comfortable and keeps us safe. We have also shown immense **creativity** in our stunning observational watercolour paintings of apples – the apple harvest was kindly donated by Max's family, and we have enjoyed eating them as well!

Our Vision is for all children to become Inspiring Changemakers

Our Inspiring Learners over the last two weeks are:



Charlie in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating the character virtue of **confidence**. Charlie did amazingly well in his phonics assessment and is always contributing to class discussions. He has also been a pleasure to teach due to his big smile that he wears to school every morning. Well done Charlie, keep it up!



Albert in Squirrel Class

For showing the character virtue of confidence. We are really proud of how you have grown in confidence. It is lovely to see you using your RWI skills in reading and writing. Well done.



Rory in Fox Class

Rory is being celebrated for showing the character virtues of **caring** and **compassion**. Rory's super power is being kind to everyone and making everyone smile. Every class needs a Rory and Fox class are very lucky to have him.



Patrick in Stag Class

For showing the virtue of **motivation** in all his schoolwork. Patrick has blown me away with his commitment to learning and enthusiasm for maths, reading and writing. It is lovely to see the pride on his face every day when he looks at the results of his hard work.

Well done Everybody!

Cakes needed!

We need cake / Traybake donations for the PTFA stall at Bampton Fair. Any donations can be dropped at 31a Barnhay (next to fire station) on Wednesday 25th October or at the PTFA marquee in Newton Square 9.30-10am on 26th October



Poster Maker

K S 2

Art Club!

Thursdays 3.30-5

STARTING 2nd NOVEMBER



**This term focusing on
landscapes and working
on a painting on canvas!**

Suggested donation £4
a session. Including
materials. £24 for the
6 week course.



School Nursing service for parents/carers and primary aged children

Parents/carers can contact the public health nursing team (health visitors and school nurses) for [information and advice](#) on **07520631721**.

We also have a [website](#) that's split into a kid's zone and a parent's zone with information about a range of health and wellbeing needs and sources of support if you need it.



Premier



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 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

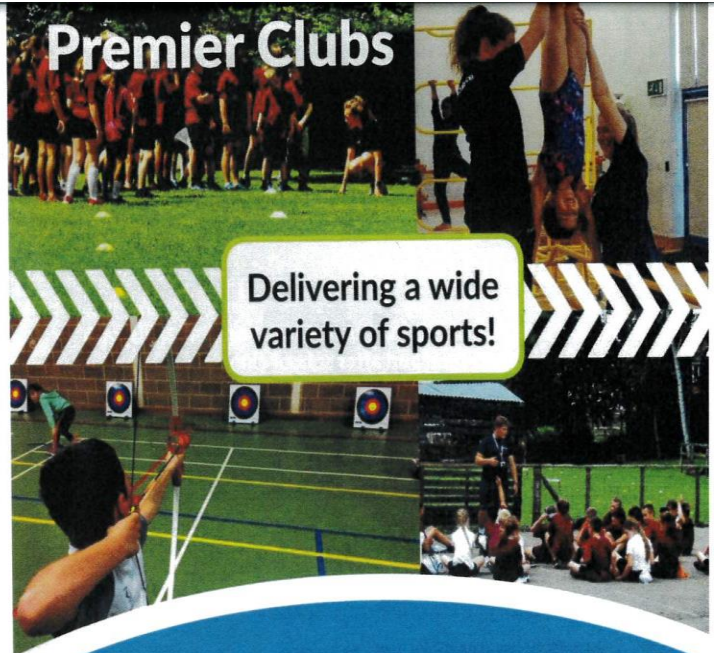
Most importantly, they'll have so much fun!

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.

Don't delay, book today.

To find out more and book, visit premier-education.com or call Andrew on 07776 108 281

Premier Clubs



Delivering a wide variety of sports!

All our coaches are DBS checked with Child Protection and Emergency First Aid qualifications



For more info check out our Facebook page Premier Sport - Taunton

BAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Your club is:

After-School GYMNASTICS Club (2 COACHES)

3 NOVEMBER – 8 DECEMBER 2023 FRIDAYS 3:30 – 4:30 (ALL YEARS)

Only £5.50 Per Session, £33.00 for 6 WEEKS

ONLINE BOOKINGS ONLY – Course reference no: 859551

For more course information and to book

visit premier-education.com

Struggling to top up your prepayment meter?

You might be able to claim fuel vouchers

If you have prepayment meters and can't afford to top them up, we can help. We may be able to give you fuel vouchers, and our specialist energy team can help you find ways to save money on your household bills

Call 01237 879233, email fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk or scan the QR code to request a call back



citizens
advice

Torrige, North,
Mid & West Devon



Registered charity number: 1068496



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.

£21:00
all day

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!

How to book:
Online- www.premier-education.com
Call Andrew- 07776 108281

Be sure to:
Like and follow our Premier Education Taunton Instagram and facebook page!

Tiverton Pannier Market presents...



HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN HUNT

Saturday 28 October (10am to 2pm)

- 50p to enter (guaranteed prize)
- Collect entry form from central lobby and, afterwards, return it to Kwiky Krafts stall in wooden units
- Fancy dress, lantern making, face painting and Curry Shack
- Running alongside "A Chance to Shine" music event