



Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Our penultimate newsletter of the term! The weather is finally turning a bit chillier and tonight the Christmas lights will be turned on. Far from winding down for the end of term, staff and children are working at full throttle to ensure that every minute of the learning day is purposeful!

I am delighted to inform you of three new staff members joining the staff team at Bampton -

Anna Edwards (AKA Chair of the PTFA) has joined us as Kitchen Manager for two days per week and I am very grateful to her for stepping into the role rather earlier than expected.

Lizzie Mee has been appointed as our Breakfast Club Supervisor and will be starting with us next term as soon as all clearances have been finalised. I will send out further details regarding booking your children into the club before the end of term.

Debs Taylor, who has often been in to cover classes last year, will be joining us more regularly after Christmas as our Cover/SEN teacher, releasing class teachers to support SEND and any children who may be struggling, for 'in the moment' interventions.

Today, we have had a wonderful response to our Reindeer Run sponsored 24 miles in aid of the RNLI and the children had a marvellous time running with staff to fulfil our mileage obligation! Thank you to all who have so generously supported this.



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning: 4th December 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: 11th December 2023

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We are also looking forward to our Christmas Fair this afternoon. Many thanks to the PTFA who have worked so tirelessly to organise this event and to all those who have donated gifts, decorations and prizes. Children may be picked up at 3.00pm in order to attend with parents. Bus children will have the opportunity to visit the fair before they go home at 3.30pm. Gymnastics Club will be repurposed outside as a Multiskills club for this evening and will finish at the usual time. At 5.30pm the Fair will close in order for families to get to see the Bampton Lights turned on.

Next week, we are very excited to perform our Christmas Nativity Carol Concert in the church on Tuesday at 5.00pm and on Wednesday at 2.00pm. If you haven't yet booked your tickets, please speak to your class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

Wellington Maths Challenge

A great source for celebration this week was the fantastic achievement of our Bampton team at the Wellington School maths Challenge on Saturday, November 25th. I am thrilled to announce that the team, consisting of Tabitha, Robyn, John, and Fennick, demonstrated their incredible abilities and determination in this very challenging competition.

The Wellington School Maths Challenge is a highly competitive event where teams of four students compete against each other by solving complex maths problems within a limited time frame. This year, a total of sixty schools participated in the competition, making the challenge even more demanding.

I am extremely proud to share with you that our students represented Bampton Primary School with exceptional skill and perseverance. Their dedication and hard work were evident as they tackled the difficult questions with precision and confidence.

Participating in such a prestigious event not only tests the mathematical abilities of our students but also fosters teamwork, problem-solving skills, and a competitive spirit. The determination and resilience shown by our team exemplify the values we aim to instill in our students at Bampton.

The Bampton team were the very worthy winners of a jar of sweets.

Attendance

Please see below the attendance percentages for each class, calculated from the beginning of term up to and including 30th November 2023.

Hedgehog Class 94.5%

Squirrel Class 94.7%

Fox Class 96.6%

Stag Class 91.3%

Dates for your diary

1 st December 2023	Christmas Fair 3.00pm -5.30pm
5 th December 2023	Christmas performances at Church 5pm-6pm
6 th December 2023	Christmas performance at Church 2pm – 3pm
7 th December 2023	Yr1/Yr2 Multi-Skills THS
8 th December 2023	Whole school trip to Knightshayes
11 th – 12 th December 2023	Parents Evenings
12 th December 2023	Carols at Barnhaven R & KS1 Carols at Castle Grove 10.30am – 12pm
15 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper day
18 th -29 th December 2023	Christmas Holiday
2 nd January 2024	Inset Day
19 th January 2024	Circus 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	Saskia
Stag class	Amazing effort	Jasmine
Fox class	Highest score	Michael
Fox class	Amazing effort	Brayden
Squirrel class	Highest score	Jasmyn
Squirrel class	Amazing effort	Rose

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. We have had an incredibly busy two weeks. A second week of Diwali celebrations where the children made traditional coconut Laddu snacks, decorated their divas and we even tried to learn a traditional dance! This week we have learnt about the Patron Saint of Scotland, St Andrew. We have been learning about tartan and weaving our own tartan designs.

Everyone enjoyed taking part in the reindeer run/jog/walk this morning and even our youngest children gave it a good go!!

Hedgehog Class: We have been busy getting ready for the Christmas fair, making lots of original craft items to sell. We have also been continuing our Celebrations topic, finishing Diwali and then looking at St. Andrew's Day.

In Maths we have been composing and de-composing numbers to 5 and in science, continuing to look at the Seasons.

Squirrel Class demonstrated **creativity** and **resilience** this week in DT where we all learnt a new skill, sewing. We practiced running stitch and cross stitch and when we finished our borders we even had some blanket stitches. In maths we have spent time really embedding place value this term and are now progressing onto addition and subtraction. We have worked hard on writing

numerals correctly as lots of us are reversing numbers so please continue to support your child with numeral writing at home so we get into good habits. Thank you again everyone for ensuring their child has their reading book in school with them every day. We are seeing fantastic progress in both reading and writing, well done.

Fox Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of **problem solving** and **creativity**. This week, we have been very lucky to have Mrs Pagett in class, who taught the class how to make beautiful Christmas decorations. The children have made 3 incredible decorations to sell at the Christmas Fair and they are so proud of their work.

Fox class have also been learning about Living things and their habitats in Science. I am so impressed with questions asked and their developing understanding of adaptation and how humans impact the earth. They are great scientists!

Stag Class demonstrated the virtue of **determination** when Tabitha, Fennick, Robyn and John attended the Wellington Maths Challenge with Mrs Benjafield on Saturday. They worked brilliantly as a team, and even won the estimate the number of sweets in the jar prize! Stag class have also impressed me with their **creativity** in Design and Technology this week. Their enthusiasm for sewing has been a joy to see – I hope they all continue developing this handy skill!

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**. Jesse produced an amazing piece of independent writing in our 'Bampton Hospital', using his sound knowledge and continuously improving handwriting. Well done Jesse!

Isla in Hedgehog Class

For demonstrating the character virtue of **determination**. Isla has been working super hard both in class and at home. Her handwriting has improved considerably and her phonics have made huge progress thanks to all the hard work she has put in. Well done Isla!



Freya in Squirrel Class

For showing the character virtues of **resilience** and **motivation**. Freya has grown in confidence in Year 1 and has made excellent progress this term in reading, writing and maths. Well done.

Ronnie In Squirrel class

For **creativity** and **determination**. Ronnie has impressed everyone this week, both adults and children with his fantastic sewing skills. He has shown great patience and determination mastering a new skill and we are very proud of him.



Rose in Fox Class

Rose daily demonstrates the character virtues of **motivation** and **determination**. She works so hard in every lesson and from this, she is achieving great results. I am especially impressed with Rose in maths. She uses resources confidently and explains her thinking superbly.

Edward in Fox Class

Edward has demonstrated the character virtues of **curiosity** and **determination**. Every day, he tries his very best in each lesson, and this is shining through in his recent NFER tests. Edward is also a great reader and is amassing a great word count!

Fennick in Stag Class

For showing the virtue of **motivation** and **critical thinking** in all his schoolwork, but especially in History, Science and Maths. I can always rely on Fennick to have written a clear and well-reasoned explanation that I can use as a model for the rest of the class! Fennick is a very hard worker, and should be proud of his achievements.



Kodi in Stag Class

For demonstrating **creativity** in his incredible sewing work in Design Technology this week. Kodi's sewing skills are exceptional: he is so careful and skilled, and also so keen to learn new stitches and try out his own ideas. As with all his schoolwork, Kodi has worked extremely hard and should be very proud of the amazing results! Kodi has also been a fabulous recorder player in Mr M's club, and a wonderful helper around the school grounds, showing huge **determination**.

Well done Everybody!

HAF Programme

The DfE offer a Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme for families to access over the holidays. The programme aims to encourage children to eat more healthily over the school holidays and try new foods, be more active, keep safe and have fun!

Some families may be entitled to funded spaces depending on eligibility. You can find information here:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme/information-for-parents/>

To access the programme, parents and carers should book a place directly with one of the providers in their local area. Parents and carers will need to discuss funded space eligibility directly with the providers.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/haf-map/>



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.



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.