



Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school - I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. The children have come back full of zest and ready to learn!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our celebration of our ACE Character Award. Mr Moir, Mrs Sharpe and our Chair of the Governing Board, Mrs Marlow, all commented on how positive the school feels and the impact that our character focus has had on the children's conduct.

We are very excited to be starting several new initiatives this term. Firstly, I am delighted that we are now able to welcome children into Breakfast Club from 8.00am each morning. Miss Mee, our Breakfast Club Supervisor, has been joined each morning this term for toast or cereal by children from across the school. It's a great way to gently start the day and if you would like to book your child in, please go on the app.

We will also be running a movie lunch time club on a Tuesday which is just first come first served and will run from 1pm until 1.30pm. No need to book on the school app for this club.

This week, we also welcomed Hannah Costello from Primary Forest School, for the Forest School provision part of our In House Inclusion Project. This is an exciting project that we are certain will be a great support for the social and emotional mental health of many of our children. The Project, funded by Devon County Council, will run until July and I am hoping will have a hugely positive impact on the school. Hannah will also be offering lunch and after school club on a Thursday open to all children, so do please book into those if your child would be interested. Lunch club will be free and bookable

Dates for your diary

Week Beginning: 15th January 2024

Monday: KS2 Fencing

Tuesday: R KS1 Sewing club with Mrs Johnstone

Wednesday: R, KS1 & KS2 Eco club with Mrs Newman

Thursday: KS2 Art Club with Laura Grant

Year 6 Cuppa Club with Mrs Chant/Mr McCutcheon

R, KS1 & KS2 Forest School run by Primary Forest Education

Friday: Gymnastic club, Premier Sports

Circus Skills Day

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Wednesday: R, KS1 & KS2 Eco club with Mrs Newman

Thursday: KS2 Art Club with Laura Grant

Year 6 Cuppa Club with Mrs Chant/Mr McCutcheon

R, KS1 & KS2 Forest School run by Primary Forest Education

YR5/YR6 girls Tag Rugby THS Measure and Height Year 6

Friday: Gymnastic club, Premier Sports

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through our school app. The after school club is bookable through Primary Forest School's website.

I was delighted by the parental attendance for the SEND Forum last week. We had some really interesting conversations about how best to support the children with additional needs. We would like to facilitate more frequent opportunities for parents of SEND children to get together and share experiences or ideas, and Hannah Gleeson, our SIO, will be hosting a SEND coffee morning/afternoon each half term.

As I write, we have not yet had our whole school Parent Forum but I am looking forward to hearing your views on how we can further improve provision and support for all children in the school.

The annual Youth Speaks competition run by the Rotary Club took place yesterday and I was super impressed by the presentations made by our three teams. Competition was strong, with Bolham Primary entering two teams. The children were all so courageous, demonstrating great oracy in very pressurised circumstances and they should all be extremely proud of themselves! The judging team said that it had been one of the best sets of presentations they had ever heard! Very well done to the Wood Wide Web team who got through to the Regional Finals and to Jesse who was awarded for being the best speaker. Congratulations to all the teams - Tabitha, Eben and Orla; Archie, Millie and John; and Jesse, Tommy and Toby. It is a nerve racking event for which they were brilliantly prepared by Mrs Davey - thank you to her!

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

Head Teacher

Parents and Carers Resources

Mental health and Wellbeing link <https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/>

Attendance

Please see below the attendance percentages for each class, calculated from the beginning of term up to and including 10th January 2023.

Hedgehog Class 94.5%

Squirrel Class 94.4%

Fox Class 96.5%

Stag Class 91.6%

Dates for your diary

19 th January 2024	Circus Day
25 th January 2024	Reception and year 6 height and measure
25 th January 2024	Y5-6 Girls Tag Rugby 6 a side THS
12 th – 16 th February 2024	Spring half term
29 th February 2024	Y5-6 Boys Tag Rugby 6 a side THS
7 th March 2024	World Book day
14 th March 2024	Y3-4 Mixed Football 6 a side THS
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	Jasmine
Stag class	Amazing effort	Tyler
Fox class	Highest score	Jack
Fox class	Amazing effort	Cassie

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 term

Honesty

Joy

Creativity

Communication

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. Our topic this term is colours. The children have enjoyed exploring different colours with jelly baffle and have also been using food colouring in water, pouring them into different cups to see what colours they can make. Our book this week is 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children have enjoyed retelling the story with our dolls house.

Hedgehog Class: We have had a really busy start to the new term with our new topic of Rainbows. We have been using the character virtue of **Curiosity** with colour-mixing in a variety of ways (often very messy!) and we have also made beautiful rainbow windsocks. In English we have been following the story of Little Red Riding Hood and developing our reading by moving on to Red level books.

Squirrel Class demonstrated the character virtues of **creativity** this week in literacy as we have been writing calligrams and shape poems. We thought carefully about choosing the appropriate verbs and adjectives to write and perform animal poems. In maths we have moved onto addition now that we are confident with place value. The children used lots of different resources to add two groups together and develop their reasoning using stem sentences. In History we have been working like historians to describe what we can see and ask questions about primary sources related to the Great Fire of London.

Fox Class have demonstrated the Character virtues of **determination** and **resilience**. Over the last two weeks, Fox class have come back to school from their Christmas break determined to improve their understanding. In Computing, they are learning how to use the software Scratch, and have supported one another with programming their Sprites.

Everyone in Fox class has been very resilient with asking questions to develop their learning about all of our new topics. I am so impressed with how all of the children have such a great enthusiasm and determination for learning.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have brought in rocks, shells, fossils and crystals to support our new Science topic. We are very lucky to be so supported by you all.

Stag Class demonstrated the virtue of **confidence** when participating in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition this week. Nine children took part, and we were blown away by their maturity and ability to speak confidently on a topic in front of an audience. I am so proud of all the children. Special mention must go to Jesse Bull, who received the certificate for best Speaker on the day, and to Tabitha, Eben and Orla, whose presentation on the Wood Wide Web won first place and means they will go on to compete in the next heat. Huge thanks to Mrs Davey who worked so hard with the children to prepare them. We've also been really excited to start learning to play the ukulele in class this week – a new skill for Mrs Chant as well as most of the children, so we are all learning together! It has been great fun and the children have already made brilliant progress.

Our Vision is for all children to become Inspiring Changemakers

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

Harry in Hedgehog Class



For demonstrating the virtue of **curiosity**. Harry has been very enthusiastic with his colour-mixing, exploring every possible combination of colours. Well done Harry!

Kylie in Hedgehog Class

For showing the character virtues of **confidence** and **resilience**. Kylie attended sewing club for the first time this week and was amazing! She was very independent and performed the task with great skill. Well done Kylie!

Verity in Squirrel Class



For showing the character virtues of **confidence** and **resilience** and motivation. We have been super impressed with how Verity has settled into Squirrel class this week. She has listened carefully in her learning and joined in class discussions as well as making new friends and adapting to a new routine.

Ned in Squirrel Class

For showing the character virtues of **motivation** and **confidence**. Ned has moved up from Red to Pink group in phonics and I have been really impressed with his enthusiasm for reading and writing. He wrote three sentences in our extended write this week and has grown in confidence and fluency in his reading.

Sylvie in Fox Class



Every day, Sylvie demonstrates the character virtues of **resilience** and **positivity**. She is a determined and hard-working delight, who will keep going until she has understood a problem. Sylvie says herself that if she believes in herself, then she knows that she will be able to do it. Keep asking questions and thank you for being a great role model.

Kolbie in Fox Class

For showing the character virtues of **volunteering** and **friendliness**. Kolbie has settled amazingly well back into Bampton School. He is thoughtful and considerate of others. He volunteers for jobs and answering questions—especially in French. Brilliant, Kolbie!

Robyn in Stag Class



For demonstrating **curiosity** in all her learning. Robyn is wonderful to teach because she is always keen to know more and to challenge herself to push her knowledge further. Her focus and attitude to learning are exemplary. This week, her use of descriptive writing to convey atmosphere has been outstanding.

Jesse in Stag Class

For demonstrating **confidence** in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition this week. He overcame his nerves and spoke so beautifully that he was awarded the certificate for Best Speaker of the day! I have also been really pleased to see Jesse making excellent choices with his learning behaviour this week. Well done Jess and keep it up!

Well done Everybody

£20:00
all day

PREMIER EDUCATION OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

9.30am-
3:30pm

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th February 2024
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; these are just a few of the games we will be playing!

Dodgeball- Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

Verf 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-side games.

Archery- A chance for the children to embrace their inner Robin Hood where they will learn to use the equipment correctly.

Fencing- An opportunity for your child to try an Olympic sport, especially altered for their understanding.



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

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- 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.



