



## Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had the most wonderful last couple of weeks of term which have flown by with the usual speed of light!

I am sure you will agree that the Nativity and Carols in the church was a real highlight of the festive period. The children were fantastically confident and carried it off beautifully. Many thanks to the PTFA for sustaining us all with mulled wine and mince pies!

We ended last week with our whole school visit to Knightshayes to admire the Victorian Christmas decorations and the glorious grounds - again thanks to the PTFA who have funded our whole school membership of the National Trust which allows us free entry to places like Killerton, Dunster Castle and of course Knightshayes. We had a lovely afternoon and have plans to revisit for a whole school picnic in the Summer!

On Tuesday, all the children from Reception to Year 6 went out and sang carols to residents of Castle Grove, Barnhaven and Oak Tree residential home. They were wonderfully well received and were a credit to the school. On our final trip out of the year, children in Year 2 went to the Multiskills festival on Thursday, at Tiverton High School, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Many thanks to the parents who have filled in the parent questionnaire we sent out last week. The response was very positive and I am delighted that we seem to be going in the right direction. Our goal is to ensure that every parent feels they can 'strongly agree' with the statements on the form and 100% of parents would recommend our school to others.



**Dates for your diary**

**Week Beginning: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Monday:** Bank Holiday

**Tuesday:** Inset Day

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

**Thursday:** KS2 Art Club with Laura Grant

Year 6 Cuppa Club with Mrs Chant

**SEND Forum 4pm**

**Friday:** Gymnastic club, Premier Sports

**Quality Mark Celebration 3pm**

**Week Beginning: 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Y5-6 Boys Football 6 a side THS**

**Parent Forum 4pm-5pm**

**Youth Speaks**

**Friday:** Gymnastic club, Premier Sports



Our Parent Forum has been dormant for the last term, but I would like to invite you all to come to discuss how we can improve our provision at a Parent Forum meeting on Thursday 11th January. This will be open for all parents to attend and will be held at 4.00pm. Please could you let the office know if you will be able to attend. This will be a great way for you to share your concerns or ideas for how we can achieve our goal!

We would also like to start up a SEND Forum and invite all parents of SEND children to meet Kieran Gillard and me on Thursday 4th January at 4.00pm. Parents of SEND children will be personally invited to the meeting and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

We will provide a creche for both of these Forums.

Next term we are looking forward to our Breakfast Club starting up on Wednesday 3rd January. Breakfast Club will run from 8.00am each morning and will provide the children with a breakfast of toast or cereal and an opportunity to join an activity if they wish and have a more relaxed start to the school day!

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024!

Best wishes,

Lully Newman

Head teacher

PS - NEWSFLASH - The final amount raised for the RNLI by the Reindeer Run, was £194.00!! Thank you for your generosity!

## **Parents and Carers Resources**

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

## **Alumnis trust newsletter**

[Alumnis Newsletter Autumn 2 2023 24 \(adobe.com\)](#)

## **Attendance**

Please see below the attendance percentages for each class, calculated from the beginning of term up to and including 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Hedgehog Class 94.3%

Squirrel Class 94.8%

Fox Class 96.5%

Stag Class 91.4%

## **Dates for your diary**

15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper day
18 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Holiday
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	Inset Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	Return to School
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	SEND Forum 4pm
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Quality Mark Celebration 3pm
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Parent Forum 4pm -5pm
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Youth Speaks
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Y5-6 Boys Football 6 a side THS
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Circus Day
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Reception and year 6 height and measure
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Y5-6 Girls Tag Rugby 6 a side THS
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Spring half term
29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Y5-6 Boys Tag Rugby 6 a side THS
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book day
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Y3-4 Mixed Football 6 a side THS
8 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Science Week
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Sports relief
29 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 April 2024	Easter Holidays
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Exmoor Challenge
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Inset Day
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Half Term
25 <sup>th</sup> ,26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 6 THS Transition days
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly

**Well done to the Times Table Rock Stars winners!**



<b>Stag class</b>	<b>Highest score</b>	<b>Harry</b>
<b>Stag class</b>	<b>Amazing effort</b>	<b>Saskia</b>
<b>Fox class</b>	<b>Highest score</b>	<b>Brayden</b>
<b>Fox class</b>	<b>Amazing effort</b>	<b>Max</b>

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

*Reflection*

*Friendliness*

*Respect*

*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.** Merry Christmas from Fieldmice Class! What a fantastic first term of the academic year we have all had. We have all been very busy singing carols, making Christmas cards and sprinkling joy and glitter around the school! Our focus book last week was *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson and the children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to retell the story and quote it almost word for word. We finish the term with great happiness and joy and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Hedgehog Class:** We have had an extremely busy 2 weeks in Hedgehog class! We have performed our nativity play, made Christmas cards and hats, sang Christmas songs to the residents of Barnhaven and went to Knightshayes for a trip! The children showed the character virtues of *volunteering*, *friendliness*, *courtesy* and *respect* in abundance and were an absolute credit to the school.

**Squirrel Class** really enjoyed the trip to Knightshayes last week, we explored each room to look for the reindeer together, marvelled at the Victorian style decorations and sang Christmas carols along with the pianist. We have had a busy week out and about in the community too. On Tuesday we visited Barnhaven residential care home and sang our nativity songs to the residents and took them handmade Christmas cards. We also walked through Bampton town to look at the Christmas displays in the shop windows and ate our snack around the Christmas tree in Newton

Square. On Thursday, Year 2 were out again at a Multiskills sports event hosted by Year 10 students at Tiverton High School. The children were a credit to the school and everyone participated in all events with great enthusiasm.

**Fox Class** have demonstrated the Character virtues of **kindness** and collaboration. Over the last two weeks, Fox class have sung beautifully and written very thoughtful prayers for our carol service and nativity and sang beautifully at Oaktree House care home. The children have a great understanding of community and explain eloquently how lucky they are in comparison with what is happening in the world.

Academically, Fox class have been learning about subordinating conjunctions and coordinating conjunctions, which they have used in their formal letters of complaint. I am so proud of every member of the class and how hard they have worked this term.

**Stag Class** demonstrated the civic virtue of **volunteering** when we visited Castle Grove residential home on Tuesday to sing carols to the residents. They sang beautifully, and were so well-mannered in the home. They also showed their **cooperation** in designing an exciting circuit game to show off their knowledge of electricity at the end of our Science unit. **Curiosity** has also been key in exploring our new learning platform, SATs Companion – many coins and gems have already been earned as the children have completed tasks and also progressed to self-led work.



**Our Vision is for all children to become Inspiring Changemakers**

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



**Eleanor in Hedgehog Class**

For demonstrating the character virtues of **confidence** and **courtesy**. Eleanor has been a credit to the class with her behaviour and manners, particularly when we have visited places like Knightshayes and Barnhaven. I know that I can always rely on her to be a role-model for her classmates. Well done Eleanor, keep it up



**Elis in Squirrel Class**

For showing the character virtues of **confidence**. Elis has made excellent progress in his reading this half term. He always works hard, contributes to class discussions and helps others. He demonstrated how fluent his reading has become when he first read through the nativity script as a narrator.

### Cassie in Fox Class



Everyday, Cassie demonstrates the character virtues of **motivation** and **determination**. She produces work to a very high quality and always reflects how she can further improve her work and understanding. Cassie is a fantastic role model and is well respected by Fox class.

She is a very kind and considerate girl and deserves great success.

### Harry in Stag Class



For demonstrating **motivation** in all aspects of his learning. Harry has passed SIX quizzes on AR in the last two weeks, and is now on an amazing 9,007 words. He has been using 8 points of the compass and finding four-figure grid references in Geography independently, and has really impressed me with his enthusiasm for our classwork. Well done Harry!

### Ryan in Stag Class

For demonstrating **creativity** in Design and Technology with his beautiful football-themed felt case. Ryan used back stitch and blanket stitch to create his case, and the care he took was commendable. Ryan also has been showing **motivation** in our new online learning programme, asking me to set more tasks because he is completing them faster than I can set them! I've also been incredibly impressed with his helpfulness around the classroom this week. Well done Ryan!

# Well done Everybody







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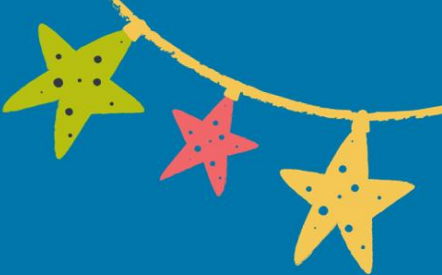


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# Christmas Cheer

Join us at our festive coffee morning  
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- Take Note Community Choir
- Craft & Book Sale
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- Delicious refreshments

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- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
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- 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](mailto: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.