

# UPDATES

## The Bishops Nympton Primary School Newsletter

### From the Head

Hello everyone and welcome to the Autumn term.

I hope that you all had a great summer holiday. For once the weather was reasonably kind so that I hope you managed to make the most of it. We will have some good weather but Autumn is now on the way and the year marches on. "Soon be Christmas" is something that you may not want to hear just yet but actually this term always races along and this is one of the most exciting times of the school year.

It has been another lovely start to a school year. As always in September we welcome our new children and families. The children have made a great start in their classes and I have enjoyed seeing the enthusiastic excitement as they all learn new routines or make some new friends.

#### Staffing

First, I would like to welcome some new staff members to the team. Miss Gale has joined us in the infant class in a teaching assistant capacity. We also welcome Mrs Govier to an additional role in Class 2 and are now completing the process of recruiting the replacement for Mrs Guy when she leaves us for her maternity. More news on that appointment when we have it.

#### Curriculum

Our Primary Learning Pathways curriculum is now underway. We will be updating the website during this term with this so look out for the logo. We will also be publishing lots of useful information and links to enhance the learning experience. We have now started to publish newsletters on our Facebook and Twitter pages and will be looking to add more regular class updates too.

The class topics are now underway. The infant and pre-school topic is Around the World with Barnaby Bear. Class 2 is working on Ancient Greece whilst Class 3 will be studying World War 1. These are the topic themes and give a framework for the term but all other curricular areas are planned into our provision. More on this below. One additional exciting project to mention is the Tim Peake Primary Space Project. We have been really lucky to have been selected for this work where we learn using space and space exploration to explore science and many other subjects. There is even a chance that we may get to meet Tim Peake himself!

#### Events

There are lots of these to look forward to this term. Our sporting festivals get underway again soon and we look forward to the Harvest festival that is just around the corner. We will have opportunities for you to come in to school, where the children can share their learning with you and we will hold the annual book fair soon. Keep an eye on our regular newsletters for more on these.

#### Christmas

This year we have decided to change our school production. The main school play will now take place in the summer term, leaving us with a little more time to plan some exciting Christmas events. The main one of these will be a larger scale Carol Concert and PTA Christmas Fayre to complete the term.

#### Contact

We want to go green! Well, at least we would like to do our bit to save resources and as part of that we will be soon aiming to send newsletters via email (we would still send paper copies by request). Could you please use the Soundboard (at the back of this newsletter) to send in your contact email address or at least ensure the office has this information? We will then start to update our records. Many thanks.

*Tim Gurney*



**Autumn Term 2016**  
**Week Ending 16th September**

#### Dates for the Diary:

*(Dates may be amended or added)*

#### AUTUMN 2016

Mon 5th Sept to Fri 16th December - Autumn Term

Fri 23rd Sept - PTA Sausage Sizzle 3.30pm  
Wed 28th Sept - McMillian Coffee Morning at Preschool

Wed 8th Oct to Tue 11th Oct - Bookfair  
Fri 7th Oct 1.30pm Harvest Festival Service

Fri 7th Oct 2.30pm Open Afternoon

Thur 13th Oct - Parents Evening 1

Thur 20th Oct - Parents Evening 2

Mon 24th Oct - Fri 28th Oct - Half Term

Tue 13th Dec - Preschool Nativity

Wed 14th Dec - School Xmas Lunch & Party

Thur 15th Dec - Preschool Xmas Lunch

Thur 15th Dec School Carol Service

Fri 16th Dec - Last Day of Term

#### SPRING 2017

Wed 4th Jan - First Day of Spring Term

#### Thought for the term...

The hills are not as  
high, the sea so deep  
as a dream.

(Kit Williams from Masquerade)

committed

### The Bishops Nympton Team

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Mr Gurney Mrs Scandrett Mrs Guy Mrs Hancock Mrs Bondy Mr Scandrett  
Mrs Allum Mrs Loftus Miss P Alderman Mrs Cockram Miss Davie Mrs Govier Miss Gale  
Mrs C Partridge Mrs Kennealy Miss Jennings Mrs Pepperell  
Mrs Kiff Mrs Humphreys Miss C Alderman Mrs Yates

# CLASS 1

The Infant Team would like to wish you a very warm welcome back after the summer holidays and we hope you'll join us in extending that welcome to the new families that have joined us this year.



We are two weeks into the term already and your children have all settled beautifully. We are very excited about all of the fun new things we have to learn and share with your children this year at school.

Our topic this term is

## 'Around the world with Barnaby Bear.'

We will start by getting to know each other and talking about what we did in the holiday and then start our topic about Barnaby Bear. Our focus in Geography this half term will be learning about places in Great Britain. In Science we will be learning about how things move, by pushing or pulling. Our History focus will be learning about Guy Fawkes, London and the Great Fire of London.

In our daily Maths, Literacy and Phonics sessions we will follow the Primary National Curriculum and the EYFS curriculum.

**Helping your child at home:** If you want to help your child with their learning at home, you can do this in your everyday activities by noticing and talking about sounds, words, numbers, shapes, colours and time as you go about your daily routines with your children. When out and about, it would help to talk about names of trees, plants and animals and to notice the changes in the seasons, to tie in with our ongoing learning in Science. To help with reading, one of the best things you can do is share a love of stories with your child. Learning to read is hard work and it helps to focus on the enjoyment and fun that we all get from reading! Obviously the older children in our class need to be reading a little bit every day if possible, there is always a clear difference in the progress made by those children who read regularly at home and those who don't! We will continue to change school reading books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for year ones. Reception children will begin to bring home story books for you to enjoy together, feel free to change these in the mornings with your child as you finish them.

**PE kits** are to be kept on your child's peg during the week. They need to have PE kits in school every day. Currently sessions are on Thursdays with Chris from Pro Coaching.

**Leap into Life:** Pre-school children will also continue to come to the school once a week to take part in our 'Leap in to Life' sessions with the Reception children, as part of our PE programme, helping to develop gross motor skills, an essential precursor to developing fine motor skills and writing!

**Coats:** Please bring to school every day! The weather can change so quickly and children will need them for all playtimes and other outdoor activities as we like to get outside as much as possible!

**Snacks, water, milk and free fruit:** Your child is welcome to bring their own healthy snack for morning play if you prefer but free fruit is available to all children in our class. Water is always available in class, cups are kept by the sink. Milk cartons have to be ordered, and you should have all received a form for this. Milk is free for under 5s and a small cost for others, if your child would like milk please ask in the office.

**End of school:** At the end of the school day, we send one child out of the gate at a time, only when we spot the person collecting them! As you can appreciate we have a big class and we need to ensure they are all collected safely. If you can keep an eye out for your child in the line and wave at us, it helps us to spot you quicker! Mr Scandrett and other cover teachers will follow this routine as well. Miss Alderman does bus and taxi duty each day.

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**First Aid:** We record accidents in the school accident book. If the accident is more severe or a concern, or perhaps your child is unwell, we will phone you directly. If a child bumps their head, they are assessed and usually require a cold compress, a red letter will be sent home with details.

**Labels:** Please ensure all items of clothing are named and labelled as changing for PE can get very muddled!

**Staff:** Mrs Hancock teaches the class, with planning, preparation and assessment time on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Outdoor Learning will take place on Thursday afternoons with Mr Scandrett. Please ensure children have wellies and waterproof coats and trousers for these sessions.

**Teaching Assistants:** Miss Gale and Miss Paula Alderman are full time. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or one of the other members of the Infant Team. After school is easier to discuss individual questions; mornings can be busy, but please inform us of any information such as changes to collection arrangements, etc, which will be noted on the class board. Alternately phone the office 01769 550 387.

Many thanks as always for your continued support. **Alison Hancock and the Infant Team**

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

**Tuesdays - Class 3**

**Wednesday - Class 2**

**Thursday - Class 1**

During these afternoons the children will be taking their lessons outside as part of the learning in the natural environment (L.I.N.E) drive. I have been working alongside the Natural Connections Group, focussing on the getting school children out of the classroom to reap the benefits of learning in the natural environment.

To enable us to gain the best possible experiences and learning opportunities, I ask that suitable outdoor clothing is provided for every outdoor learning afternoon session. Clothing such as waterproofs, wellingtons and multi warmth layers will be required. We will be getting hands on with nature, getting dirty and conducting manual work to improve our school grounds so please be prepared for these clothes to come home in a used state. **Mr Scandrett**

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## SPORTS NEWS

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We celebrated an incredibly successful sporting season last year and we aim to emulate that success this year. Our aim throughout the school is to provide a range of sporting opportunities for all our children. We will be running an inter house sports competition throughout the year alongside sports clubs working towards competing in various sporting competitions throughout Devon. Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E. kit in school all week. We endeavour to use our outdoor facilities as often as possible, so warm clothing in addition will be required this term.

**Mr Scandrett**

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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We will be appointing our new school council for the year very shortly. The school council has influenced and brought on many positive changes to our school over the years. We continue to make massive change to our school grounds with many more ideas in the pipeline.

We will once again be supporting various charities this year which we proudly support alongside raising funds for our own school improvements. We pride ourselves on giving the children of our school a voice, through the school council we allow that voice to be heard.

Keep up to date with all the school council's work by reading our weekly blog on the school website or go straight to the blog at

**[www.bishopsnympton.edublogs.org](http://www.bishopsnympton.edublogs.org)**

## CLASS 2

### Dear Parents,

Welcome to all parents who are new to Class 2 and welcome back to those of you who were with us previously. I hope you all had a great summer. Well done to all the children for settling in and getting down to work so quickly, I have been really impressed by everyone.

### Topic



This term our topic is Ancient Greece. We have already begun learning about this fascinating subject and the children have started making some pottery. Over the course of the term we will learn about the way of life during this time and discover the amazing things people achieved. As well as completing written work on the subject the children will take part in a wide range of practical and craft activities

to really make the topic come to life.

### Staff

Mrs Cockram and Miss Davie will be in Class 2 as teaching assistants this year. On a Wednesday afternoon, Mr Scandrett will take the class for Outdoor Learning and on a Thursday cover will be provided by Mrs Bondy.

### PE and Outdoor Learning

This year, PE lessons will take place on a Thursday; please ensure your child has their PE kit in school each week. As the weather gets colder, and wetter, trousers, jumpers and spare socks may well be needed. Please could you also ensure that all PE kit is named.

Outdoor Learning will take place throughout the winter therefore appropriate clothing, particularly footwear, will be needed.

### Homework

All children should bring home a reading book each day. Although we do hear children read within school, it will really help if someone at home could listen to your child read as often as possible. Please make a quick note in their reading record if you do hear them read. If your child is a proficient

reader, asking them questions about the text they have read is the next step forward.

Each week, the class will be given one piece of written homework. This could either be maths or literacy based. Homework will be given to the class on a Friday for them to complete and hand in by Tuesday. On top of this, they may also be given some times tables or spellings on occasion.

### Other information

We aim to take the children out for break times as much as possible, even if it is raining so children need to have a named coat in school every day.

If children wish to keep a drinks bottle in the class to use throughout the day, I would prefer this bottle to contain only water with squash being reserved for lunch times. This is partly to prevent sticky spills but also to help with the health of your child's teeth.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me before or after school or make an appointment through the office.

**Mrs Guy**

### **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Bishops Nympton PTA are inviting all school families to a family sausage sizzle. This will be a great chance to meet other parents, friends and teachers, whilst the children and their siblings play in the school field. There will be lots of fun and games, hotdogs, burgers and drinks will be on sale. Friday 23rd September 3.30pm onwards. So the PTA has an indication of numbers to help with catering please contact Nicky by text 07815888625, email nickyboundy@fsmail.net or let the school office know if you and your family will be attending. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible for what promises to be an excellent get together.

### **Music Lessons**

Mrs Davies sends her apologies but due to a family illness she was unable to take the music lessons today. She will be in contact with parents shortly to advise them when she will be making up an extra lesson.

### House Points Totals so far this term

<b>Ruby</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>Amber</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>Emerald</b>	<b>111</b>



## PRE SCHOOL

Welcome back to Little Owls, we hope you all had a great summer holiday. The children are enjoying exploring different colours, textures, numbers and shapes with the help of Dory, this will continue next week.

We are supporting MacMillan and holding a coffee morning here on Wednesday 28th September between 9.30-11.00am. Please come and join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake and make a donation to this worthwhile charity. Cake donations are also welcome!

### Dates for your diary:-

We will be holding Consultation Days on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October. Please check parent information board nearer the time to book your time slot.

Our Nativity Play will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 9.30am in the church. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are invited to watch. We welcome you back afterwards for tea and coffee to see what the children have been learning about and made during the Christmas term.

Our Christmas Party will take place on Thursday 15th December where we will be having a special visitor!

If you wish to discuss your child's progress or have any issues please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

**Shelley, Kath, Cassie and Anya - The Preschool Team**



## CLASS 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are glad to be back at school. We have been very lucky in Class 3 to have some building work done over the summer holiday. We now have brand new windows, a full re-paint of the classroom and some new furniture. The children are thrilled with the 'new look' classroom and you are all welcome to come and have a look.

It is great to see all the year 5 and 6 children so ready and raring to go. We had a great start back this week and we are all looking forward to the year ahead with numerous projects and interesting topics being taught.



There have been a few changes in staff too. The team in Class 3 now consists of myself, Mr Scandrett and Mrs Bondy. I will be teaching all the core subjects during the morning sessions; Literacy, Numeracy, Science and also ICT. Mrs Bondy will be delivering the Foundation subjects during the afternoons on Monday, Thursday and Friday.



Mr Scandrett will continue to deliver the outdoor learning sessions and PE on a Tuesday afternoon.

### Topic

Our topic this term is World

War One, also known as the First World War, or the Great War, which was a global war originating in Europe that lasted from 28



July 1914 to 11 November 1918. More than 70 million military personnel, including 60 million Europeans, were mobilised in one of the largest wars in history.

### PE

My class will now have PE with Pro-coaching each **Thursday** afternoon so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day. I also advise that as the weather is very changeable (and quite cold on some days) could you send your child to school with

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jogging bottoms and a jumper. This is because we still teach outside, whatever the weather!

### Outdoor Learning

Mr Scandrett delivers outdoor learning on a **Tuesday** and alternates this with some PE sessions. Please make sure your child has both their PE kit and also their outdoor learning clothes for this afternoon.

### Homework

All children are given a piece of Numeracy and Literacy homework

each **Friday**. This is to be completed and handed in by the following **Thursday**. We also have a six minute club tables test each Friday. All the children are now on different tables depending on progress. These mini tests are available for the children to take to practice at home under their own volition.

We have guided reading groups each morning, where children are required to read their set pages at home, and I also encourage all children to read with an adult at least twice a week. If you do listen to your

child read (anything which interests them) then please can you make a note of it in their reading records so I can see how much they are reading and also what they are interested in?

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me after school or make an appointment through the office for more urgent matters and I will contact you as soon as possible.

**Mrs Scandrett  
and the Class 3 team**

### **South Molton Football Club Mini-Kickers**

A new group for 2016-2017, SMJFC Mini Kickers is aimed at girls and boys aged between 5 and 7 years old (sorry children must be 5 years old) who are just starting out in football. Training starts on Monday 12th September 2016, 5.30 - 6.30pm at South Molton Football Club and switches to Tuesday after the October half term when training moves to the Sports Hall at South Molton Community College. Training will return to the football pitch on Monday evening in the Spring. For more information contact - Jeremy Shapland 07879 854253

### **Taw Valley Hockey Club - Players and Umpires Wanted**

This is small, friendly club look for new and returning players to come join our junior section or ladies team. We are also looking for umpires - training can be arranged if you are not qualified. Junior Training - Tuesday evening 6.45 to 7.45pm Ages 8- 14 years at Parks School, Barnstaple, from September to March. Senior Training - Tuesday evening 7.30 - 8.45pm at Park School from August to March. All levels of experience accepted. For more info check out the website: [www.tawvalleyhockeyclub.org](http://www.tawvalleyhockeyclub.org) or contact Rhona Screech 07557 649987

### **END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

If there are changes to the end of day collection for your children, please inform the school, either via the office or a member of staff on duty in the morning. Thank

### **Star Achievers Amethyst Awards**

**Class 1 achiever: Betty W**  
**Class 2 achiever: Ruby B**



*Please cut this off and return to school with any comments/suggestions or questions.*  
**Soundboard**