

# UPDATE

## The Bishops Nympton Primary School Newsletter

### From the Head

Hello all.

Welcome to our summer term. I hope you all had a great Easter and enjoyed the fabulous weather. This is always a very important time in the school year with the culmination of a great deal of hard work and learning. It is most definitely a fun time but also the children's chance to show what fantastic progress they have made. As always, I hope to see you all soon and look forward to an excellent term.

#### Events

Each summer term we have some fantastic events to look forward to. Some of these include: the Exmoor Challenge, sports fixtures and festivals, Oceanfest 17, theme days, trips (including our residential to London), the brand new Junior Lifeguard Award, Junior Life Skills, our sports days, as well as open afternoon, parent's consultations and this year, our brand new summer play and leaver's event. The year sixes will be also be preparing for their transition to South Molton. More about all of these and other events closer to the time.

#### Tests

This is the half term where many children take National tests or school versions of them. These tests form only one of the ways that we assess our children. We help the children to prepare themselves for them but also emphasise that children should not get stressed about them. We remind them to simply try their best and never to panic about them. If you do have concerns about the tests or how children are preparing for them, do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher or contact me at school.

#### Funding

You may well have heard of the current pressures on school budgets in national and local media or through our own communications. Unfortunately we are not immune to these pressures and we continually explore all avenues for fundraising to supplement the school budget. One of these is to bid for grants for projects and you may receive e-mails informing you of current projects and how the fundraising is progressing.

#### What's New?

Even with tight budgets, we always aim to improve our wonderful school wherever we can. In light of this, the main school will be undergoing some refurbishment later this term and across the summer holiday. We are having a brand new heating system fitted, which will be very welcome later in the year. We will also hopefully be having some brand new signs and adventure play fitted as well. You may be aware that our PTA have very kindly purchased some excellent sports kits for our teams. We are also making some changes to uniform later this term and ready for September, so watch out for the separate letters and communications over the next few weeks.

#### Summer weather

Although it has been somewhat chilly this week, very soon the warmer weather will be with us (I am always optimistic). It is therefore time for me to send out my reminder about sun protection as we head into May and would also request that sun hats are sent in when appropriate. Sun cream should be sent in or single application cream applied before school please. Please could you also advise us of any special arrangements? Summer dresses or shorts will be suitable this term and sensible sandals are acceptable. Trainers are to be reserved only for PE please unless in school (black) colour. Many thanks.

Enjoy the term

*Tim Gurney*



### Summer Term 2017 Week Ending 28th April

#### Dates for the Diary:

*(Dates may be amended or added)*

#### SUMMER 2017

Wednesday 19th April - Friday 21st July - Summer Term  
Saturday 29th April - Exmoor Challenge Event  
Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday  
Tuesday 2nd May - Whole School & Class Group Photos - Tempest Photography  
Monday 8th May to Friday 12th May - KS2 SATS  
Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May - KS1 SATS  
Thursday 25th May - KS2 Safety Talk from Fire Brigade  
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - half term break  
Thursday 15th June - Open afternoon at 2.30pm  
Wednesday 21st & 22nd June - Year 6 children to London  
Thursday 29th June - Move up day - Year 6 to South Molton Community College  
Monday 3rd July - Sports Day (reserve Sports Day Mon 10th July)  
Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term

### Star Achievers Amethyst Awards

Class 1 achiever: Rosie B

Class 2 achiever: Willow-May

Class 3 achiever: Seth D

committed

## The Bishops Nympton Team

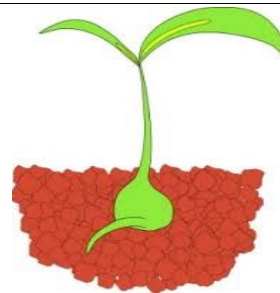
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Mr Gurney Mrs Scandrett Mrs Guy Miss Whapham Mrs Hancock Mrs Bondy Mr Scandrett  
Mrs Allum Mrs Loftus Miss P Alderman Mrs Cockram Mrs Howes Miss Jones  
Mrs C Partridge Mrs Kennealy Miss Jennings Mrs Pepperell Mrs Govier  
Mrs Kiff Mrs Humphreys Miss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

# CLASS 1



Our Topic this term is  
**Life and living things'.**



This term our learning focus is Life and living things. We will be looking at different habitats and finding out what types of plant grow in different habitats in the UK. We will also think about what types of animals live there and how animals and plants are suited to their environments. In Science we will be growing plants and learning about what all plants need to grow well.

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

**Reading:** Reading and teaching the skills for reading, continue to be a major focus of our learning. All children should be reading a little every day, this helps children to recognise and learn words by sight, which in turn makes reading easier for them. Both reception and year one children should try to remember to look for places where two letters make one sound, such as 'sh' in shop or 'ch' in chip.

**Science:** Our topic this half term is Plants and Growing.

**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.

**PE kits** should be kept on your child's peg during the week. Please include warm clothes as some of our sessions might be outside. They need to have PE kits in school every day. This term sessions will be on Tuesdays or Fridays with me and 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!

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

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

### Monday - Class 3

### Tuesday - Class 2

With the spring sunshine and the signs of new life all around us brightening up our days, we are reminded that this is the season to really get stuck into our grounds projects. Through the colder months we have been busy planning and marking out boundary lines for our productive growing zone.

Raised flower beds are almost completed and will be positioned and filled within the next fortnight. Large tractor tyres have already been moved into position to become our herb wheels and we are well underway with our investigation into our composting capabilities.

Our tree and hedgerow saplings are growing well and we will be removing their protective collars before half term to allow them to stretch and grow. Any donations of vegetable seeds or young plants will be gratefully received to kick start our growing campaign.

**Mr Scandrett**

## SPORTS NEWS

Our summer sports programme is underway focussing on Kwik cricket this half term. There is the potential of entering a tournament depending on our abilities over the next few weeks. An exciting opportunity for cricket fans will also be revealed shortly.

Our success in last season's Tag rugby tournaments has earned us a place in this year's North Devon regional finals which we are currently training hard for. A north Devon athletics tournament is also now available for us to enter following recent success. It is clear that our sporting Credentials are being recognised and more and more regional opportunities are becoming available to us.

See you all on the side lines

**Mr Scandrett**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our collaborative work with the PTA has been a huge success and we will be welcoming our new sports kit very soon. We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA who listened and acted upon our ideas, and have produced a fantastic looking sports kit.

Our sponsored spellathon is fast approaching. This event will help raise vital funds, but more importantly, help raise standards in spelling across the school. If you have misplaced your statutory word list, (list of spellings to be tested) then please speak to your class teacher. The spellathon event will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 with fantastic prizes for the winners and with opportunity to progress to the Exmoor Link spelling finals vs East Anstey.

We are close to reaching our next target in the Woodland trust Green tree awards and are starting work on a RHS gardening award scheme. Alongside this, we will be finalising our collection and counting of our Sainsbury's school vouchers.

It already looks like this will be a very busy and progressive term for our school councillors, but I am sure they are capable of achieving these goals. Please continue to support us with your ideas and follow us on the school blog.

**Mr Scandrett**

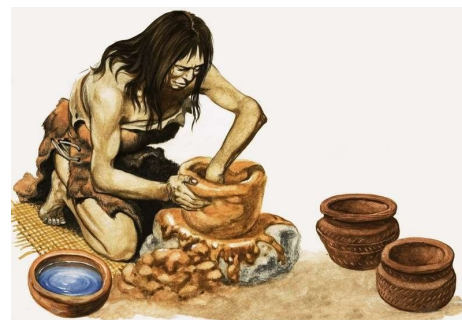
## CLASS 2

### Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely time over the Easter holidays. All the children have returned to school with a great attitude and their brains switched on. We are now looking forward to our final term, it is going to be a busy term with lots of exciting things happening!

### Topic

Our topic this term is 'The Stone Age to the Iron Age'. This topic will allow us to cover the range of periods within this time and will focus on the differences between life now and life then. After a visit from an Archaeologist at the end of last term, we are also hoping to visit the South Molton Archaeological dig during this term. This will be a great opportunity for the children to link their learning in class with the local area. We will also be looking at Materials in Science, focusing on their uses in every day life and their suitability for that use.



### PE

My class will continue to have PE with Pro-coaching each **Thursday afternoon** so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day. Please make sure that their PE kit is clearly labelled wherever possible, as well as other items of clothing, as we have a large amount of lost property at the moment.

### Outdoor Learning

Mr Scandrett will also continue to deliver outdoor learning on a **Tuesday afternoon**. Please make sure your child has their outdoor learning clothes for this afternoon.

### SATs Tests

The week beginning the 15th of May will be SATs week in Class 2. Although Year 2 children will be taking the statutory tests, Year 3 and 4 children will also be involved in similar tests. These are used to inform teacher assessments and will be used alongside evidence throughout the year.

These tests will be kept low key, similar to practice tests done previously and we will be focusing on making this a stress free experience. Children will be doing all the preparation they need within class, the best way for children to prepare at home is with a good night's sleep and a good breakfast. If you have any questions about SATs, please feel free to ask.

### Reading

We have guided reading groups each morning and all children will continue to read in a group session with an adult once a week and with myself once every 2 weeks. Children will also be reading individually with adults throughout the week at least once. Please can children bring their reading records to school every day as it allows us to see their progress with reading and keep a record of the different areas of comprehension that they have covered.

If you could listen to your child read at home then please can you make a note of it in their reading records so I can see how much they are reading and their confidence with their current book band.



**Miss Whapham and the Class 2 Team**

## CLASS 3

### Dear Parents,

The summer term is here and with this recent weather it certainly feels like it too. The children have kicked off the final academic term this year with a bang and have returned to school with a superb (and somewhat noticeable) shift in mindset. As the year 6 children beaver away at their SATS revision the year 5s are choosing to follow their lead and are making me proud by also choosing to revise for their upcoming assessment whenever possible. Many children have revision books and are choosing to attend the revision lunchtime sessions provided by myself, which is great.

### Assessment Week 8th May to 11th May

All assessment for Year 5 and 6 takes place during the week beginning 8th May. Our Year 6 children will sit their SATS (timetable below) and during this week the Year 5 children will sit their tests also. All the children are busily preparing for this assessment and are very keen to show what they can do. There is a really nice vibe within class at present and I am hugely proud of all the children in class 3.

Monday 8th May	Tuesday 9th May	Wednesday 10th May	Thursday 11th May
English Reading paper	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers (x2)	Maths arithmetic and reasoning papers (X2)	Maths reasoning paper

### Class 3 Team structure

The Class 3 team structure for this term remains the same. I will continue to teach both Numeracy and Literacy during the morning sessions each day. On a Friday afternoon I will continue to deliver music to both Class 3 and Class 2 where the children will be learning how to play Nuvo Toots. These instruments give children an easy introduction to playing the flute.



Mrs Westbury-Wells will continue to deliver science along with the Foundation subjects during the afternoons on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr Scandrett will continue to deliver the outdoor learning sessions and PE on a Monday afternoon and also Design Technology and PE on a Thursday afternoon.

### Topic

Our topic this term is Modern culture. In this topic the children will learn how music, fashion and art has changed since 1948. They will also explore the rise of equality/democracy and the history of influential figures such as Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King.



### PE

Our summer sports programme consists of cricket, racket sports and rounders, interjected with tag rugby and athletic trials ready for upcoming tournaments. In all sports, we teach correct techniques and fundamentals of the sport, finishing with an intra house competition. Please ensure correct and appropriate P.E kit is sent into school on a Monday and a Thursday.

### Outdoor Learning

As the older members of the school, much of the building work as part of our grounds project will be completed by our class. Children will also learn about growing their own food and the difficulties faced around the world to feed the ever expanding population. Please ensure correct clothing is brought into school each Monday.

### Design and Technology

In D&T we will continue with our bird box project. The children have been investigating and designing a bird box for a British garden bird of their choice. This term will see the creation of their prototype model before learning woodwork skills whilst building their final design. These woodwork skills will be put to the test later on in the term when we build our school plastic bottle greenhouse. A very exciting venture which the children are really forward to.

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## CLASS 3

### Homework

All children will continue to receive 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. These mini tests are available for the children to take home to practice under their own volition.

We have guided reading groups each morning, where children are required to read set pages at home for the following session. Please can you help your child to make sure they are completing their reading homework.

### Questions or concerns

I am more than happy to see parents and encourage you to speak to me directly regarding any concerns you may have. Please feel free to come and see me in the morning to make an appointment for later that day or alternatively make an appointment through the office.

**Mrs Scandrett and the Class 3 team**



**Rotary Club of Exmoor**  
Registered Charity 1123838



## Exmoor Challenge

If you have been following our school blog or Facebook, you will perhaps be aware of our preparations for the Exmoor Challenge. This event is a sixteen mile, circular walk across part of the moor starting at culminating at Dulverton Middle School. The event, organised by the Rotary Club will see around six hundred competitors and takes place across some really challenging terrain. Our year 6 children take part as part of a curriculum module and this year we have two teams entered across the federation. Anyone completing the course receives a medal but teams are also battling the clock between checkpoints and trying to avoid penalty points to feature well in the final rankings. The event takes place this Saturday at Dulverton Middle

School with our teams getting underway just before and just after 09.30. Do come along if you would like to cheer them on (great refreshments available and the moor on your doorstep) but I am sure you will also join us in wishing them the very best of luck for the challenge.

### House Points Totals so far this term

**Ruby** 216  
**Sapphire** 143

**Amber** 215  
**Emerald** 172



**BISHOPS NYMPTON PARISH CHURCH**  
**INVITE YOU TO**

**AN EVENING OF**  
**MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**ON FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7.30PM**  
**IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, BISHOPS NYMPTON**

**With**

**JUBILATE**

**STEVE DYRDE**

**HARMONY 4**

**and some light-hearted readings**

**Light refreshments**

**Tickets £5 on the door**

**Draw**

*All proceeds from the evening will be given to the Church's Open Church Community Project.*

# PRE SCHOOL

Dear Parents

The children at the Pre School are enjoying our focus of growing. They have all planted sunflowers which are growing well in the window at the moment and we hop they will all grow and be taken home to see who can grow the biggest sunflower! We have also planted some runners beans and the children are able to see when the roots start to grow through the window of our new grow box. We have two raised beds within the garden, one for growing and one for the children to dig and explore.



We have begun our school visits and there will be two visits which the school are organising. At the moment Thursday 29th June is 'move up' day across the school. There will be another visit planned for the week commencing 19th June, day to be confirm shortly.

## Dates for your diary:

- Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 2nd May at 1.00pm to take group photos. You are welcome to bring your child along if this is not their normal day to attend.
- Sponsored Pepper Pig's Muddy Puddle Walk to raise funds for Dave the Children, taking place on Monday 15th May. Sponsor forms will be sent out in due course.
- Parent Consultation Days - Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th July.
- Sports Day - Monday 17th July, reserve day Thursday 20th July.

We are hoping to plan a visit to Rosemoor this term to link in with our focus of growing. This will take place with the Reception children in school. Pre School Parents will be required to take their child themselves, as we are unable to provide transports for insurance purposes. Date to be confirmed as soon as possible.

We are also hoping to visit Quince Honey Farm to learn about the bees. Dates for this will also be confirmed soon.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff

Many thanks

**Mrs Shelley Kiff and the Pre School Team**

## QUIZ NIGHT

hosted by Bishops Nympton Parish Hall - Saturday 20th May 2017!  
Teams of up to 6 welcome! Quiz Prizes, raffle and our new bar will be open!!!

**Begins at 7:30pm, tickets include Fish & Chips/Pie & Chips supper!! £10p/person!!**

Please pre-book team tickets and meal option with Lindsey Turner on: 07802 483164

## JUNIOR CRICKET

Filleigh Cricket Club invites all children of Primary School age to come along on Friday eves 5.30-6.30 to enjoy cricket training and lots of fun  
Just turn up join in !

## Term Dates

### Summer 2017

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
May Day Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Half-term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Non-pupil days: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July

### Autumn 2017

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Half-term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Non-pupil days: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

### Spring 2018

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Half-term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Non-pupil days: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

### Summer 2018

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July  
May Day Holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Half-term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Non-pupil days: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July